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

I can't believe that after all these years you would actually think of putting policies and the place that will destroy the Internet as we know it today. Or the years, the Internet has become a commodity. Just like electricity, telecommunications, and other services that are critical to the nation's infrastructure as we know it. I am appalled by this administration's views on net neutrality and would like a reasonable discussion of this before any policies or put into place. I also find it appalling that people in the FCC are former Comcast executives. I believe that borders on being illegal and definitely moral issues. It is obvious to me that people have personal agendas at hand and are putting them before the country's best interests. Having worked in this industry for over 20 years, I will do everything in my power to reach out to everyone I know to ensure that they know how the deck is stacked in Comcast favor. This merger is acceptable and will destroy the Internet as we know it today.
—Gene Jakominich, ,

When information is not allowed to flow freely, people are unable to make informed, intelligent decisions- and everyone suffers. Giving corporations the power to pick and choose whose message gets heard based on who is willing to pay the premiums is defacto censorship and must NOT BE TOLERATED.
—Chuck Quilty, Normal, IL

Net neutrality is essential to freedom of the press because the Internet is increasingly the means by which most news is delivered in America. When broadband providers have the power to create slow lanes, they can then effectively silence the press.
—Leith McCombs, Renton, WA

This plan of turning the internet into a two tiered system is just a way for big companies to make more money off of the masses. I believe that the internet should remain neutral. We deserve to not let businesses control our freedom of speech.
—Emily Myers, Tacoma, WA

Internet at the best speeds possible should be a public utility similar to electricity, gas, telephone, water - available to all at a reasonable price. Allowing a few providers to make decisions about who gets access or at what speed or what price is a very bad decision. Please protect ALL of our citizens, not just those with money or power. Thank you.
—Paula Morris, Modesto, CA

We need Net Neutrality to promote fair competition for the benefit of consumers. The current broadband market is already essentially an oligopoly, and not having Net Neutrality creates an environment where the few producers can control speech and other information with impunity, while consumers have few or no alternatives. Do not allow broadband providers to infringe on freedom of information and censor our freedom of speech and expression.
—Noor Baker, Santa Clara, CA

Equal access and equal opportunity are essential elements of a free competitive economic system. Though, this does not exist in the physical world, it is important to have an internet that levels the playing field with equal access to all so that success is meritocratic.
—Dominick Nigro, harrison, NY

Keep it out of the hands of a big money. If other countries can provide better net service to the general population, why can't we?
—Patrick McCabe, Parkers Prairie, MN

You will be handing these conglomerates even more power than they already have. Why should they decide how the internet is run.
—Barham Wood Lashley, Martinsburg, WV

The FCC must throw out its pro-corporate rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers to create competition and fairness for consumers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality.
—Anthony Morgan, Poteau, OK

Limiting Net Neutrality will weigh on the minds of Americans across the country. In a nation that is already suffering from abysmal connections, do we really want to give corporations even more of an upper-hand? It would be a huge blow to online innovators. This is a step that we cannot take.
—Nicholas Torian, Carrollton, OH

Please don't end net neutrality!
—Barbara Monroe, New Paltz, NY

Net Neutrality is the backbone of what the internet is today! Small startups, companies, and end users benefit from the internet today the way it is! The only downfall and what the FCC needs to be looking at is "no competition" between ISP's. Anyone should be able to become an ISP and have fair game to create pricing that is fair for everyone across the board speeds exceeding 100mbps. Even those in rural communities should have access to the internet just as they have access to Land Line Phone Service. We NEED Net Neutrality!!!!!!!! PERIOD!
—Nathan Sterling, Mansfield, AR

`The cable companies have figured out the great truth of America: if you want to do something evil, put it inside something boring. Apple could put the entire text of Mein Kampf inside the itunes user agreement, and you'd just [click] agree. That's why advocates should not be talking about protecting Net Neutrality, they shouldn't even use that phrase; they should call it Preventing Cable Company Fuckery, because that is what it is, and it might actually compel people to want to do something, and the interesting thing is, the FCC are literally inviting internet comments at this address: HTTP://FCC.GOV/COMMENTS ` The best explanation of Net Neutrality I've ever heard, in addition to the best answer as to what to do about it ... over 75000 petitions sent so far to that address, and going up daily ... it'll be on the FCC to do the right thing and restore Net Neutrality ...
—Michael Q. Rudnin, Brooklyn, NY

the internet is and must remain a public service. its content and delivery is not to be interfered with and needs to be considered free and accessible to all as a basic but fundamental foundation of a democracy.
—Willem Vanschel, GENT,

FCC to throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality. You are there to protect the public's needs including alternative view points such as found on you tube, small businesses and start-ups and Not for increasing the profits of Mega-Corporations like Comcast and Verizon.
—Rita Butler, Louisville, KY

A two-tiered Internet is a mistaken idea. Wheeler's 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 would inevitably lead to less competition or more monopolistic behavior.
—David J Pearson, Cambridge, MA

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers - Protect real Net Neutrality!
—Karen Harshbarger, Vienna, VA

The unemployed will have more difficulty finding jobs, since most employers require online applications these days. Only the rich and employed will be able to afford rapid searches and applications. Will students in rich school districts have faster access also? Once again decreasing the opportunities for those from disadvantaged environments to get ahead, enforcing the a "class" society.
—Stephen Bushek, Worthington, OH

The net is a public good. We paid for its research and development. It has become vital to ordinary business and social activity. To introduce unequal access with a tiered system is to rip us off and corrupt the most democratic system left in this US of A. And it will not be undone. Is it really worth whatever short term goals you have?
—Ms. Cecilia Brown, Oakland, CA

because it is mine...
—Craig Kacsmar, Nolensville, TN

maintain net neutrality to maintain freedom of information that is needed for innovation, and education for all.
—Brian Murphy, montgomery, IL

Tom Wheeler's proposal allows a two-tiered Internet- one for those with money and the left over for those without. This is blatant discrimination and another method of government control. KEEP THE INTERNET FREE FOR EVERYONE AND STAY OUT OF OUR BUSINESS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
—Debra Davis, Tallahassee, FL

Net neutrality states that ISP's cannot give preferential treatment to Internet Traffic, whether that be because of political affiliation, religious affiliation, or because of bandwith use. We pay for the ability to use the Internet, to search for information, to maintain contact with friends and family, and to express ourselves to people around the world. The Internet has allowed friendships to blossom around the world, has allowed for new understandings between people of different cultures, different religious affiliations, and different racial backgrounds. The Internet has also allowed people, who before we barely surviving, to make a living by expressing a new and innovative idea, which allowed them to make enough money to feed themselves and their family, as well as give back to the community who previously supported them in their time of need. If the FCC changes the rules of the Internet, and allows for the creation of slow and fast lanes, then the Internet as we know it will be turned into what the Dark Ages of old were like, where the wealthy have privilege, power, and knowledge, whereas the poor and less wealthy are forced to scrounge for scraps that the wealthy are 'generous' enough to give. Preserve Net Neutrality, by reclassifying ISP's as Title 2 Common Carriers, and outlaw the tiered Internet System. The Internet must remain equal, now and forevermore.
—Paul Jackson, Laconia, NH

Please stop catering to the corporations. Please leave the internet open and out of the control of service providers. It's bad enough I have to pay out the a** for mediocre download speeds (even worse, there's a data cap). Giving more power to the ISP's is probably the worst thing you could do. This corruption is getting out of control.
—Dan Dennett, Florissant, MO

Ending Net Neutrality would: 1) end technology innovation (how would the next great internet company be able to compete with Facebook?) 2) put the free exchange of ideas and information at risk (how would an independent blog compete with CNN?) 3) allow companies to charge US citizens even more for a service and infrastructure that they have already paid to create (double taxation)
—Sandhya S, Austin, TX

Protect Net Neutrality for the American People. Just say NO to any two tiered system.
—Lorna Farnum, Rossmoor, CA

We already pay so much more than most of the world and get such bad service. Cables companies have shown how crooked they are. They don't need another way to screw us all over.
—Bryan Alexander, Belleville, MI

Please. The internet has been an actual rebirth of the American dream. I have seen talent individuals of all kinds make a way for themselves there by offering their products and services. The new rules would be a grotesque transfiguration of the economic potential that the internet has to raise the poverty line and offer meaningful self employment to Americans. Please throw out the rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Thank you.
—Marie Clare Antonelli, Oradell, NJ

Net neutrality is important, because it is a physical form of equality that appears to be dwindling more and more in this country. It appears that our government is no longer "for the people, by the people", but "for the people with the most money." If you don't support net neutrality you're going to kill a lot of small tech businesses that can't compete with corporations. Thusly, stifling innovation in our society.
—Juan Ramirez, Seattle, WA

I am a small business person, and with the proposed rules the internet "Fast Lane" will leave me behind because I can't pay.
—PrairieRose Leyba, Ola, ID

Net Neutrality must be preserved for a fair and informed society.
—Scott Gordon, Duncanville, TX

Information wants to be free, as Steward Brand told us decades ago. America needs a free and open net, not a net controlled by multinational corporations. Keep the Net free, and keep America free along with it.
—Leigh Clark, Granada Hills, CA

We cannot, as a country, have large corporations being the only ones with extremely fast internet speeds. It will kill smaller businesses, the foundation of our once great country, which is now slowly becoming a land of the very rich and the very poor. Net neutrality helps hundreds of millions, while getting rid of it would help a very small percentage of very wealthy people. If you want to ensure our country's continuing decline, by all means, say goodbye to net neutrality. But when your grandchildren and their children are working some minimum wage job trying desperately to get out of corporate America's stranglehold on our population, know that it is only your fault for passing such an absurd and corrupt law to only benefit the already very wealthy in an attempt to make them wealthier. What happened to helping the real people in America? I will lose all respect for the FCC if net neutrality is no more.
—Jeff Siegenthaler, Onalaska, WI

Please don't let a few large ISPs ruin the internet.
—Mike Palangio, Sinking Spring, PA

The ability for all to compete on a level playing field is critical to the American way of life. Furthermore, Americans are already paying far more for worse internet services than many other countries. Why would you give internet providers an excuse to make us pay even more?
—Anna-Rose Wolff, Herndon, VA

"If it's not broken, don't fix it." That's the first thing that comes to mind. The internet works well to share our ideas and to keep all of us connected. Please don't discriminate between different internet content. It's important that all internet traffic be treated equally and that there be no barrier to entry. Money shouldn't buy power on the internet and give some companies a stronger voice than others. Please protect consumer choice and consumer access to one of the most important tools in our democracy.
—Rose H, arlington, VA

The internet is THE locus of free speech today. Don't PIRATE it for the greedy elite!
—Dan Johnson, Lansing, MI

Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Judith Madden Sturges, Carlisle, MA

Net neutrality ensures that all voices have equal access to providing information and to receiving information via the internet. The internet provides a rare opportunity for the free and open exchange of information of ideas, without being contaminated by who has the money and influence to see their ideas and information comes out on top. Please help preserve this!!!
—Steven Neufeld, Norwich, CT

You must allow our competitive market to work without the monopolies that people like Rockefeller, almost destroyed this country with. The more that we give these companies free reign the more they will want more control. My voice says the internet is our last remaining hope of unbiased research for the truth, and you can't stop the truth.
—James Rodriguez, Coachella, CA

Unrestricted access to the internet is now a more necessary communication tool than a phone for many people, myself included. The Internet is a utility, just like the telephone, and should therefore be reclassified as a common carrier to ensure that all Americans have equal access.
—April Walker, Greenville, NH

Net Neutrality is critical infrastructure for the knowledge economy and human progress.
—Michael Frishkopf, Belmont, MA

It is unfair for ISPs to receive special benefit on open, public forum. The FCC should be regulating cable companies instead of lobbying for them.
—Janice Lee, Silver Spring, MD

Net Neutrality is the only way to protect and encourage job growth in america, without this all job growth will stop in america. Lets create jobs and encourage a growing american economy
—Ravikant Singh, Floral Park, NY

America is based on competition, our entire society is built so that people compete and work hard, so they use intelligence and perseverance to accomplish their dreams, so that they can achieve the American dream. However for competition to thrive we must start on an even playing field sadly that is hard to do in today's world especially when income inequality is so common, luckily there is one place where competition is even and that is the internet, a place where everyone can compete and everyone's voice is heard, the internet is the only place in the world where everyone that competes starts on an even playing field and that is because of internet neutrality and as Americans who believe in the spirit of competition it is our job to protect that, to protect the freedom to compete.
—Denizhan Pak, Franklin, TN

WHY ARE YOU GIVING CORPORATIONS ANOTHER GIFT? THE ORDINARY PEOPLE NEED A LEVEL PLAYING FIELD.
—Kristie Bircumshaw, San Diego, CA

The internet in its current form is democratic. Please don't impose a caste system on it for the benefit of the wealthy and well connected. We would all benefit from a continued level playing field.
—Ronald Antonelli, Oradell, NJ

A free and open internet is critical for our democracy, especially in a world of extreme and growing inequality.
—Theodore Steger, Longmeadow, MA

Net Neutrality is the definition of what we call the internet. But US law can only apply to the part of the internet which is under our control, in other words, our citizens, and the companies which provide internet service to them. So the question of Net Neutrality is not "do we want fast and slow lanes on the internet?" the question is: "do we want fast and slow lanes on the internet in the US, is this the best for our people?" I think it is clear to everyone involved in this debate that the answer is no, we do not want allow an internet that gives preferential treatment to those who have the most money. Comcast has obviously already used this power of the throttle to pressure Netflix to pay them more, and it is also clear that this sort of abuse of power needs to be illegal. Please do not hobble the United States, arguably the current leader of internet technologies. The internet must be a level playing field. ALL content should be treated the same, in fact ISPs should not even be allowed to examine content. Allowing Net Neutrality to die would cause an unprecedented political backlash.
—Michael Dryden, Seattle, WA

please lets keep a level playing field for all!
—John Bona, Enfield, CT

KEEP PLEASE INTERNET NEUTRAL, DON'T LET MONOPOLIES TAKE OVER. I I LIKE MY AWESOME INTERNET UNBROKEN. NET NEUTRALITY IS THE WAY TO GO!
—Sergey Makarenko, Battle Ground, WA

Living in a remote area, I already deal with a painfully slow connection, so slow that many things I attempt to upload or download, or simply watch, time out and shut down. If the BIG BOYS get to have everything their way, I might as well just sell the laptop. What's going on just isn't fair... especially to those of us who are already being treated unfairly (not enough money in it for them to make service where we live any better). I don't want to be living in a country where GREED is the order of the day.
—Victoria Pendragon, Paw Paw, WV

Democracy requires equal opportunity whenever possible. This formed the cornerstone of the philosophy of education, and should extend to the use and function of utilities. Internet has become a vital utility, and creating different access to those with greater resources undermines values of freedom and democracy. Keep the net free to ensure evolution and adaptation.
—Mikaela Pearson, cambridge, MA

The Internet for ALL people! It was funded by tax dollars and should remain the property of ALL!!
—Ronald Hooper, Cedar Glen, CA

Please don't give the internet to corporations. You have given them so much of what is ours already. Corporations and the government are so eager to take from people and so reluctant to give anything back. Even if better leaders emerge and see the error the current bought and paid for politicians it will be next to impossible to do anything about the situation. STOP being so very cavalier with our freedom and try to remember why you entered politics in the first place. I feel a great deal of anger that this is even an option. Also disgust that the very people entrusted to protect our freedoms will sell them.
—Jeff Goettner, Philadelphia, PA

THIS IS UNACCEPTABLE!!!! The internet is a supposed to be this wacky place where we get to see cat videos and learn about awesome and awful things and try to make a difference. But by allowing the big companies to control the speed of certain bandwidths, you are giving them the power to censure. And the internet is full of trolls, and no user actually wants the big corps in charge, and they will troll you, I promise you!
—Sanya, CHICAGO, IL

Simple, and plainly Freedom, leave us alone!
—Paul Johnson, MVOMEOMOME, SC

In the event we cease to have an internet commons, otherwise known as "net-neutrality;" and open the door to monopolistic media companies in charging exorbitant rates for today's internet commons; we stand the chance of further diluting today's sorry state of truth in information dissemination. With Reagan's weakening of anti-trust protections & non-enforcement of the Fairness Doctrine; furthered by Clinton's 1996 Telecommunications Act, making it possible for the further dismantling of anti-monopoly protections, we've witnessed a steady erosion of truth & accurate information to empower ordinary Americans struggling against overpowering corporate influence in media, energy, income inequality
—Christopher Preston, Centennial, CO

NET NEUTRALITY IS MY RIGHT AS A USER!!!!
—Robert Delgreco, East Hartford, CT

I can't believe the FCC even gets to decide something like this. It should not be up for debate. Keep the Net neutral!!
—Mark Foster, Portland, OR

Please leave the Net as it is!
—Fred Wellington, delray beach, FL

Net neutrality is vitally important. To lose it would further degrade our democracy and further the gap between rich and poor (especially for small business owners). Please keep our internet neutral!
—Ariana Wood, Rainier, WA

I am an independent artist, trying to get my website noticed. I don't want to be relegated to the backwater. Declare the internet a common carrier, and regulate it like the utility for all that it is!
—Gertrude Reagan, Palo Alto, CA

It is obvious that net neutrality is a fundamental right for citizens of the world. It is, however, laughable and disheartening to see that it could be legitimately questioned by the government of a country that uses freedom as a pedestal.
—Andie Allen, Loon Lake, WA

Because the majority of real-live 'common' folk are really tired of getting the shaft when it comes to the favored 'corporations' of America...it's nutts...leave us alone to enjoy just SOMETHING that isn't going to cost us to enjoy!! Many people can't AFFORD it - what you're proposing is preposterous...but then we don't have enough MONEY to make you vote in OUR favor, do we?????? What in Heaven's name has happened to America - corporations rule...as do idiots in the government who don't give a damn about the little people...
—Sara Teich, CUMMING, GA

A free and unencumbered internet has brought the world closer together and helped so many learn things they never would have had access to. Net neutrality will ensure that free flowing ideas on the web will continue to enrich our country and the world.
—Lorenda Tangen, Wenatchee, WA

Net neutrality is important for everyone to be on equal footing.Big business always gets what they want and forces out the rest of us,so we want you to throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.Do the right thing for a change and don't give into all the big players let everybody have the same chance.
—Martha Moore, elmwood park, IL

The world is already separated enough. We need to come together as a global community in order to save humanity from the current downward spiral it is in. If you and the rest of your kind would stop looking at dollar signs and started paying attention to humanity we might actually stand a chance. You are destroying the world for pure greed, it's truly despicable. You can't take money with you to the grave, and you certainly won't leave a legacy through money alone. The people remembered best in the world are the ones who make a positive impact on society.
—Lisa Prestwich, London,

The internet must be equal and obstructed. This is its purpose and it's highest ideal. Real net neutrality now and forever!!
—Adam Williams, Kapaa, HI

I understand that the FCC 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 this is true, this represents a grave threat to the Internet and to me personally. This would be completely unfair allowing major communication corporations to dictate what I can view, where I can shop and what I can say. This would create the biggest monopoly in the US. Please keep the internet a free place of commerce and communication.
—Marcia England, Vashon, WA

The FCC was established some 81 years ago to insure that broadcast media would serve the public interest It was to regulate the media and its primary purpose was to see that the media served the tastes, needs and desires of the public in what was broadcast over the airwaves, which still belong to all the people. As one who voted for Pres. Obama twice (I was a voting delegate at the 2012 National Convention of the Democratic Party) and am stunned that he has twice now appointed FCC Chairman who came out of the top executive echelons of the media. One as brilliant, well educated and experienced in the laws of our land and the U.S. Constitution should know a.) the legal function of the FCC as mandated by the U.S, Congress; and, b.) that anyone trained to make his corporation as profitable as he can by whatever means does not know how to insure that all mass media fulfill their primary obligation: to serve the public interest, convenience and necessity. In the matter with which FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler is serving the interests of three or four of the top Internet servers which would mean the end of Net Neutrality he is not helping Pres. Obama to serve the American public. Wheeler should throw out his rules which keep the FCC from doing their job and reclassify. ISPs as common carriers. The Internet belongs to the public. Corporations can make lots of money by conscientiously serving the public interest. Reuben H. Gums (aka Ben Gums) 524 5th Street NE Jamestown ND 58401 701 252 2832 rgums@ csicable.net
—Ben Gums, Jamestown, ND

FREEDOM OF SPEECH, RELIGION, AND PRESS! Our 1st amendment is not to be threatened in any form. FCC is only to stop frequency pirates! Y'all never had any right to do ANYTHING MORE! Tyranny sets in like in North Korea when information is censored! U will all be jobless if u overreach like this!
—Chris, Austin, AR

If it is not broken then there is no need to fix it. Allowing ma-bell to squeeze pennies from all of us is an example of an outdated business model which needs support from the government to become "acceptable" in our society again. Let us not move backwards, but continue to move forwards away from archaic business models. We, the people of the United States, believe in a free market and not government backed business models. If these businesses are not making enough money it's because they need new leadership, you cannot bleed a turnip. Good day to you all. P.S. I will boycott any businesses that have backed this bill, which doesn't leave me many ISP's to choose from. I will not award you with my hard earned cash for your bad and unethical behavior.
—Christopher Stephenson, Rohnert Park, CA

I am totally against allowing anyone to limit access to information on the internet for the sake of profit. It is bad for democracy and is undemocratic.
—Keith Miller, Cleveland, OH

Democracy absolutely depends on Net Neutrality! It should not be only available to the highest bidder. Throw out the current rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—John Learned, Orlando, FL

What reason is there for any consumer to have to pay not only to have internet access, but to access certain websites on the internet they already paid to access? Why should internet sites have to pay each internet provider to allow unfettered access to people who already paid to have access to the internet? US internet providers should not each get to charge foreign websites to allow easier access to websites from US citizens, nor should they be allowed to charge those citizens more because they deliberately restrict access to websites in order to make more profits.
—Mr. Jack D. Johnson, Austin, TX

The Internet was founded on the idea of a free exchange of information. A neutral Internet gives small start-up companies the chance to grow. It gives the everyday human just as much of a voice as big corporations. The demise of the neutral Internet will herald the demise of democracy along with it. Please don't be sellouts like the rest of our government.
—Michael Morrise, Roy, UT

Dear FCC, Net Neutrality is important to me because I believe it gives American citizens an opportunity to build their American dream. This beautiful concept of the American dream is fading quickly in my generation, because corporations like Comcast and Walmart are quickly shutting down opportunities for entrepreneurs and small businesses to develop strong enough to grow. My parents immigrated to this country with big dreams, and they achieved theirs. Even though being born in the beautiful nation of the United States does not entitle me to success, my opportunities are fewer and far-between because of the corporations' effect on trade economy, the damaged environment, and the end of mom&pop businesses where we usually get our first job experience. Now, it will additionally be difficult to have a fair chance in the internet business, which is everything we've grown up with and understand so well. It is the mark of our generation. Losing Net Neutrality would suppress the competitive spirit of America, and hinder the economy from bouncing back. C'mon, don't you want your kids to be writing company checks and not just cashing yours? Please don't let these conglomerate behemoths take away our freedoms, and our chance at the American dream. Kindest regards, Jane
—Jane Bang, Long Beach, CA

Please defend internet freedom now. Net Neutrality.
—Benjamin Limbaugh, florissant, MO

Please leave our internet freedom alone; large corporations already control our lives enough.
—Lori Hicks, Saint Clair Shores, MI

Everybody deserves the right to access and offer information/services freely. Nobody should be given preference based on how much they pay for the privilige. The internet should be equal for all.
—Megan Visser, Ramsgate,

Net neutrality is, and should be a fundamental right to all internet users on any level. The internet should not be turned into a monopoly for the highest bidder. Net neutrality so far has allowed smaller businesses and websites etc. to deliver their content or information on a level playing field, and this should not be changed. This does not only affect America, but the rest of the world; simply because greedy internet service providers can make more money and impose their own rules without any competition whatsoever.
—Charlie Ho Si, Parkinson,

Net neutrality means that the internet is viewed as a public place - where everyone gets the same treatment. This means that little players can have the same opportunity to be heard as the giant multi billion dollar companies. This also means that the world is less controlled by big money and big government and more free for innovation and creation. There are truly very few "intentions" in human history. The internet is a true invention - a platform, that like the printing press - allows everything that happens next. Could you imagine what would have happened if big companies came in to control the printing press? There simply is no more important issue that getting the internet treated as a COMMON CARRIER. (Just like electricity, or gas).
—Joseph L. Hurtsellers, Maumee, OH

It's for everyone, not just those who can pay. Stop the greed. Make it fair.
—Ann Sammons, St. Louis, MO

count this comment as one to throw out these proposed rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Mike Rowland, Fort Wayne, IN

The Internet has allowed great advancements to the people of our nation. It has enabled individuals and small businesses equal opportunity for success and as a retired school teacher and educator, I personally have seen the benefits of a free and open Internet. If allowed, the FCC will destroy most if not all of the advancement the Internet has provided over the past decade. Internet Service Providers should be treated as "common carriers" and regulated just like every other commodity. Just like electricity, telecommunications and natural gas, the Internet is a commodity and should be treated as such. Allowing the FCC to promote its draconian proposals will simply prove that the businesses and lobbyists that line the pockets of our legislators are truly the ones that control our country. I am truly concerned for the future of our country if the FCC and Chairman Wheeler's plan is approved.
—Norma Jakominich, Wildwood Crest, NJ

The internet is fine the way it is. No favorites or wealthy get more needed. Don't mess with net neutrality.
—Beverly Schenker, Fairport, NY

This is just another opportunity for cable companies and network access providers to price gouge their customers.
—Kyler Kaefring, Lakeville, MN

Cut this fucking shit out. No one wants this to happen besides you greedy assholes!
—Jesse McClain, Antioch, TN

Without net neutrality, the wealthy corporations will gain a large advantage over individuals & smaller, less wealthy companies. The impatient public will be drawn to the fastest deliverer . The FCC has an obligation to do what is in the public's best interest, not give even more power to the powerful.
—Florence LaPolt-Goldfarb, Monticello, NY

Leave the Internet alone and neutral.
—Charles Cottle, Sedona, AZ

Net neutrality is a vital part of our right of free speech. Many of us depend on the internet for basic news and information. Making this pay to play is inherently unfair to those who can not afford to pay and once again contributes to a rigged system.
—Mary Lucas, Pittsboro, NC

For Heaven's sake, let freedom reign!
—Lily Field, Westmont, IL

I want to see entrepreneurship thrive.
—Jeffrey Jay Levin, Sedona, AZ

Free Speech, Free Equal Access. No favoritism for more money. Protect our opportunities. Please don't ruin a good thing. If we loose net neutrality we loose our freedom.
—Marco Polo, cloquet, MN

Net neutrality is very important to maintaining the fabric of the open internet. The fabric of the open internet is what brings about innovation ,inventions and great advancement to our free society.The open internet has provided a level playing field for middle and working class families in contrast to the upper class who have had one sided advantages until now. Destroying net neutrality is the same as trying to destroy the level playing field provided to middle and working class families. Middle and working class make up the majority of the American population and skewing policies in favor of the rich and super rich is a shameful act that cannot be tolerated. please kindly change your policies towards favoring the majority population rather than the one percenters. Thank you!
—Akschith Bhagavatula, Vestal, NY

Democracy is not possible without an informed public. Now that virtually all conventional media is owned by a handful of very rich very conservative individuals the best chance left to inform the public is through an open, neutral internet. Kill net neutrality and you are killing democracy in America.
—Tony LaMorticella, Elmira, OR

I use the internet for so many reasons that I could never afford to have it if I had to pick which net bundle package for which types of sites I view. I already stopped using cable due to not being able to watch what I want due to packaging.
—Lisa Barnett, Sidney, NE

At it's best, the internet is more like a public utility company....a resource, accessible to everyone equally. Taking away net neutrality makes it more like a cable company which cuts people off from free information in a lot of ways.
—Jennah Synnestvedt, Boudler, CO

The end of net neutrality means that I will no longer trust any search results or info. I'll have no way of knowing if it's just propaganda based on payoffs to the carrier. It's basically payola, isn't it? I think you all know exactly what this plan will mean, and you just don't care. Please consider the citizenry and not the corporate overlords. PLEASE.
—Janet Nelson, Tinley Park, IL

It only makes sense. ISP's are common carrriers.
—Don Wattenbarger, Eureka, CA

Net neutrality is like free speech, we don't want to loose it and we don't want it regulated. We don't want internet providers to continue to monopolize sections of the country. You need to discard all rules that inhibit true net neutrality and reclassify ISP's as common carriers. I speek for every single person I know. Don't let the ISP's get their way just by throwing more money into their desires for online discrimination. Listen to what the people want and act on our behalf. Remember: Of the People, By the People, and For The People. We thank you.
—Robert Peyton, Ashland, OR

As a frequent internet user and small business owner, I am appalled that the FCC is even considering pandering to giants like Comcast and Time Warner in favor of a level playing field. Please protect net neutrality.
—Gretchen Johnston, Georgetown, TX

Ending net neutrality would create a "pay for play" system that would ONLY benefit internet service providers at the expense of consumers and any company that did not want to shell out the "ransom" demanded by the ISPs to have access to their sites delivered at the fastest speeds possible.
—Andrew Emerson, Perrysburg, OH

We made huge strides as a society in the 90's, with the advent of the World Wide Web, and its subsequent broad new access to information for all, regardless of economic status or even location. Losing net neutrality, which is the very basis of that concept of universal access to information, would be a tragic DEvolution for us all.
—Hilary von Waldenfels, Berlin / New York, NY

As a small business owner the only place where I can compete equally is on the internet. It levels the playing field for start-ups like mine. Allowing the corporations to buy their way to the top crushes innovation. Some things should not be for sale!
—Brent, granada hills, CA

It's the right thing to do.
—Mea Cadwell, Eau Claire, WI

OH MY GOD DONT RUIN THE INTERNET!!!!!
—Matthew Rick, VISALIA, CA

Freedom of Speech for everyone. Obviously.
—Luuk van Huët, New York, NY

It is despicable to think that net neutrality would be changed to allow big businesses to be in control of consumer decisions. Discrimination of this magnitude is outrageous. I should not have to pay more money to get services I already have. I need to feel and BE protected with Net Neutrality!!!
—Lois MacFarlane, Tallahassee, FL

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers its the right thing to do
—J Dan Bentley, Marcus, WA

Since Wheeler came out and said he was for 2 tier system my internet ISP's have raised their rates and I get much slower speeds esp. on weekends! Where are you Wheeler you said you would step in if this happened! It has!
—Thomas va de Steeg, Saint Petersburg, FL

It's unfair to let these cable companies decide who gets faster speed connections because of how much they pay. It's a monopoly. You are destroying the Internet.
—Laura Sanchez, Houston, TX

Broadband frequencies were for the public and not the well heeled. Have you forgotten that?
—Randall Hamlin, Greenville, SC

I am writing in support of Net Nutrality and would like ISPs to be reclassified as common carriers. Right now the internet is an open discussion forum where all users are equally able to post their opinions and agendas. Creating a tiered pay system only hinders free speech and an unbiased, level and free marketplace.
—Paul Bastyr, edina, MN

The internet was developed by the DoD to allow command centers to all communicate even if one or more were destroyed or disabled. Data flows through any series of nodes to get from a to b. Allowing companies to bypass this fundamental aspect of the internet. An ISP, not mine, could sit between my connection and any data source and block or render unusable a service that I am paying for. This is a crime in any other market. The reason that ISPs and other organizations want this end to Net Neutrality is that they want to either get more money at both ends to allow a third party service to operate on their networks, or to manipulate demand and monopolize a service type to market their own product without consequence. This is a blatant attack against American business because it denies the market's ability to determine what products and services are better by circumventing the supply-demand structure of a well regulated free market. It allows ISPs and other agencies to raise rates unchecked while forcing consumers to shop at the "company store" instead of being able to choose another option without a mafia blocking the path. We were born a Republic. Instead the Right wants Authoritarianism, and the Left wants Socialism. Our media has been manipulated and polarized by this feud, destroying the integrity of journalism. Now the Internet is being manipulated in the same way by trying to end Net Neutrality.
—Randall Houser, White Oak, TX

This would systematically privilege established companies, thus creating a barrier to entry and making it more difficult for small enterprises to get off the ground. This would be disastrous for American innovation, the economy, and dampen our entrepreneurial spirit.
—Jennifer White, San Francisco, CA

Throw out your rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Patricia Doyle, burr ridge, IL

Because I want fair treatment of all data on the internet and want start up companies to be able to compete on an even playing field. There are too many monopolies that the FCC ignores within media. Get your heads straight.
—Georgia Brown, Denver, CO

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.
—Miles Dickinson, Westminster, MD

Because we deserve a fair market where all businesses are treated equally.
—Bixby Ponteri, Portola Valley, CA

The internet is a great equalizer. Anything other than complete neutrality further compromises the free flow of information that the democratic process relies on.
—Elizabeth Buiocchi, Okemos, MI

Dear FCC, Please protect Net Neutrality and reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Amber Nordholm, Seattle, WA

The open internet is important to freedom, not just in the United States, but to the whole world that hopes to be free. Keep it open, unobstructed, with no fast lanes or slow lanes. Like any utility, rural Americans should be guaranteed connections just as fast as those enjoyed by city-dwellers.
—Jason Ziegler, Memphis, TN

The internet is soooo great. Don't mess it up by getting rid of net neutrality. Let's keep net neutrality and let everyone play on an even playing field.
—Nancy Richards, Santa Rosa, CA

Don't let Net Neutrality go the way of newspapers. We need more independent voices not less. The loss of net neutrality will cause smaller websites to be unable to sustain themselves and go out of business. The WWW wasn't created to give a few ISP's a leg up at becoming wealthy at the expense of everyone else.
—James Herod, St. Clair Shores, MI

It's a shame I'm even feel the need to type a comment here. The fact that you're even considering limiting the internet in such a massive way is disappointing. Isn't it obvious that cable companies are in the wrong here? They have refused grants to upgrade their infrastructure, they have circumvented legislation requiring them to upgrade their infrastructure, and they have demanded payment because of their lack of infrastructure. Giving in to them will not benefit anyone but them. In actuality it would be a huge detriment to everyone but them. The ideas proposed open way too many doors for censorship. Why there is any question here, especially with the massive public outcry, is beyond me. How anyone could be so dense as to think this is a good idea, I think, says a great deal about the corruption and obvious behind-the-scene deals happening in our government.
—Chris Dumas, Milton, GA

One of the best appeals of the internet is its ability to be an open access source that is available to so many people. Even those that cannot afford to have internet access at home often connect in places like internet cafes, schools, public libraries, or their place of employment. It has given us the ability to transmit information efficiently and revolutionized the way we entertain ourselves. The fees set by Internet service provider companies are already high enough. They do not need another excuse to bill each person another fee every month. By creating two tiers, we are just opening an unpleasant door. What is to say that two tiers are enough? If this happens, no doubt that soon a third tier or a fourth tier will be discussed. And all of that just adds an element of income discrimination to the Internet. Provider fees are already assigned by the speed of the service. Why is that not enough? Why must I pay not only to Netflix for the right to stream movies in my own home, but then also have to pay extra so that I can actually see those movies properly? The proposed Internet rules are nothing but a front for open discrimination, all the while gouging extra money from the average Internet user. Internet provider companies cannot even be trusted to deliver the proper services sometimes, how can we entrust them to properly choose who has the right to be "elite"?
—Jessica Wagner, Raleigh, NC

I would like the FCC to preserve net neutrality. It is bad enough that we are stuck behind countries like Estonia when it comes to price and speed of internet access, but we are forced into one internet provider. This fast lane stuff will wreck the internet.
—Jane Walsh, Deerfield, FL

Just make the internet part of THE COMMONS just like the phone companies
—Kenneth L. Gross, West Chicago, IL

This country is built on the idea that anyone can build themselves from the ground up. These rules take away that possibility for any tech start ups, reduce service/technology progress, and help to break monopoly laws. Our country has so many broken systems, please do not allow the FCC to break a system that is actually working.
—Shani Herstein, Chicago, IL

Net neutrality offers Senior Citizens with some PC Tech/Internet Processing free of charge, high speed, and let the 'open capitalistic market' govern.
—Major Ted C. Mc Neel Sr. USMC Ret'd., Metairie, LA

As a graduate student, I live on a limited income. Additionally, I work in a newly formed lab that has limited funds at the moment. Our work depends on a secure, stable, fast internet connection. Without net neutrality, we could potentially not be able to afford internet speeds that we need. Everyone is entitled to fast internet just like everyone is entitled to good telephone service. Imagine if companies did this for telephones. $$$ could be the difference between getting to 911 fast enough or not. The FCC's new rules are discriminatory and upsetting. They need to be changed. No one should be refused access to the WORLD WIDE WEB due to their income.
—Natalie Clark, Apt F, NC

the Internet, like water, food, and shelter, should be a Service Provided. Net Neutrality is a supremely important means of open communication for all. The Internet is NOT broken. We do not need even MORE privileges for the wealthy! We do not need even MORE privileges for the corporations! what we NEED is Net Neutrality.
—Riley Dalca, philadelphia, PA

first amendment; equality of expression for all people - this means NO corporate control. thank you
—Debra Barringer, Santa Barbara, CA

Freedom of speech is a right, not a privilege bestowed upon us by rich corporate suits. You work for us, not them - so do your job and protect Net Neutrality!
—Matthew C. A. Kouba, Morrisville, NY

Net neutrality is important to me because as a high school student going into college, doing research on the internet has been a growing occupation with the assigned tasks given. It is very important for me to be able to have equal access to all sites on the internet to not have a biased source. All information is important t o share. This is why I think that in order to protect and preserve the open internet, the FCC should get rid of its new set of proposed rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Thank you for your time and consideration. Sincerely, Jonathan Romero
—Jonathan Romero, Redwood City, CA

The proposed rules are terrible! We need to preserve net neutrality, not provide different access for different ability to pay!
—Jeffrey J. Derby, Bloomington, MN

John Oliver pretty much sums up how I feel about Cable Companies. I also feel the government has no right to let major companies have so much control of the internet.
—Cody Durden, Toledo, OH

A Free internet means a freer and more open economy. Net neutrality must be maintained if America is going to be the country where hard work and ingenuity allow novel ideas to prosper. Net neutrality has and would continue to allow that. Without net neutrality facebook, twitter, youtube, tumblr, and many other sites would never exist. By getting rid of net neutrality the FCC would be saying that it is perfectly comfortable with allowing rampant monopolies to occur. Moreover to consider the internet and bandwidth different then heat or electricity and not regulate it in the same way is damaging to all people.
—Curtis Hill, Greeley, CO

Net Neutrality is what makes the Internet such a valuable global tool. The capacity for data and knowledge to travel unhindered from one place to another, available on demand to the whole human race regardless of nationality, political interests or economic backbone. Without Net Neutrality the Internet is just Cable TV 2.0.
—Javier Quesada, México,

Dear FCC, Net Neutrality is essential to ensure everyone has access to the same information at the same speed. Freedom of information should not be dependent on who can pay the most for it: it should be available for everyone. It's a hypocritical double standard to encourage innovation and entrepreneurship by "supporting" the idea of small businesses while blatantly backing monopoly and corporations at the expense of the public. Do the right thing and support and keep Net Neutrality.
—Julia Dankanich, Northbrook, IL

I don't think that ISPs should be able to prioritize traffic. A bit is a bit, a packet is a packet. If they won't behave well on their own, then they need to be subject to Title II -- even if they think it's onerous. Later, after they've learned their lesson, maybe we can talk again.
—Bruce Donnelly, Shaker Heights, OH

As executive director of a non-profit organization that relies on using the internet to contact our members and distribute information, I strongly support Net Neutrality. It would be truly shameful if the Greater Edwards Aquifer Alliance had to pay over funds from our scant budget to incredibly profitable internet providers in order to purchase realistic download times for our website, and possibly, other communcations. I strongly urge you to declare the internet service providers as common carriers. Respectfully, Annalisa Peace executive director Greater Edwards Aquifer Alliance
—Annalisa Peace, San Antonio, TX

Net neutrality guarantees a truly level playing field for every individual human being. I don't want my freedom to access the internet defined by any ISP any more than limiting my availability to breath. George F Tatman Richardson, TX
—George F.Tatman, Richardson, TX

There should be no discrimination on the Internet in regards to content and no fast lane for people who can afford extra fees. Net Neutrality is important to everyone.
—Leeanne McLeod, hamilton, OH

I pay for what is considered "premium" internet access. It is very rare that I am able to attain the maximum throughput that I am paying for as the system is constantly slow and bogged down at the times I wish to use it (in the middle of the night is seems to be as advertised, but not during normal hours). It is unfair and unjust to allow the cable/internet companies to charge an additional fee to other companies allowing them to boost the speed and use the throughput I am already paying for and not being able to use anyway.
—Paul Wagner, Tucson, AZ

All people should have equal access to the internet, net neutrality is crucial!
—Nicole Crysdale, boulder, CO

Net Neutrality means fairness for all. It should be our right.
—Mr. Jim Conroy, Hillsboro, OR

It is the first time we have an equal way to spread information.
—Jussi Tegelman, Green Valley, CA

This issue is important because there needs to be at least ONE level playing field out there. I don't even see how these proposed changes are good in anyone's opinion except for the major media providers. Which, it seems to be who you are catering to. Please wake up and realize the people of the world need the internet, just the way it is!
—Steven Stillwell, Alliance, OH

it is important because it levels the playing field and not favor the rich and those with deep pockets who can influence internet traffic.
—Robert Brown, Philadelphia, PA

4th Amendment Rights
—Steve Kroeger, albany, NY

research learning entertainment and connection.
—Erika jessen, sarasota, FL

Keep the Internet free and a level playing field for all users!
—Ann Rennacker, Ft Bragg, CA

Net neutrality is essential for my work in educating college students to think carefully and critically, and to have access to the information that supports this.
—Gretchen Revie, Appleton, WI

I strongly oppose giving Internet service providers (ISPs) the ability to charge extra fees to content providers for more bandwidth; ISPs already charge the end-user (public) based on bandwidth. Even more troubling is the fact that these ISPs are also content providers and as such are in direct competition with the content providers they'd be forcing to pay extra fees. As an end-user I want a level playing field in the content I am able to access. FCC Chairman Wheeler should be replaced immediately ... a man who was previously a lobbyist for the cable industry has no business being put into a position of authority! So much for Obama's promise not to have lobbyists in his administration, Wheeler is a corrupt scumbag!
—J Piperata, Canyon Lake, CA

It would allow the big players control over web content and it's accessibility to the extent that they would be de-facto censors of the internet and control what would be readily available to the public. That was not the reason the WWW was brought into existence but it is what all the fat cats with all the money so desperately want.
—Gavi Stevens, Largo, FL

The Internet should be for everyone equally - both users and providers!
—Jordan Gitelman, Skokie, IL

FCC: Throw out rules that would end net neutrality to favor internet service providers and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Isabel Reyes, San Juan, PR

we need Net neutrality not new rules!!!
—Ann Rossi, greenwich, CT

The internet was born free and regulation like this only helps business, not the people who use the internet. Losing Net Neutrality takes us one step closer to becoming China!
—Mr. Eric Mastro, Cary, NC

"Growth for the sake of growth is the ideology of the cancer cell" -Edward Abbey "Selfishness and greed, individual or national, cause most of our troubles." -Harry S. Truman.
—Faith, Murfreesboro, TN

FCC: Throw out your rules and instead reclassify as ISPs common carriers.
—Sharon Gresk, Manchester, CT

Because for so very many affording regular internet service is all they can do. This will jack the price for so many making it, once again, a rich man's game.
—Robin Lerios, Santa Cruz, CA

Its important so that a basic tool of society isn't held ransom by monopolistic forces.
—Michael Blasdel, Tampa, FL

My ISP provider is Time Warner Cable (and soon to be Comcast if the merger is allowed to happen) and I was not able to leave this comment through the fcc.gov/comments website directly because Time Warner is actively throttling my connection and the connections of all it's users to the site. Thank you Time Warner for proving why telecom corporations are nothing but mobsters running shake downs on their customers and silencing any dissent against your unsavory practices. There is no doubt in my mind that I can expect more of the same and I fully expect far more immoral business practices should the FCC actually abolish Net Neutrality. This comment is to express my strong agreement with the idea that the FCC should throw out it's new rules for Net Neutrality and leave it be as it is now. I also agree and strongly support the idea that ISPs should be reclassified as common carriers, so that America can finally start to get the internet infrastructure of countries like Estonia.
—Matthew Flores, Orange, CA

I am against the 2 tier system. Government by the people, for the people. Please Listen to the people.
—Brad Cleavenger, broomfield, CO

Net Neutrality should be the law of the land, it is the fair and just policy. It allows an even playing field for everyone, not just me, but for businesses, large and small. Allowing companies to dictate how internet service is used and extorting money from other large companies to widen their bandwidth is not right. True competition in this marketplace is vital for us, the consumers. Please help save our internet, and our country's ability to thrive without internet providers dictating the rules on who, what or how much we can access on the information highway.
—Jason Smith, Midlothian, VA

Our television, radio, and news papers are now dominated by special interests, monopolized, and dumbed down to the point where we are no longer an informed populace. The internet is the last bastion of open communication and must not be sold out. Net Neutrality is a requirement for the people!
—Joseph Ellinghaus, Westminster, CO

you must keep the internet neutral!
—Arthur Nehmzow, machesney park, IL

The reasons for keeping the net neutrality standard as common is clear - we cannot have communications monopolies, especially now that broadcast is no longer viable, limiting and controlling the pathways of communications. Free market space and equal access are paramount to building the future through the communications available on the internet.
—Stephen Kilp, Rolsyn, PA

My livelihood depends on Net Neutrality. I am an independent author of children's books. I pay for my domain name and hosting and various small fee ways of advertising. If the big companies have their way, small business owners like me wouldn't have a chance to get the word out in marketing our products. Thank you, Jamie Stevens
—Jamie Stevens, Oconomowoc, WI

Hello. I know a singular word may not make it to many watching eyes, but you need to know that there is a freedom and much opportunity for each person in this world, to make something more of the internet than just a place to surf. So many ideas to share, emotions to display in creative ways. Many of us suffer from lack of bandwidth now, and some things are worth much more to share to others. Those media and cable companies that wish to destroy what brings the world closer together--what worth will this be to you if we all decide to use other forms of interaction? We've all done it before the internet came into our lives. By using this vast and stateless entity, however, we can show you and our peers all over the world so much that even one human being can do, and how they can do it with as little as a web cam and an imagination. Please keep all of the words in mind that we tell you. This is our blessing and our current way of life. Keep watching it blossom, don't make us grow; let us. Thank you.
—Jasmine Wongus, Halifax,

Net Neutrality is important to all of us for several reasons. If the opponents have their way: It will cost more than we are now paying. It will allow the opponents to make enormous profits at the expense of the public. It will affect freedom of speech. It will eliminate competition from small businesses. You must not allow these big businesses to control our internet.
—Stuart Cotton, Framingham, MA

Net Neutrality and an open Internet allows the free discourse necessary for democracy. It also gives great freedom for artists like me to produce, publish, and distribute work on my own terms. Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers, so that everyone can keep the freedom and opportunity the open Internet makes possible.
—Jackson Culpepper, Lenoir City, TN

Dear FCC, Please consider innovation and creativity and all that has been celebrated in this country since the beginning of its history. With this legislation you are curbing new business along with new ideas and future development on the net while making it impossible for small companies and start ups to compete with the giants that are already established in this field. Its unfair and unjust and not what this country stands for.
—marianne Fagan Guimond, Arlington, VA

The Internet has become an essential part of our society, and must remain neutral, open to all regardless of income, and free of corporate control.
—Bruce Dobson, Langley, WA

Dear Sir or Madam, An open internet without any discrimination is very important in today's wired society. Please do not kill "Net Neutrality". As it is, consumers today have no real choice when it comes to choosing their ISP. The major ISPs have monopolized the internet and cable market. The FCC's proposed rules of ending "Net Neutrality" will further increase the powers of the ISPs and adversely impact internet usage. The internet is no longer a "nice to have" - it is as necessary as other utilities such as gas, electricity and water. Please keep access to the internet open and non-discriminatory. Thank you, Jatin Patel
—Jatin Patel, Belle Mead, NJ

Net Neutrality allows me and my small business to have a chance on the internet. The internet is not a pay to win game-- its an equal opportunity playing field for everyone on earth to enjoy. Without net neutrality, I would be put at an unfair disadvantage. We want real net neutrality!
—Jerish Brown, Los Angeles, 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 is not a system I want to see. As a small business owner, and as an internet user. I don't want someone to tell me how to enjoy the resources that are available currently, in the same way I don't want a phone company deciding who I can and can't talk to. I pay for my internet connection, and it's my choice what I do and don't view, not the providers. They are a provider of a portal, not a regulator. I fear what this will do for creativity, and commerce if the internet, a global force for good, and a level playing field for everyone, is dominated for the profits of a few share holders. if America leads the way with this, it will set a precedent across the world that the needs and profits of a handful of people are worth more than the entire population of the world.
—Anthony Andrews, Stockholm,

Protect Net Neutrality! The internet is a community for the world NOT large corporations to dictate the content we see or have access to. These proposed changes threaten our civil liberties.
—Sarah Echler, New York, NY

Without Net Neutrality, small businesses and entrepreneurs have no chance of survival or even starting up. The proposed rules would create industry monopoly.
—Thea Stevens, Oconomowoc, WI

Basically, this question simplified is: "Why is EQUALITY important?" And the answer is easy. It's important for every American, regardless of their stature, net worth or personal opinion, to have the opportunity to reach their goals quickly. By letting net neutrality to fade away, it's not only allowing corporate greed to grow as a sickening rate, it's taking away opportunities for people to become better people through the power of the WWW.
—Amy Grogan, CHicago, IL

Discrimination is wrong in real life, why would you think it would be alright to practice on internet users? Cable companies can NOT be in charge of the web, it would break down the entire way the internet works. That means future advances in technology and social interaction would fall dead.
—Todd Olfert, Winnipeg,

Net Neutrality is as important to me as America is. I'm glad I live in America because I have freedom to say what I think. I'm also glad to be part of the Internet as a web developer because of Net Neutrality. The fact is, if you don't support Net Neutrality, you don't support America and what the American people really want.
—Mary Weaver, Rio Rancho, NM

we need the internet to remain free. we already pay for clean air, clean water, non GMO food, taxes upon taxes.. the cable companies have more than enough money.
—Lorena Salas, burbank, CA

Everyone should have access to fast internet. Large companies such as AT&T and Verizon should not be able to influence which sites we have access to.
—Wendy Fox, Leesburg, VA

Throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality. Thanks!
—Steve Schildwachter, Winter Garden, FL

As an emerging visual storyteller, I rely heavily on equal access to the internet as my livelihood to have access to education, seek opportunities, connect with creative communities, and reach audiences across the world. Like many professional artists, content creators, makers and entrepreneurs, the internet is a fundamental part of building, sharing, innovating and collectively propelling society forward in a truly democratic way. The FCC should not put forward a two-tiered Internet system which would benefit major corporations and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. We should work towards maintaining the internet as an equitable space to support individuals in reaching their full potential to transform the world.
—Angela Zhang, Toronto,

Net neutrality is the very foundation of whats makes internet such a powerful tool. Is the way people can communicate contribute and share, without the fear of being spied on. On a global scale, is how we will evolve as a society towards more tolerance and respect.
—Carlos Zetina-Gargollo, Naucalpan,

American innovation is in jeopardy because of your new attempts to repeal net neutrality. But, then, American innovation is exactly what FCC leader Tom Wheeler wants to put an end to. Isn't it? Wheeler has "conflict of interest" written all over him. He's nothing but a flunky sent by the telecom industry, and - have no doubt - he's been put in place to do a land grab. Nothing could be better for his masters than the end of competition and innovation. But we will not sit in silence. The health and welfare of the nation MUST be valued over the special interests of corporate monopolies. I urge you to reclassify internet providers to ensure that they are properly regulated to guarantee the interests of SMB and the American nation. Do your job.
—Kenneth Manning, New York, NY

I hate discrimination and corruption.
—Doug Nevel, Selkirk, NY

I DO NOT WANT THE LIKES OF VERIZON AND COMCAST DETERMINING WHAT I HAVE ACCESS ON THE INTERNET AND AT WHAT SPEED. THE CHAIRMAN SHOULD RESIGN SINCE HE HAS CONNECTIONS TO THESE TYPE COMPANIES. NOW!!!
—Randall Johnson, Charleston, SC

The internet is a critical medium for the exchange of ideas and keeping americans conected with what is happening to each other and in our government. Corporate influence here will destroy what has become a utility to the american public. They are already paid too much for their services, they do not need the power to override or slow down free speech. NO wordimg that leaves the possibiltybof corporate interference in our free speech is tolerable. The internet has long been a place for free speech, since before there were any coporate interests there. You MUST protect net neutrality. We won't stand for anything less.
—Brian Stumpp, Stockton, CA

Dear FCC - Net Neutrality is important to me personally so that I can run my small but growing business online and off line. If you change this so that larger corporations can charge more, provide faster service to larger companies that can afford to pay for it - then as usual in this very sad Washington Climate - the small business loses, the middle class loses and the rich get richer - This is not the American way.
—Bernadette Griffith, Niles, OH

The internet is supposed to be an equal platform for communication, learning, business, and much more. Net Neutrality must be saved to preserve the Freedom of Speech amendment. Everyone with something to say has a right to be heard, and huge corporations (monopolies really) should NOT be allowed the right to dictate who gets heard by means of faster internet service. If the internet service providers are allowed a two-tiered system they will have the power to decide what is available online and what is not, that sounds too much like a dictatorship for me. This is a free country, please fight for that right & preserve Net Neutrality.
—Gwendolyn Jackimek, Ventura, CA

We need the network to be neutral because only then will we continue to have the rich diversity of web pages and other content which we have currently. If the ISPs get to decide who has priority, then we are on the road to less diversity of content overall. This is a basic, central, part of what we call, "Democracy". Just think about a world where the ISPs set traffic priority. Since most people have a very small number of choices when it comes to ISPs, this means their content is being dictated by a very small number of companies! We don't want this! This is NOT Democracy!
—Richard Johnson, Santa Barbara, CA

The internet was designed to be an open, neutral platform and our access through providers should stay that way.
—C wright, New York, NY

Net neutrality is important for everyone! Discrimination through the Web is equally as unfair as discrimination everywhere else!
—Keann Kline, Oak Park, CA

Net neutrality is important to me because I use the Internet a lot in my business and I do not have the money to pay high fees to get the same information I get for free now. You do not need to make me pay unnecessary fees just to put more money in the pockets of people who are already millionaires. And let's face it. That's all it would do.
—Judith Powell, Raleigh,, NC

Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers to protect NET NEUTRALITY!
—KG Johnson, Groton, CT

We don't want rampant discrimination online! This isn't fair. It's only going to cost more. A great example of the rich getting richer.
—Sujin Beck, ventura, CA

Information access should be equal for everyone.
—Ed Perry, New Braunfels, TX

The net should be a neutral place, period!
—Amber, Camarillo, CA

The Internet offers a last bastion for the promise of equality for all in the United States. Given how dependent we've become on the Internet for information, education, and entertainment, the Internet is essentially a public utility. The accessibility of ANY and ALL sites and sources via the Internet by ANY and ALL must remain equal. Imagine if our electric and gas companies, or our municipalities announced that access to water, electricity, and natural gas, along with the rates charged, would be excellent for some of us; but the rest would have to be patient, enduring longer wait periods while paying the same or higher rates. That the FCC isn't protecting the majority of individuals and business concerns is unconscionable.
—Susan E Nicol, Iowa City, IA

No online discrimination! We the people.... It's OUR INTERNET TOO! Net neutrality? Jo Public doesn't want you to Hash Up his internet. It is NOT yours personal possession. It belongs to All Of Us. You really should listen to the people. And remember we are many. You could be the recipient of more MASSIVE email volumes. And there people out here that could trash you & leave no calling card. Remember , you will Earn you get (It's called karma) Best Listen to us ("The People") or accept your fate. It's up to you. AND ALL OF US. You really think you can own something that belongs to everyone? What kind of government were you raised in. Sure doesn't appear it's the USA. "Isn't the USA the land of the Free?You are the recipient of what you sow. Better start thinking, not just"doing". People will and do object you will reap what you so. Best remember that..
—Tim Alvin Thomas, Spokane, WA

Once again, democracy is in question.
—Karen Ingenthron, Oakland, CA

To foster innovation and preserve the principles our country was built upon... Maintain net neutrality. Keep the internet free and allow the creativity of our nation to pour forth and be shared equally.
—Michelle, Hanover, MA

Free and equal opportunity to communicate is fundamental to freedom and democracy in the 21st century. If you sell off the commons to the greediest bidders, you will set civilization back about 500 years. No Dark Ages!
—Charles Elliott, Whittier, CA

Net Neutrality is important to me because, as a public librarian, it is essential to providing the type of service that our patrons expect. As part of my job it is a priority to provide equitable access to information no matter what it is. Privileging entities that have cash to spare over the multitude that do not is backwards, and has the potential to make content that patrons seek profoundly inconvenient to access. To dismantle Net Neutrality as we currently know it would speak volumes as to what value the government places in views and ideas that don't have a monetary megaphone. As a private citizen, I also do not wish to see the sites that cater to my particular interests, sites that are not sponsored by corporate conglomerates, punished and throttled in the name of some sort of free market cash grab.
—Matt Heindel, Janesville, WI

America thrives on innovation. We must allow new companies to continue to flourish in an open and competitive environment. Ending net neutrality ossifies our internet and benefits only the cable companies. Protect net neutrality. Open up internet delivery in the same way Britain has and help America retain and improve its competitiveness.
—Paul Bruffett, Okalhoma City, OK

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Bruce Wheeler, Savannah, GA

Only classifying ISPs as common carriers can make sure the internet as we know it can continue to exist
—Franz Kriftner, Linz,

Insuring that the internet stays free and untampered with enables open access to free information. Please fight for Net Neutrality and ensure that everyone has access to free information.
—Anna Lujano, Pittsburg, CA

It took four days for my internet to get connected to my new apartment. When my internet went out four months later, I was told it would take five day to get a technician to my house to repair it, despite the fact that I was paying $50 a month for what was already spotty service. When I ordered a new couch and they sent the wrong throw pillow, it took 27 hours to get the correct pillow. Why? Capitalism. The internet as it is currently is a monopoly. The fact that there are "developing" countries that get faster, cheaper internet service than the US is a disgrace. If we are to deserve the title of "developed" then we should demonstrate the values of a developed nation. If we are truly a free market enterprise, then why do our internet providers purposefully designate neighborhoods that the internet will or will not be provided to? Monopoly. The internet in 2014 is an essential service in the same way that water or electricity is an essential service. Either we treat the only option available option as essential to life, like water or electricity, or we open the market to competitors like any other business.
—Sarah Yochin, Pflugerville, TX

As an unhappy cable internet customer life is bad enough being constantly shafted by the cable companies ridiculous prices, poor service, and monopolistic hold on entire regions; the last thing any person needs is certain data to be discriminated for or against at any rate to further shit on my online experience. I understand the lobbyists secret under-the-desk handjobs are quite good for the FCC and other government entities, plus it's hard to say no to a company who is helping the government spy on millions of Americans' private communications. However, the bigger issue is that the internet is something that should inherently be unregulated as to promote free and open online commerce.
—Andrew French, Greendale, IN

I support net neutrality, and oppose the introduction of a two-tiered, unequal Internet, rigged to favor corporate persons and biological millionaires and billionaires. I support the reclassification of broadband under Title II of the Communications Act, that is, reclassification of ISPs as common carriers. I oppose the replacement of the free Internet with an oligarchic Internet. I oppose the introduction of information inequality into the online environment, just as vehemently as I oppose income inequality in America. I oppose this proposed FCC coup against the Internet that will replace net neutrality with a line of kings. I support net neutrality, which means I support the Internet the way it is. Net neutrality threatens no one: it has not impeded the rise of Google or Facebook, and it has not limited the visibility of Amazon or Netflix. If you like monstrously and unjustifiably wealthy corporations, net neutrality has not imperiled their existence, nor has it prevented them from saturating the online medium. I am old enough to remember how times have changed, how awkward and unattractive corporate Web sites were when they first started competing with the myriad tiny outlets that had preceded them online, how laughable brick and mortar seemed when applied with a clumsy mason's knife to our computer screens. However, net neutrality ensured that as the corporations grew, there was always room for the people to grow alongside them, without impediment. The corporations did their work of monopolizing the Internet, but it was impossible for them to succeed, because the ingenious individual citizen, empowered by net neutrality, always kept pace with them and outstripped them. So CNN is happy, but so are the hundreds of thousands of bloggers and independent news outlets without two dimes to rub together who can nonetheless reach a national and global audience if they're insightful enough—all thanks to net neutrality. As long as net neutrality is the law of the Internet, every free American citizen can have the Internet she chooses, and make whatever impact there she wishes to make, and she and her family can move nimbly between the feet of the corporate giants, protected as they zigzag by the rules of equality. If the FCC introduces plutocratic privileges into the online ecosystem, creating fast lanes for the 1% and slow lanes for the 99%, the integrity of the Internet will be lost, and the Internet's virtual democracy will imitate the sad state of our actual democracy in the United States—where business and banking monopolies have their way, spilling toxins and suppressing wages, breeding debt and buying undue influence in the branches and the agencies of our government. Just as the physical Congress is a millionaires' club, so will the Internet be: when net neutrality is annulled, the virtual sports cars and limousines of the elite class will blow past our bicycles and junkers—if roads exist at all anymore outside of gated Internet zones. We won't be able to compete with Wal-Mart online any better than our shops and markets can compete with it in our neighborhoods; the shadow of monopoly and inequality will overpower the light from our PCs. The Internet will be eviscerated, and it will devolve into an uninspired cousin of cable TV. Gone will be the sources of online information and innovation we have come to rely on for the last twenty years, along with what remains of the American experiment—the rich will have everything, and the population will be left with nothing to eat but the consumerist drivel of corporate news. I don't believe in the divine right of kings, and I don't believe that the corporations should be allowed to oppress Americans and stifle their desire for work and fair wages just because they are rich and the rest of us are worthless. But so long as the FCC entertains its notions of an "Internet of the few," I don't see how it can escape the charge of having chosen corporate persons as a master race to dominate the biological masses of Americans. Right now, the rich can have their wealth, and the poor can still have a voice, because online, common citizens can run with the bulls and keep pace with the cheetahs, uninhibitedly. But an FCC that insists on wrecking net neutrality wants to give the corporations the power, metaphorically, to break the legs of common citizens with their hammers as they pass, leaving all of us crippled in the streets where we had once been free. I oppose the replacement of the free Internet with an oligarchic Internet. I oppose the introduction of information inequality into the online environment, just as vehemently as I oppose income inequality in America. I oppose this proposed FCC coup against the Internet that will replace net neutrality with a line of kings. I support the reclassification of broadband under Title II of the Communications Act, that is, reclassification of ISPs as common carriers.
—Mario Hernandez, Lansing, 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.
—Pucci Dellanno, porterville, CA

Having the internet open and neutral is vitally important to people of the USA, as you have already read from previous comments. You don't have to be reminded of the corruption this reeks of. You know exactly what you are doing and it is greatly disturbing. It is human nature to push the envelope to see how for you can go with something, but here you are going to receive a backlash you did not expect. This blatant disregard of the everyday citizen had come to be expected but this is going too far. I would argue whether it is wrong or right but we both know morals don't speak as loudly as money does. I am against this decision and will fight it (peaceably) as long as I have my life. Keep the net neutral, stop being evil, and stop screwing people. This land needs to heal itself or we will lose our place in the world. I feel like we are on a runaway train with no way of slowing down.
—Rudy Yechout, Stowe, PA

The internet is truly the greatest force for democracy ever created. I would urge the FCC to consider the grave damage that tampering with net neutrality will surely bring. Placing financial classes on the net is precisely the sort of anti-democratic constraint that rewards the few at the expense of the many. Democracy will suffer, innovation will suffer and yet another US agency will be seen as a servant of those with the funding to influence government.
—George Griffett, Medford, NY

Extra fees would be undo hardship for myself and millions of other Americans.
—Andrea Alagammai, Tucson, AZ

My comment is a question and a comment . Why was the very thorough and informative report written by the Berkman Center for Internet and Society , Harvard University , ignored by the FCC ? It obviously recommends open access policies adapted in other democratic free market countries as the clear path toward next generation connectivity . We have a responsibility to the next generations for them to have a comparable connectivity as other nations , yet the road to that connectivity is being blocked by private interests . Do the right thing . Reclassify ISPs as common carriers .
—Steven Crouch, Indianapolis, IN

We live on the internet. It is the most valuable commodity that exists. Killing net neutrality will kill this resource. If you do this we will hold you personally responsible.
—John Satter, Boulder, CO

Net neutrality is important both for a democratic internet and for the health of democracy writ large in the U.S. To allow pay-to-play schemes in any form would impinge on the free access to information and the space of contemporary democratic discourse that the internet, so long as it's governed by net neutrality, promotes. Please preserve net neutrality and reject any changes which the oligopolistic providers - which we are stuck with, not freely choosing - are pushing to monetize the internet and dissolve the neutrality in net neutrality. You have a great responsibility. Please stand up for the public and democratic ideals, and not for corporate interests.
—Charles W. Anderson, Washington, DC

John Oliver has it exactly right. The proposed measure to end net neutrality is simply exploitation of a monopoly. As printed media decline in use and are replaced by the internet, it is imperative to maintaining a free and open press that the internet remain neutral. We will not stand for this corruption. Thank you for considering this comment.
—Jay Newhard, Greenville, NC

If you allow ISPs to give preferential access to some sites and throttle others, the foundation of freedom and fair competition is at risk. The internet is a superhighway of information and trade. Do not allow corporations to manipulate and control traffic for their own biased ends.
—Dana Perantie, Saint Louis, MO

Having internet service providers charge for "faster lanes", and decide who receives these faster lanes, is contradictory to Net Neutrality. Check the definition of neutrality. In the end, as with most big money controlled services that the government overlooks, the consumer will be the one that is penalized.
—Steve Perkel, yorktown heights, NY

The Internet show be free from companies profiting off of it. No tierd speeds! No prioritized pacjeting. No packet inspection. Only emergency data should get priority!
—Jds, naperville, IL

FCC, Why would you try to fix a system that isn't broken? Please keep our internet the way it is. Drew
—Drew Allman, Littleton, CO

The Internet is a powerful tool for communication and education, and it should be an equal playing field for the exchange of ideas. Big companies should NOT be able to control what content users can access by allowing a "fast lane" for some sites and a "slow lane" for others. Save the Internet and preserve Net Neutrality!
—Leverett Woodruff, Sandy, UT

Dear Sirs; The foundation of any democracy is a well-informed public. If access to information through the internet is restricted to only those that can afford to pay, our democracy will crumble. Please, keep the internet free.
—Amy Conklin, Littleton, CO

Every one should have the same playing field. Big business with money should not have the advantage of ruling the internet. Internet is the peoples communication system and should stay that way.
—Barbara Garrigus, St. Ignatius, MT

I believe that this is such a serious issue with far reaching consequences for the average person, you need to be darned certain when you make your decision, you think of what power this will hand a small number of companies and how they will then be able to, and it seems inevitable that they will considering the history of commercial conglomerates who flaunt their noses down upon the general population in the name of profit for shareholders and those with the most to gain. I hope you see the logic in keeping the internet power out of the hands of the now already too powerful.....
—Harold Karaka, sherman oaks, CA

Just kill this bill. You're not ready for it and neither is American.
—Larry Rochester, Marquette Heights, IL

Keep the NET FREE FOR ALL!!!!! Keep it for all Americans and the rest of the world!!!! Not Corporate Controlled!!!!
—Joshua Heffron, NYC, NY

Please do not allow internet service providers to charge for preferential treatment. We could loose content on the internet. Classify the internet instead as a telecommunications service so that we have equal access to information and opportunities. Thank you!
—Nancy Cox, Martinsville, VA

Net neutrality will help small businesses form and have an internet base to expand their demographic. Please don't end net neutrality! Reclassify ISPs as common carriers!
—Nathan Johnson, Derby, KS

internet should be equal for everyone no matter how much money you make!
—Haley Kroese, Grand Forks, ND

The internet should be free for all. Its a tool for sharing information, not for making the rich and powerful more rich and powerful. Wheeler needs to crawl out of the big business pockets and get with the real world.
—David Crawford, Camarillo, CA

Diversity breads growth and change. Net Neutrality is a catalyst for this diversity. We want real, true net Neutrality.
—Erica Schroder, Boston, MA

I believe thst net neutrality is as important as freedom of the press; in this century it means freedom of expression & a great business tool we all value.
—Doreen Hayes, Chula Vista, CA

Net neutrality is vitally important to every person in the United States. Internet providers can not be allowed to provide higher levels of access for higher paying customers.Every person, or corporation should be afforded the same EXCELLENT download/upload speed. Allowing different tiers will only allow internet providers to give less service to those who can afford it the least. Keep the internet like America, equal for all under the law.
—Jason Service, Beaverton, OR

Net neutrality is important because we need a level playing for diverse ideas, and new companies and start ups to survive.
—Dana Wylder, Naples, ID

I need to get non-corporate news. I need to communicate with my government.
—Richard Creswell, Lakewood, CO

Please leave the internet a level playing field for every player and MANTAIN NET NEUTRALITY!
—Robert Edward Dye, Austin, TX

Because one speed for "the haves" and one (faster) speed for "the have nots" is no good for anyone. I stifles creativity, start-ups, and such. Amazon, Google, Microsoft, and Facebook don't want it to happen.(how would they buy up innovative start-ups, when the start-ups are priced out of the speed necessary to innovate?
—Dana Stickney, Mattapoisett, MA

A plan with extra fees for faster service would make it more difficult to find information about small businesses and small organizations, as compared to big businesses and major organizations, because the smaller businesses and organizations would not be able to afford the extra fees.
—Susan E. Snyder, Broadview Heights, OH

Net Neutrality is vitally important to our democracy to ensure that all voices have a chance to be heard.
—Brett O'Sullivan, Denver, CO

The internet is used by millions, if not billions, of people every day to communicate with each other. It is a telecommunications platform. It should be classified as such. Don't allow Verizon, AT&T and Comcast to continue to get paid twice for services provided once. Creating a "fast lane" on the internet is just a fast way to stifle innovative companies whose traffic won't be considered a "priority". We don't let that happen for our electricity, why should we let it happen to our communications platform?
—Matthew Hanyok, Laurel, MD

To: The Commissioners of the FCC 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. I urge you to scrap these proposed rules and instead restore the principle of online nondiscrimination by reclassifying broadband as a telecommunications service.
—Nasir M. Lateef, Moreno Valley, CA

Net Neutrality is important because we have certain freedoms to communicate, which have slowly been eroded through the past decade, allowing only the wealthiest of Americans get access to public officials and corporate boards. Net neutrality represents the ability of the everyman to communicate, research, advertise, work and entertain him or herself with low costs or for free. Do we really need to go into a world where this freedom is lost to enrich others?
—Michael Luck, Newark, DE

Throw out FCC rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. We do not need ANYONE telling us how and at what speed we can use the internet.
—David Berkey, Mountain View, AR

the net should not be sold to the highest bidder
—Michael Thomas, South Bend, IN

Net Neutrality is the most democratic voice the people have to communicate with. It's fast, cheap, and FREE! We already pay access fees to large corporations, why do we have to pay more?
—Beth Heller, Boylston, MA

stop the fcc
—Stephen Kollenborn, mesa, AZ

I'm 23, I have had internet since around 5 or 6, back when it was nothing but dial-up. I've also always had cable TV, until recently. Why? because like most, I'm tired of being force fed content. The internet changed that, and now that cable companies like Comcast are noticing that and obviously they want to stop it. Creating a two tiered internet is recreating cable TV, where only the rich existing companies can offer content. If Comcast, Verizon, TWC, etc. have a legitimate concern with bandwidth then more than likely they oversold to begin with, which is on them and they SHOULD NOT BE BAILED OUT. If it isn't due to overselling, then maybe the internet's structure as a whole needs to be rethought, but existing companies SHOULD HAVE NO SAY IN IT. Why? Well, let's define a company, or business, which is: the practice of making one's living by engaging in commerce. In other words, they are for profit. That is all they care about. Existing ISPs already don't compete and are a textbook MONOPOLY. The fact that I even have to send this comment is proof that the FCC and US Government is NOT DOING IT'S JOB. So please, tell me what happens to politicians and tax payer paid employees that don't do their job, which is to protect the rights of the tax payers. Remember, my generation and those after me will not tolerate this. Let that sink in, and then consider your options. Comcast & Verizon are the equivalent of a 21st century drug cartel. They are monopolies of their own areas and have non-compete agreements, even if it's hidden within city, state, or federal regulations. Personally, I believe the CEO of these companies and anyone else responsible should be publicly tried and executed. I have also lost all faith in the FCC and would prefer a multiple 3rd party groups do an evaluation. Especially of the current battle between Verizon/Comcast and Netflix. Prove me wrong. Show us the FCC is working for the people.
—Jared Weisinger, Lufkin, TX

It is wrong to have a monopoly and to give certain companies preference.
—Elizabeth Tippet, Winnetka, IL

Trying to control information is just plain wrong. It is, in a way, a form of discrimination, censorship and retardation, not only in the flow of information but also in the growth of society. Net Neutrality is not only important to me, but to the whole world. It is part of our right of free speech. Take that away from us and you're no better than a barbarian. A criminal.
—Pedro Lopes, Aveiro,

Is important because I don't wan the internet become another big media for the interest other than the interest of We The People.
—Jose Mastrapa, Lakeland, FL

Net neutrality is extremely important. It would be wrong and harmful to censor certain voices because they have less wealth. A free internet enables access to a variety of viewpoints, which is vital to our society's survival.
—Lori Propheter, dekalb, IL

PLEASE DON'T GIVE THE NET TO AWAY TO THE CORPORATIONS.
—James Robinson, Redway, CA

Net neutrality keeps money politics out of the format that gives the minority opinion an equal voice. Let's keep corruption out of the one last remaining arena of ideas exchange.
—Nicholas Goosev, Bellingham, WA

I have no interest in America becoming a third rate country. Maintain net neutrality. Reclassify the ISPs as common carriers.
—WALter Walter CRAft, NEW ORLEANS, LA

Dear FCC, Please protect net neutrality by reclassifying ISPs as common carriers. I want this because when it is done, it will allow FCC to regulate carriers so that they cannot form internet "fastlanes" which are hidden behind a pay wall. Being a young person with plenty of student debt and only a modest income, I would not be able to pay for the faster internet. This would limit the amount of content that I am able to view every day and the amount of content that I am able to contribute to message boards, blogs, and vlogs. America will benefit more if everyone is able to participate in the sharing of ideas and innovations than if a few companies are able to rake in more profits with new "information dams". Thank you.
—Beth Rousseau, Fountain Valley, CA

Why allow corporations to handle information and data that the entirety of humankind compiled? Do not take this right to access this vast source of information away from ordinary people. Is there not a clause within the many anti-trust and anti-monopoly acts that go against this? Taking away our right to access information quickly in the INFORMATION AGE is as backward as taking away the right to talk publicly. The government is supposed to defend the interest of the people, not the material interests of companies that only seek to improve their own income. Let net neutrality be.
—Kensei Kim, Lewisville, TX

Net Neutrality is important to keep our freedom of speech and free press that is guaranteed by the first amendment. Without Net Neutrality the already monopolized Internet service providers will have complete control over what content we can share and what content we see. Please keep net neutrality to ensure American citizens first amendment rights are preserved through the 21st century.
—Christa, Centennial, CO

There is a new segregation in this country... The segregation of the rich and the poor. Everyday the people with the money are looking to put themselves into race all their own and if you haven't the money, you are penalized! This is exactly what this plan will do. This is supposed to be a land of equal opportunity, yet everyday that equality is becoming further and further apart. This is not the country that I want to live in. I don't want to be penalized because I am not as rich as the one's making all the noise. They want everything for them selves so the rich can become richer and the poor, gets penalized. If you think bills like this are fair, then you are part of the problem and not the solution. And people wonder why there is so much talk about another civil upheaval in this country. Am I mad? Your damn right I am. I am sick and tired all the little people constantly getting crapped on while the rich get richer and thrive!!!!! Please do not let this happen. Fight for our right to Net Neutrality!
—John Durchak, Eatontown, NJ

net neutrality is important to keeping the internet a free and fair place. you cannot pass this plan and leave me and others that cant afford it with a slower connection. not to mention the cost to small business in an already bad economy. the cable company's have enough power as it is without adding more. keep net neutrality alive.
—Clayton Brewer, Manassas, VA

Completely against the proposed changes, we need a fair and open internet not dictated by corporate interests
—George B, Chicago, IL

Grace, Mercy, and Peace from God our Father and our Lord Jesus Christ Dear FCC Please protect Net Neutrality. Keep empowering all of us! Thank you, May the Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen
—Jose Garcia, Houston, TX

http://m.youtube.com/watch?v=f pbOEoRrHyU John Oliver says everything very clearly in a more entertaining way then I can. This is crazy that our government is allowing corporation to do what they please and we can't do anything about it. What has this country become. 80% of the people are more interested in dancing with the stars then looking what is going on in there country.
—Justin Lavoie, davie, FL

Net neutrality is important to maintain at least some freedom for web companies to grow. Keep your grubby hands out of the internet.
—Mark, Olean, NY

Net neutrality is essential to maintaining a system that allows small companies to succeed. Eliminating net neutrality will allows cable companies the power to manipulate companies and have too much power over our economy.
—Michael Borell, Saint Cloud, MN

Please encourage competition between providers instead of allowing them to potentially restrict usage based on what services you subscribe to.
—Uday Kumar, Kingwood, TX

I get real news not corporate propaghanda and it's the best and least expensive way for small business to get their product or services known and it's small business that hires most AMericans, they create the jobs.
—Cathie Donahue, San Jose, CA

Net neutrality allows access for those deserving but limited in income.
—Helen Greenbacker, south boston, VA

Keep the Internet neutral because it is a matter of freedom. Big companies don't have the right to control its use.
—Colette dumont, Mobile, AL

Not broken. DO NOT FIX this. You may not leave us wee people on our own.
—Melissa Forberg, Edmonton,

It's really not that complicated. The fact that people are being robbed of something that they are paying for, by the people selling it to them, is an embarrassment to the country and a kick in the face to the consumer.
—Nickolas Kirkner, Hatfield, PA

Hi FCC. Let's cut to the chase. I know this is a terrible idea. You know this is a terrible idea. I know that you're probably doing this because, down the line, it benefits you, and fucks everybody else off. I also know that all of these protests, letters, and other messages probably won't do anything, and that you guys don't give a shit about any of us. So I guess we'll have to wait. We'll all have to wait until you guys inevitably screw this up, and people inevitably become extremely pissed off about it. Or you could prove me wrong. Just saying. Don't fuck this up for us. Love, Demi.
—James Gilhooley, Ipswich,

Because it is the only thing that can allow us to overcome most of the most important problems we have today.
—Eduardo Thomas Perez del Postigo, Madrid,

Free speech is in jeopardy without net neutrality. If media conglomerates are allowed to privatize common networks and censor bandwidth, they in essence will be able to control to a large degree what news and information is disseminated on the web. Grow some balls, FCC, and declare Common Carrier status upon the web. If the FCC fails to protect the web under the principles of net neutrality, you will have failed to protect the intellectual integrity of every citizen of this country.
—Tony Porter, Little, CO

The net should be neutral. information should be the right of every human being, not a PRIVILEGE. Period. fast lanes and picking favorites is total BS and not okay in general.
—Laci Hodges, Post Falls, ID

As a web site designer and developer, your proposed ruling on "Net Neutrality" has nothing neutral about it. Why on earth would you allow commercial concerns to create "fast net" for the rich, and "slow net" for the poor. This goes against all concerns for a level playing field as promoted by your President Barack Obama. I would think that with all the scandals now rocking D.C. the last thing you would want to do would be to show partiality and favoritism to ISPs. Unless you wish to spend the rest of your term on Capitol Hill before congressional committees, I suggest that you reconsider this absurd proposal.
—John F. Beckman, Stone Mountain, GA

Net neutrality is important and vital to our society. Allowing the flow of information to be controlled by a handful of companies in a for-profit manner is unethical and will end the democratic nature of the net as we know it. Ending net neutrality means it will become harder for people to gain information they need/require. It also means the it will become harder for those without money (think small businesses, start-ups, mom/pop shops) to do business. This is just bad all around. Please keep the net neutral--allow information to flow freely and equality.
—Ashish Varma, Fresno, CA

I am human and regularly consume the internet. Please stop listening to lobbyists (like Tom Wheeler) and level the playing field for everyone. I support Net Neutrality and the FCC should stand with the people and the majority on this issue.
—Ryan May, Draper, UT

The playing field needs to remain level for all companies! Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality.
—Sara Laffin, Bloomfield Hills, MI

Net Neutrality is a good policy and easy to enforce. It is far, far better than a government agency occupied by representatives of ISPs who make arbitrary judgements about how best to regulate ISPs. I am disgusted with Tom Wheeler and the corruption he symbolizes.
—Eric Paul Jacobsen, West Saint Paul, MN

keep the internet tax free and equal axcess for all
—Paul C, E Orleans, MA

The American people will be negatively affected by the proposed loss of net neutrality. I deeply dispute the proposed rules and ask that the committee decide against them.
—Yoseff Ben-Yehuda, New York, NY

Our business depends upon being able to have access to our financial institutions as well as doing research for products and new innovative ideas that we can use for patients. Reporting to mandatory agencies are only allowed by internet. Since we also live on a very small island, our shopping is done on-line. We don't have the time or the money to be going to the mainland for our necessary items, food as well as household items and clothing. It's not broke, why should we have it changed if only for the greedy people that want even more money that they do not deserve, especially if they are not providing services that poorer than what other countries have.
—Ruth Martinez, Avalon, CA

Keep the internet out of the hands of corporations and in the hands of the people.
—Adrienne Philpart, Oakland, CA

The internet is to the 21st Century as electricity was to the 20th. Make the net a common carrier!
—Josh W Rosentreter, Plymouth, IN

Reclassifying ISPs as common carriers is common sense.
—Dale Axelrod, Petaluma, CA

The internet is currently my only income. I am a small reseller of used goods and I can't imagine being shut out of my livelihood because I don't have money to pay for access. When you cut people out , you will be putting people on the street. I am willing to work hard and I already do so please don't take my business away or make it unaccessible
—Caroline Luley, Cape Canaveral, FL

I don't know where to begin but the most important reason is obvious - I don't want to pay more money than I already am.
—Dan, northeast, PA

The net was put together form thousands of people and businesses. The companies that want to 'own' it would be stealing it. They would have a completely running 'business' created by other people. That is stealing in my world view. do not allow this to happen. The ultra rich peple do not need to own it all.
—Vivianne Mosca-Clark, Williams, OR

Dear Chairman Wheeler, I'm writing to you as a citizen who is deeply concerned about the direction the FCC may take with regards to ISPs. As both a consumer and a technology worker, I rely on the Internet not only as a source of entertainment and information, but also a way to communicate with colleagues and customers. As someone who is fighting Lyme disease, I spend most of my time at home, with the Internet as my primary means of communication and the only means by which I'm able to remain employed. In an average day, I log into my company's virtual private network (VPN) to securely do my work over the Internet, and later in the day I may watch something on Netflix. Suffice to say, the Internet is an important part of my life. I'd like to go on record by saying that I think ISPs should be able to make money. They put a lot of money into building out an important piece of infrastructure that benefits all citizens and they should be able to recoup their investments and make money in the process. I also believe that ISPs have a right, and maybe even a responsibility, to ensure that all traffic is given a fair chance to make it through their network. This necessarily means watching out for services that are using an inordinate amount of bandwidth that may prevent other data from making it through. I want ISPs to protect customers from this situation. I'm aware that Netflix traffic is growing to be a significant portion of all Internet traffic. I realize how this can affect ISPs financially and also how it can negatively affect other types of Internet traffic. If I was unable to log into my bank or my work VPN because too many people were watching House of Cards, I'd be pretty upset. At the same time, it frightens me to see the way that ISPs such as Comcast have dealt with this situation. Instead of being open about it, they started throttling the Netflix service, leaving customers confused and angry. When consumers pay for Internet service to their homes, there is an implicit guarantee of delivering all traffic the same way. We are paying for the gateway to the public Internet and then we expect the ISP to get out of the way so we can have the content we request. By throttling Netflix traffic, Comcast broke this implicit agreement, harming customers in the process. The ISPs repeatedly talk about having a "fast lane" option, where services can pay extra money for the right to have faster speeds. In reality, what ISPs have done is not offer a new fast lane, but instead, they have added a new slow lane and shifted traffic to it. The charge, therefore, is to get back into the "normal" lane that they were on before. Consumers, in the meantime, are confused as to why they are paying for a 1.5mbps connection that is delivering only 256kbps for one or more services. If this trend continues, it will further confuse the consumer market because each ISP will be free to transmit data from any service at any speed they so desire. Further, without strict guidelines, there is nothing preventing ISPs from arbitrarily shifting traffic into the slow lane whenever they choose, effectively turning the Internet into a toll bridge where if you don't pay, your Internet business suffers. You've probably heard the argument that ISPs will self-regulate, because if consumers get too frustrated, they will switch ISPs. In reality, few consumers have true choice when it comes to ISPs. In many places, the choices are between two companies with near-monopoly power: the cable and telephone companies. In Mountain View, California, where I live, my choices are Comcast and AT&T. Having a choice between two gigantic companies that couldn't care less if I was a customer isn't really a choice. What's more, because these two compete on a national level as well as local, if one of them behaves in such a way that makes more money, the other is likely to follow. If one sees the other effectively extorting millions of dollars from a content provider, the other is likely to follow suit. After all, the number of customers that would have to switch ISPs to generate the same amount of money is extraordinarily high. And when both ISPs in a region are throttling traffic arbitrarily to extort millions of dollar from content providers, what other choice do I have? What's to prevent ISPs from throttling VPN traffic? Or traffic to delivery services that disabled Americans rely on? The one thing we all know for sure about capitalism is that monopolistic companies do not act with the best interests of the consumer in mind. These large ISPs are achingly close to being monopolies, and they cannot be trusted to self-regulate. ISPs need government regulation to ensure that fair pricing models are applied to Internet traffic and that ISPs are not allowed to decide which traffic gets which speed without oversight. We need rules that will both protect consumers from the deceptive ISP practices of throttling certain traffic while also allowing ISPs to charge more when a particular service is taking up an inordinate amount of bandwidth. One such solution would be to disallow bandwidth throttling or extra charges for any service that falls beneath a particular percentage of total ISP monthly bandwidth use. This would protect new businesses and popular web sites from extra charges, as well as encouraging existing services to more closely monitor their bandwidth usage. Once a particular service's bandwidth usage crosses the percentage threshold, there should be a buffer zone between that threshold and the one at which the service must pay more to be switched to a "fast lane". The intent of that buffer zone is so that ISPs have time to inform the service of their bandwidth usage before new charges kick in, and services have time to either prepare to pay more or to adjust their services to use less bandwidth. This is just one solution of many that will be available to you. The key aspects of this solution, and of any truly fair solution are: ISP transparency about when new charges will apply Regulations establishing what traffic may not be throttled or charged more Protecting consumers for the near-monopolistic behavior of ISPs in many parts of the country Mr. Chairman, I know my voice is just one of the many you have and will continue to hear during the next few months, but I hope you will consider the importance of regulating what has become an important piece of our country's infrastructure. We cannot let ISPs continue to dictate terms based on their own preferences without negatively affecting consumers and businesses that rely on the Internet.
—Jasmine Kostraba, Los Angeles, CA

This is not the time for you to regulate something else so you can decide what's important enough to deserve fast internet and what deserves slower. WHAT IS THIS, 1984? This is complete and utter bullshit and the thing is, you KNOW that. If corporations are people now, (which is also bullshit) then why aren't all websites created equal? Why don't all servers and sites deserve equal speed. The internet is about bringing information, art, communication skills, culture, humor, all into a global arena to share and learn from. (Also porn) You can't slow down some information or culture by saying it's less important. You can't have the amount someone can pay be the deciding factor in the speed their site gets. You can't regulate information that isn't yours to regulate. Sit down, shut up, and leave my internet alone.
—Kate Young, Old Harbor, AK

The Internet is not for sale, to think that this is an issue is outrageous in itself.
—Josh Birdsell, Milton, GA

Net neutrality is important to ne because I want freedom to look at whatever I choose. I don't want corporations choosing what websites I am able to go to.
—Denise Ure, Seattle, WA

This kind of harmful idiocy is exactly why other countries have such a low opinion of American politics. Stop letting big bank run policy, and keep the Internet as a level playing field--just as it should be!
—Jason Baker, Springfield, KS

A two-tier internet would be yet another way to increase the destructive gap between the rich and poor; another corrosive element eating away at all that is (was) good in our country. The non-rich amongst us have had our heads kicked enough already. There is no need to further step on our necks, except to demonstrate again the contempt the government feels for the citizens.
—Jerry Barenholtz, Carbondale, CO

Net Neutrality is important to me because as someone who regularly takes part in things using the internet such as "Netflix" and "YouTube", there is no reason why any Internet Service Provider should be able to limit my access to these resources. The internet should be free, and with that, there should not be multiple ISPs, we need one overall ISP to deliver Internet without limits or restrictions.
—Travis, labelle, FL

DO NOT MESS WITH THE FOUNDING PRINCIPLE OF TH EINTERNET. IF THEY GET AWAY WITH IT IN AMERICA IT WILL SPREAD TO THE REST IF THE WORLD.
—Jennifer Higgo, oAKHAM,

The FCC should stand up to support the American Citizen and consumer, and not support the ISP industry. The FCC should reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Marc Zampetti, New York, NY

Dear FCC, I am openly opposed to the option of allowing multiple lanes of internet speeds. I currently use Comcast cable, but this is not really my choice. I have NO other options for high speed internet. I require a fast internet speed for a variety of reasons and my only other options besides Comcast, for where I live, are smaller companies that only offer Broadband with a maximum speed of 20Mbps. The problem I see is not only will the deal with Comcast hurt consumers and businesses alike, but also that there aren't enough options for high speed internet. Comcast has horrible customer service and if given the opportunity I would switch providers immediately. Current laws needs to be rewritten to allow for the growth of alternatives to giants like Comcast while preventing cable companies from having control over the telecommunication service. Thank you for your time.
—Brandon Smith, Greensburg, IN

Net neutrality is fair. do not allow providers to control the speed at which you receive content.
—Nicole Havekost, Rochester, MN

Because I wouldn't have met so many of the friends I have today if i was forced to pay.
—Erin Peacock, Derby,

I disagree with a 2 tier system and believe it will be detrimental to internet usage as we now know it. It will allow BIG BUSINESS to have too much power (aka Monopoly). I disagree with this proposal. I was not aware of the proposed changes but will be actively sending out to others so they have the knowledge and can submit their opinions, as well.
—Roberta, Sarasota, FL

I believe the open internet should remain in effect. Large corporations should not have faster internet service than anyone else. The playing field should be the same for everyone.
—Brenda Zobeck, Cedar Rapids, IA

everyone deserves the same speed and same download get the cable company out of the goverments pockets
—John, fairfield, OH

Dear FCC, I am opposed to the current proposed solution for "Protecting and Promoting the Open Internet." As it stands, the current proposal does not prevent prioritizing some content over others. The wishes of the users should also trump the desires of the broadband service providers. Please do not adopt the current proposal. Instead, allow the public to present an alternative. Thank you for your consideration, Dave Johnson
—David Johnson, Somerville, MA

I have protected the United States of America as a soldier and I have found that if it is not broken, then do not fix it. Leave the freedom of the internet alone; however, assign service providers the ability to protect our children from pornography with a free computer program that would shield them from that evil. I just want the freedom of choice and the competition of big business to remain as I also do not want Time Warner and Comcast to merge together; thus, increasing the cost of service.
—Bryan Kane, Springfield, TN

Net Neutrality is extremely important in order to keep a free and open internet. Without it innovation and entrepreneurship will suffer greatly.
—Brad Wallick, Osmond, NE

I'm really not trying to get fucked in yet ANOTHER way by people who make way more money than me who simply want to make EVEN MORE money by fucking over people like me without that kind of revenue. have some goddamn empathy. seriously, leave my fucking internet alone. don't fix something that isn't broken. you have enough money already. i promise.
—Kirsten Jo, Cambridge, MA

The internet is an informational and social networking tool that needs to remain fast and impartial for all users. A multi-tiered system based on price/ability to pay is unconscionable and harmful. The internet is NOT cable or satellite TV and should not be regulated as such.
—Penelope Mazza, FAIRFIELD, IA

Do the right thing, and do not limit "high speed" internet to only those who can afford it. Preventing net neutrality almost sounds like an attempt to gentrify the internet. In all the power you have, please help, and stop this from happening.
—Kyle Benjamin, San Francisco, CA

The Net belongs to us not BIG BUSINESS
—Martin Olinick, West Hills, CA

The public is for Net Neutrality, major American communication corporation are for Net Neutrality and I suspect that both branches of the legislature are for Net Neutrality. Please keep Net Neutrality.
—Robert Fletcher, Austin, TX

Paying for an internet traffic to be neutral , is NOT the same as a neutral internet. Internet users paying more to ensure equality of net traffic is nothing more than corporate discrimination and does not support innovation or the freedom of speech among internet users.
—John Howson IV, Phoenixville, PA

I'm commenting to urge Chairman Wheeler to scrap the FCC's plan to allow Internet service providers to charge for preferential treatment. These rules would destroy Net Neutrality. I urge the chairman to throw them out and instead reclassify broadband as a telecommunications service. This is the only way to restore real Net Neutrality.
—Wanching Huang, Urbana, IL

You are promoting pay-to-play! You are supposed to protect U.S. citizens, not be at the beck and call of corporations. CORPORATIONS ARE NOT PEOPLE! ISPs (internet service providers) ARE NOT PEOPLE, THEY ARE COMMON CARRIERS. Are you people being offered lucrative jobs with the ISPs on the condition that you destroy Net neutrality? If not, prove it -- throw out your proposed rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Paulette Johnston, Santa Fe, NM

The reason Net Neutrality needs to stay in affect is because it is unfair. It's not right, because the standard of living is higher then the standard of pay. The Internet has become part of a standard living, and with some families not making a whole lot of money due to the economy would hurt them. Also, why should Comcast, Verzion, AT&T, and whoever be the ones who allowed to pick chose, who gets the benefit of a great Internet speed to a dirt road basically. The Internet was created to be free, so many people around the world can spread news, talk etc. If you take that ability way people may leave the Internet.
—Justin Oliver, Dresden, TN

Throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers!!! Protect my internet!
—Tom Liou, Mountain View, CA

The internet is one of the few places where true democratic processes exist. The population of content viewers decides what succeeds, not corporations. Allowing ISPs to change the rules in favor of well established players is devastating. I will not be voting for any politician that supports this, and I will be switching from Comcast to a local provider because of this.
—Jason Goraki, berkeley, CA

I strongly oppose allowing any prioritization of data by internet providers. At this point, the internet should be considered a utility (or even a right, as some other nations have adopted) that is not limited or discriminated against based on what the usage is.
—Yuri Kim, Seattle, WA

Dear FCC, we need net nautrality! -A free and open internet protects the freedom of speech! -A free and open internet promotes innovation and the spread of ideas -A free and open internet drives entrepeneurship! -A free and open internet prevents "walled gardens" with unfair pricing practices and service blockage. -A free and open internet stimulates and challenges ISP service competition The internet is the most important technology of our time and thus should never fall into the hands of major corporations Hope you decide wisely.
—Jan-Willem Beekmans, Den Bosch,

Net Neutrality is not just about consumers being able to easily access content: The most important issue is maintaining the freedom of the internet as a means of publishing information. As the internet has become the single most important means of communication in 21st century America, losing the freedom of the internet threatens free speech entirely. The FCC must reclassify ISPs as common carriers so that ISPs cannot jeopardize the freedom of the internet with discriminatory policies. The idea that non-fast-lane quality of service will not be affected is completely flawed. It is inevitable that, to improve the proper functioning of their services, content distribution companies will agree to pay ISPs for use of fast lanes, as Netflix has already done. When enough companies do this, as they are being forced to do, enough speeds for content are increased that there is much less pressure on the ISPs to upgrade infrastructure in the non-fast-lane category, and as the quality of the fast lanes continues to increase, the non-fast-lanes will not evolve accordingly, and the gap between access to the internet as a means of publishing for those who pay up to the ISPs and for those who cannot will widen. When the slow lanes, as they would inevitably become, are so slow that they cease to even approach being reasonable means of publishing content, the internet will cease to be a free means of communication, and become a service ruled by corporate interests. Allowing the creation of the fast lanes will have the effect of perpetuating poor internet service quality. Users are demanding an increase in quality of service, and rather than meet this demand through investment in new infrastructure, the response of ISPs is to provide higher speeds on a selective, discriminatory basis. This leaves unsolved the real problem, which is that they are charging unreasonable prices for poor quality compared to what is easily accomplished in other countries. What is really going on is that the ISPs are manipulating the law to simultaneously allow themselves to neglect to solve this problem and to charge even more for internet access in the process as they add fees for fast-lane users.
—Mr. Theron Tarigo, Lagunitas, CA

New Neutrality is the only way to guarantee the survival of our democracy. The giant corporations already own our television and newspapers. They want to take over the internet, too, and they will because they can pay more.
—Dee Emrich, Arlington, TX

The internet has become vital to the lives of almost all Americans; it is necessary for most of us in terms of work, education, research, consumerism, entertainment, etc. ISPs should be and must be common carriers. Allowing for paid "fast" and "slow" lanes is discriminatory. It is imperative that the FCC use its regulatory powers so that the internet remains neutral and open. Giving a few giant corporations the power to decide who gets "better" internet is anathema to a free society.
—Janet Dunson, NY, NY

Net neutrality maintains an open channel for exchange of ideas and helps prevent monopolies which are detrimental to our democracies.
—John Atkinson, Los Altos, CA

The proposed rules would only increase the inequality that is this country's deepest problems. Money talks enough in the US as it is. We should not allow it to command privileges on the Internet.
—Julius Novick, New York, NY

Please classify ISP as common carriers. I believe that if goes through, people who are on a fixed income will suffer. The way it is now, FAIR. Please leave alone.
—Terry Ruediger, Lake Ozark, MO

Please don't let greedy corporations ruin the internet for my children.
—Matthew Jackson, Denver, CO

Internet must continue to be the same price for rich and the poor. The internets fairness is one of our primary sources of evening the playing field across the world, it helps little companies compete with larger ones, it helps someones point of view go viral, it must be equal and accessible and as quick for all . I have seen the power of information that is accessible and available… please do not make it slower for the poor. Please, it is essential that it remain the same, for all.
—Judy Nelson, phila, PA

For many people in this country, the internet is how we access the services that are otherwise provided by common carriers.To ignore that, and treat the internet as though it is only an optional commodity, and not as though it is essentially a utility, is to damage the economy, innovation, and the lives of taxpayers for the short-term gain of some (already incredibly wealthy) businesses. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Jessica Holman, Seattle, WA

The FCC's proposed Internet rules are out — and they're terrible
—Profet24, Saragoza,

Leave net neutral alone!!!!
—Donna, surfside, SC

We must keep the Internet free and a level playing field. Any other outcome guarantees that the free flow of ideas will be abridged.
—Janet Logan, Ellenwood, GA

I believe that we deserve the right to let companies live and die on the merits of their quality of service, and not whether they can pay to have the competitors harder to make use of.
—Aidan Murphy, Chicago, IL

The Internet was supposed to be the great equalizer - the arena in which anyone and everyone has a voice. Net Neutrality is freedom of information - taking that away is taking away a basic human right.
—Hanie Wang, Houston, TX

As an educator I am very concerned for my students who will not be able to afford the internet in their homes! It is a social justice issue, pure and simple!
—Susan Winchell, alb, NM

i don't want yal taking over the internet telling me what i can and can't do and restricting my freedom of speech Net Neutrality keeps the internet for the use of the people and not government overstepping its bounds under the guise of helping us.
—Joseph Blazek, Spring, TX

I pay for them to bring the data to me, why are they charging again to deliver it.
—James Porter, Binghamton, NY

It is imperative that the internet remain neutral. It is important that start-ups and aspiring entrepreneurs have the same opportunities as large corporations to do business on the internet. I fully support the idea that the FCC should cease and desist all talks of this so-called "two-tier system", which is blatantly and obviously a means to facilitate a form of discrimination, and instead reclassify broadband as 'telecommunications' under Title II of the Communications Act. I and many others think it would be best to designate internet service providers as "common carriers". Though, no matter how we solve this issue, this proposed "two-tier system" is just flat out wrong and I, along with many other Americans oppose the proposal vehemently.
—Joseph E. Crook, Virginia Beach, VA

The internet is a wonderful resource and monetizing it further will benefit service providers but harm the public. Thank you for respecting the sanctity of this precious resource.
—Darrik Carlson, Highland, CA

T.V. is controlled and provides a very narrow window to the world. Everyone deserves access to the knowledge that will broaden their horizons and make them more understanding, as well as confident.
—Melanie Jagdeo, Houston, TX

The best avenue of free speech and information must remain accessible to all. Keep the internet Neutral.
—Ellen, Rakvere,

This is my request that ISPs be reclassified as common carriers.
—Eric, Austin, TX

Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers and protect net neutrality. Help ensure that people are able to maintain equal access to all all internet content, and don't allow internet service companies to charge more for fast access to content and services.
—Meghan Valentich, Pittsburgh, PA

New Neutrality is important because if the internet becomes like cable it will be forever destroyed. Their is absolutely no reason to do this and it is completely a money and control grab for ISPs and communication companies. Stop moving America backward and do your jobs. You are supposed to be representing the public!
—Seku Brathwaite, Chicago, IL

I am for net neutrality. Throw out any rules or proposals that will change this. Also, reclassify IPS's as the common carrier.
—Maggie Watson, Mendocino, CA

Net Neutrality is of the utmost importance because the open forum allows for the sharing of ideas and opinions that can better society as a whole. The internet is a form of communication and expression that should be protected under the First Amendment.
—Christopher Gorgone, Worcester, MA

Please preserve net neutrality -- our democracy depends on it.
—Nicole Denison, Madison, WI

Stated simply, the absence of net neutrality guarantees that the 5% who now receive 80% of the income will be able to control mass communications in the USA. The fact that our Government could even think this is acceptable is unconsiable!
—Craig Safley, oceanside, CA

In this day and age, the internet is very important. It's how 90% of companies hire new employees. We use the internet to pay our bills and file our taxes. But now, the prices are so very high for basic service that most of the population cannot afford it. Those that can have to juggle bills around just to try making ends meet. Worst part of it all? The service that we pay for, the service that we need in order to be successful in this day and age, is the same service that will not work 90% of the time. On average, people will pay AT&T, Verizon, Comcast, and others anywhere from $50/month to $500/month for high speed service. Sadly, that service is not reliable because no one wants to hold these companies accountable. I personally have a connection with AT&T U-Verse. My connection is so poor, that I can barley watch a video, let alone submit a job application. But Why? I pay over $200/month for their "basic" package. I call in to complain about the slow internet speeds every other week. I have technicians come to my home 2-3 times per month to "repair" my service... Let's take a moment though. The above statement... That's WITH Net Neutrality!! What will happen when this is taken away? Well, for one, my bill will skyrocket to $500 or more per month, my service will be far less, and I'll probably have to reply on a library or work connection in order to even see Google... Please, we beg of you, make it stop! Make these companies accountable for their actions. Don't give them the freedom to screw us over more.
—Sara S, Hilliard, OH

Why would you want to mess with the internet when it is fine the way it is? You are allowing money (big business) to buy favoritism for themselves. We have enough of that!
—Willow Feigum, Glenwood, MN

The Internet was funded by public dollars and the FCC is supposed to represent the interest of the people. To do anything but declare that the Net is now akin to a public utility is counter to the public interest. It is especially a disservice to the administration's efforts to improve public education. Schools that do a great job at media, information, and digital literacy education use the Net in ways that would be devastated by allowing telecom utilities to provide a tiered service that would relegate poor school districts with limited budgets to a permanently inferior service. The claims of the companies who champion this fee structure are nonsense. The FCC's own current investigation will surely reveal that currently existing technology can provide more than enough capacity for all the traffic to travel at high streaming speeds. What are you going to do when you find that this is the case but the window for declaring the Net to be a public utility has closed because of your decision allowing a tiered pricing structure? Don't let that happen. Recognize the Net for what it is - a publicly developed critical resource for citizens living in a digital world. In my book, that makes it a public utility and declaring it to be anything else is an intentional deception that serves a few large corporate interests at the expense of the rest of us.
—Faith Rogow, Ithaca, NY

The net neutral internet is a powerful tool in fighting for freedom against corrupt governments. Looking at examples like Ukraine and Egypt we see protestors organizing and rallying through social networks. Our forefathers put in checks to give the people power in order to insure the people control the goverment, and not the other way around. Net neutrality is a powerful tool of freedom for Americans that insures free speech.
—Dexter Shankle, Bloomington, IN

Net Neurtality is important for me because the internet is my primary source of entertainment as satellite/cable has become too costly to afford. I let my satellite go in favor of companies such as Netflix and Hulu Plus because it's by far more affordable and much more user friendly. If you vote to remove net neutrality, you are basically spitting in my face and telling me that I, an American citizen(whom the overwhelming majority also support net neutrality), do not matter to you and instead you are siding with communications giants and of course, money. Prove your loyalty to the American citizen and vote down this proposed bill.
—Richard Lewis, sandy hook, KY

Maintain free and open access to the internet, without discriminatory pricing policies that will only hurt small business owners like me. If we all have to take the same highway to get to work, why would you treat different segments of taxpayers differently. Net Neutrality is important
—Bruce Asanoff, winter springs, FL

The USA created the internet as we know it (aka arpanet). If we allow ISP's to control who gets access we will become second to other nations who maintain an open internet. Do you want the next big thing like facebook to be something that comes from china or japan or worse. Please reclassify ISP's as common carriers. I dont use a landline phone anymore I have VOIP phone service. If you let the ISP's do what they want my bill will go up & as it is I only have ONE ISP (comcrap) & no other choice in my town & I live in chicago. DONT BE A TOOL FOR THE ISP's they are just like a phone company but can send more then just a call or fax...
—George Henry, Midlothian, IL

DO NOT LET INTERNET PROVIDERS MESS WITH INTERNET DOWNLOAD SPEED!!! RECLASSIFY ISPs AS COMMON CARRIERS!!!!!!!!!!
—Katherine, MOUNTAIN HOME, ID

Throw out the rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Nick, palmdale, CA

Corporate America should not be allowed to discriminate on the net, Preserve net neutrality.
—John Gray, SLC, UT

my entire class believes the internet is a place of free information and cooperation! save the internet! Keep Net Neutrality!
—Mikee Dorsett, Daphne, AL

Net neutrality is critical to leveling the playing field for EVERYONE, not only the rich. The rich already have better access to everything. Let's not include internet access.
—Tamara DuJardin, Maitland, FL

The Internet was built and financed by the American Taxpayer- There are now 5 or 6 huge telecom companies that own all radio, televised and written communication- This flat out stinks!!! War monger Collin Powell's son, Michael, as head of the FCC is responsible for this beheading of our Democracy- The only avenue for REAL News and Democracy left for an informed American people is the Internet- The Internet, again, bought, paid for and owned by the American taxpayer is A COMMON CARRIER and needs to be designated as such!!! Anything less is borderline treason and theft from the American people- The Internet, in short, A FREE Internet, is the last stand for Democracy in this once Great Land- Anything short of the Internet being designated as A "Common Carrier" is unacceptable to our Democratic values as A Nation and our Freedoms and Liberties as A People... Keep the Internet open, Free and designated as A "Common Carrier", nothing you do in life can be more important to our Country than this!!!! Regards, Stuart R. Sneed
—Stuart Rodney Sneed, Manistee, MI

Throw out the proposed rules ending Net Neutrality and keep the internet free from discrimination. If it isn't broken don't fix it!!!!!!! For users it isn't broken. Verizon, AT&T, Comcast, and Time Warner make enough money as it is.
—Waite Campbell, Willis, TX

Dear FCC, NET NEUTRALITY IS IMPORTANT BECAUSE FUCK YOU, THATS WHY.
—Deon Griggs, Tulsa, OK

Net Neutrality is the last stronghold to the age of communication for the world. If internet providers are given access to control the amount of data for users, then it will be nearly impossible to disengage ISP policies from using this power for profitability. I value my freedom within the internet, and do not take well to someone regulating my access to an otherwise free platform, for their profit.
—Claudia Carbonero, Miami, FL

I'm a libertarian, and a realist. I believe in capitalism, but not unfettered. This is why I believe: 1. Internet is the utility of the 21st century, and should be treated/regulated like one. There should be one price/speed for everyone. If you consume more you pay more; the price is for the quantity, not quality. 2. Mobile is the appliance of the 21st century, and the only way it can access internet - the 21st century utility, is through wireless connections, and therefore net neutrality should apply to wireless as well as wired connections. Much of the innovation lately has been because of, and paralleled, the rise of internet. It is interesting to note that the hub of innovation -'Silicon Valley is for net neutrality, while old established businesses like AT&T and Verizon - who see their control slipping away, are against it.
—Atul Barry, Seymour, IN

If the mammoth Comcast succeeds in buying chief rival Time Warner Cable, it will have unmatched power , It will have a monopoly on the Television and the Internet industries. monopoly |məˈ näpəlē| noun (pl. monopolies) 1 the exclusive possession or control of the supply or trade in a commodity or service: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/F ile:I_Like_a_Little_Competitio n.jpg A monopoly (from Greek monos μόνος (alone or single) + polein πωλεν (to sell)) exists when a specific person or enterprise is the only supplier of a particular commodity (this contrasts with a monopsony which relates to a single entity's control of a market to purchase a good or service, and with oligopoly which consists of a few entities dominating an industry).[2] Monopolies are thus characterized by a lack of economic competition to produce the good or service and a lack of viable substitute goods.[3] The verb "monopolise" refers to the process by which a company gains the ability to raise prices or exclude competitors. In economics, a monopoly is a single seller. In law, a monopoly is a business entity that has significant market power, that is, the power to charge high prices.[4] Although monopolies may be big businesses, size is not a characteristic of a monopoly. A small business may still have the power to raise prices in a small industry (or market).[4] The FCC has to throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Lonnie Avery, Greemville, NY

Please do not create a 2 tier system. The internet is good the way it is and changing it the way proposed would open it up to much manipulation. Keep ISPs as common carriers.
—David Van Dame, SALT LAKE CITY, UT

i think it's quite obvious
—Jesse Lucas, Portland, OR

I am applaud by the greed that is being demonstrated by the cable companies in their attempt to further influence how consumers use the internet. I support an open internet and hope it will remain the same without the unnecessary interruption by the cable companies, who will have the ability to legally slow down service in order to push their own internal initiatives. Hopefully the FCC will listen to consumers and not cable companies who already have a monopoly on the market in several areas. We are already at their mercy in every region because we have no option but to choose them as our provider. In other countries, internet service is a lot lower, faster and reliable. This only shows that the cable companies are motivated by greed and don't care about consumers. If they consider or care about the impact this will have on consumers we would not be having this conversation.
—Delroy James, Cooper City, FL

The internet should remain free and open. It should have limits where you have to pay for a micro-transaction to get a slightly faster speed than other people. It shouldn't be controlled by the US or any government, it should be equal and fair to everyone around the world!
—Orlando Andersson, Schenectady, NY

the knowledge should be available to all EVEN the poor!
—William Brown, Jonesborough, TN

There is not multiple lanes for my crapper, or my faucet, my electric or my road ways. THERE SHOULD ONLY BE ONE EQUAL SPEED FOR ALL ON THE INTERNET!!!!
—Robert Birch, Orlando, FL

Putting the internet ISPs up as ANYTHING other than what it is, a common carrier is INSANE. If it LOOKS like a duck and quacks like a duck, and waddles like a duck, it's 99.999+% certain it IS a duck, and not an alien from outer space disguised as a duck. ISPs are common carriers. They should be REGULATED as such. The FCC should handle the regulation. If the ISPs don't want to BE regulated, let them find a different business to be in. SIMPLE as that. The cable industry is acting like a low-competition industry, scaling back investment and plowing its profits into dividends and share buybacks and merger efforts. NOT making it a common carrier will only make this trend WORSE. As it is now, there are many rural areas and even big cities where we are light years BEHIND countries like South Korea! Come on! Do something RIGHT! Regulate these turkeys! DEMAND minimal services to customers, period!
—Kimberly C. Rife, Milford Center, OH

Net Neutrality is important to me as a citizen, consumer and servicer in United States. As a citizen, equally sped access to news/educational content and news/educational content I created on the Internet has made it and will make it more possible that this country will have a more informed citizenry to think critically in decision making, prioritize and better resolve issues in a democratic republic government. I believe this could save lives and improve the quality of life. As a consumer and servicer, equally sped access to commercial content and commercial content from me throughout Internet brings about innovation and jobs, which improves the US economy to be on par with or better than other nations in the global economy. I disagree with the FCC approval of the proposal on May 15, 2014 related to paid priority on the Internet as currently written. I strongly urge the FCC to reclassify the broadband Internet Service Providers as common telecommunication utility carriers. Please do this reclassification as soon as possible with sufficient enforceable regulation.
—Joel V Fears Jr, Daytona Beach, FL

The Internet will lose its tremendous power to promote education, innovation, and participatory democracy if we let service providers treat content differently depending on how much content providers can pay. The big service providers want to squeeze even more profits out of people and businesses any way they can. Don't let them. Protect Net Neutrality.
—Anais Tuepker, Portland, OR

Dear FCC Chairman Wheeler and Members of Congress: These proposed rules would destroy access to all to vital information. Allowing internet service providers to SLOW DOWN access to media & information unless one pays top dollar does not make sense the majority of Americans -- who use the internet for access to news, education, entertainment, money, communication with loved ones etc. Hurting their ability to access these products and services or reduces the quality of their experience - will continue to frustrate, alienate and dehumanize our lower economic citizens. Additionally this proposed ruling reduces competition for currently established heavy weights in the space, hurts non profits and all of us humans from the reduced creativity and thoughtful voices when they no longer have the tools to create or be found and heard. I am therefore urging the FCC to scrap these proposed rules and instead restore the principle of online nondiscrimination by reclassifying broadband as a telecommunications service.
—Mary Baker, Marina Del REY, CA

The FCC has allowed plenty of consolidation of Communication companies to the point of dismal service. We are talking near monoplies here. This can't happen to the internet. The ISPs must be reclassified as common carries and the FCC must REGULATE them rather than ok every change of rules these ISPs desire!!!
—Jerry Goggiel, Vacaville, CA

Their most likely will be many adverse consequences to allowing the oligopoly of US internet providers to charge additional fees for the on ramp. I am strongly against giving these companies even more powers. The already make money hand over fist and there is no justification for removing net neutrality.
—Leslie Murphy, Erie, CO

Net Neutrality is important to me because when I grow up, I want to make games. For these games, I want to have a website for my developers to post updates on the games, have a merchandise store, etc. Without Net Neutrality I wouldn't be able to afford the premium that I have to pay to Comcast, and I wouldn't be able to run the website unless my game got famous, which is incredibly hard to do. If nothing else, isn't this America? Isn't this nation built off of the principles of freedom and equality? We fought a war from 1861-1864 over equality. Currently, we are fighting another one against a monopoly. Please name one competitor to Comcast. I challenge you to do that.
—Nick Mazzaro, Cleves, OH

It's a disgrace to the freedom of information to charge people for use of the internet on pre delegates websites like it's television. This is just another way to keep the people who are economically challenged down and keep the rich richer and the poor poorer.
—Charles Brandon Trible, Las Vegas, NV

The FCC's proposed internet rules are anti-American bullsh*t!!! No, No, No!!!
—Nicholas Takach, Tulsa, OK

Open communication, and dialogue, much like education, is and should be a right of the American people. This is what makes us great. This is what enables us to make innovations, discoveries, and file new patents. We are able to watch the same netflix shows together on the nights we want, easily, and discuss them the next day at international meetings where we need common ground. We need net neutrality for reasons as complicated as open dialogue and free educational videos, and as simple as being able to share small moments on youtube with each other that we can use to relate. Giving massive corporations control over how people can access it and how quickly is bad for small business, bad for students, and bad for government. If this country is for the people, then the internet should be as well. It should be for the people, not the corporation/monopolies.
—Diana Farnsworth, Anacortes, WA

Net Neutrality helps me communicate with family across the country as well as my school work. But now you want to charge companies like Skype and others to get data to me quicker. It's a Shame congress continues to sell out to corporate greed and lobbying schemes. There is a lot to improve upon in this nation, but we are more worried about lining the pockets of CEOs and these cable monopolies. Net neutrality is what makes the Internet so unique, everyone has equal opportunity. The Internet is not like an airplane where there are first classes and economy seating. Please keep net neutrality for the sake of future generations and for equality on the Internet.
—Stephen, Leicester, NC

if approved, these rules would mean the end of net neutrality!
—Eugene O. Swartz Sr., silverhill, AL

Initial capital helps you have a better life standards, human history is based on inheritence. Internet is the material transposition of many fundamental rights such as freedom of speech and equality between humans. It is the best way every human on Earth can communicate with eachother (even if the NSA records it). If capitalism as it works now fully takes over this tool, it prohibits us from drawing a new and more efficient world (which seems to be a critical issue for the forthcoming years). If the cost of infrastructures were to prevent operators from generating profits, I believe the ICANN (for the US) could find a solution (helping build a more efficient network thanks to the money they received when they sold the new generic top level domains). Regarding the infrastructure itself, as it seems to be the critical point on the fast lane side, operators should prioritize economies of scale every time they can, partnering with their competitors in building the best antennas and satellites.
—Maxime Getten, Bordeaux,

Free Speech, protect the little guy
—Bonnie Hanmore, Midland,

I believe the internet should be reclassified as a common carrier so that it is regulated like other utilities. Americans now rely on the internet daily for news and information and most pay an adequate if not high price to the ISPs for the service. We talk a lot about free speech in this country, and the internet is our greatest example of that right. Steps should be taken to protect this right of expression by prohibiting ISPs from introducing fast and slow lanes to consumers since we are already paying for their services. We are more than just consumers and have a right to use the product we are paying for without being herded like a bunch of sheep.
—Annette Beatty, Belding, MI

In my opinion, Fair use of the internet for all citizens is extremely critical for the health and progress of our country. This cannot become a service based on "haves" and "have nots" while our mega media corporations become ever more powerful and richer. We live in a high tech area 1/2 mi from the city limits. We have no cable access other than satellite. We only have wifi internet service that is very expensive and does not allow us enough speed for my husband to continue working for a company that is moving their work tasks to home based Internet. WE also cannot stream videos. There has been no improvement or expansion to our services in the 30 years we have lived in our house, yet there is a high speed dal line that goes thru our back yard to the school down the road. We cannot tap into using it because the Provider reportedly has told township officials " we don't handle residential customers"! These townships have been divided up by media providers. Our area is apparently designated a Comcast area, but there is no Comcast service and no other competition is allowed. This is extremely unfair in my opinion. I urge the FCC to designate the Internet a COMMON CARRIER and start encouraging big media companies to expand services to all!
—Susan Ericksen, Ann Arbor, MI

Fairness is a rare commodity. We have it on the internet. Why would we want to lose it? Please define this service as a utility and regulate it as such.
—Ellen K Tutt, Camden, AR

internet ftw
—Kyle Maclean, Nottingham Road,

Like roads and telephones I cannot imagine a future where a content neutral, basic level of access, is not available to most people that use the internet.
—Michael A Shawl, Verona, WI

Net Neutrality is the last bastion of democracy. With every other communication medium becoming economically more expensive and its content manipulated and monitored, the Internet is all we have left to find the truth and announce our opinion. With the abolition of Net Neutrality, the ISPs will have the power to stifle free speech. The Internet will transform from a diverse, rich rain-forest into a toll rigged highway with paid billboards, and where our travel, exits and entrances will no longer be in our control.
—Ash Ingole, Why, PA

The internet is not broken so there is no reason to make rules trying to fix it! Cable companies are the only ones who can benefit from the loss of neutrality and everyone else is blatantly against it. There is really no reason that these changes to the internet should be considered. Keep the internet free! Throw out these rules and classify ISP's as common carriers!
—Shamiko L Muldrow, Homestead, PA

As a business owner net neutrality is important to me for customers to find my website and for me to stay up to date on my profession. Net neutrality is critical for competition and innovations in business and subsequent revenues that circulate throughout market places.
—Christine Marr, Silver Spring, MD

Don't allow the highest bidder to take over this critical cultural, educational, and social resource. Please consider internet providers public utilities and stop this power grab.
—Samuel S Matthews, Stinson Beach, CA

Net Neutrality is very important to me. It represents what the United States of America should stand for -- the people and not huge companies who want to monopolize and take advantage of the citizens of this country. We cannot tolerate this. Thanks!
—Gina Palmer, Atlantic Beach, FL

An internet community to share ideas helps us grow as a society. We further our knowledge, gain perspective, and shape our character by reading comments, blogs, articles, etc from around the globe. It is crucial to have equal access to all ideas, and creating "fast lanes" indicates that those in the slow lanes will not be heard. I hope the FCC will reclassify broadband internet access as a telecommunications service to preserve net neutrality.
—Nicholas Prisco, College Station, TX

Don't allow the super rich to control the internet. They control everything else and apparently they just still aren't satisfied. If the FCC hasn't already been bought and paid for then they'll listen to the people and keep the internet fast and free. Just because the internet poses a threat to a select few big businesses doesn't mean you can filter what WE THE PEOPLE want on OUR internet. YOU CANNOT POLICE A PLANET PEOPLE WILL GET ANGRY IF YOU MESS WITH THEIR INTERNET!!!
—Cris, Colorado springs, CO

NET NEUTRALITY FOR ALL!!! NO SLOW SPEEDS FOR THOSE WHO CANT AFFORD SUPER RICH PREMIUM PRICES. YOU ARE LIMITING THE INTERNET FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS ALL JUST TO MILK US CIVILIANS FOR MORE AND MORE MONEY!!! JUST LEAVE US ALONE!!! Unless the government and the FCC have been bought and paid for(which we all know they have) they will listen to the people and allow net neutrality...
—Matthew, Colorado springs, CO

It is important to keep the internet open and accessible. 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. United States is about being competitive. It cannot have monopolies on the exchange of information.
—Phil Di Leo, San Francisco, CA

Please enforce Net Neutrality! An internet service provider should not have the power to determine if any legal internet traffic is more or less important than any other legal traffic. The internet provider should be an unbiased party simply providing a service equal to all using it. Eliminating net neutrality creates a hugely unfair and unreasonable advantage to those with money and bias towards smaller companies by for-profit companies that would act only on the basis of money. Internet service providers already have an oligopoly (and a monopoly in some markets) that have already almost completely eliminated competition and increased internet processing fees to higher than in the majority of the rest of the world. Please KEEP NET NEUTRALITY.
—Karen Lane, Knoxville, TN

I support Net Neutrality. I do not support two-tiered fast lanes. Please reclassify ISP's as common carriers. Thank you
—Bob King, Oakland, CA

I am not an expert, just a citizen who tries to stay well informed. I make it a point to read four different news publications each morning, each with varying perspectives. I am deeply concerned with any change that would place restrictions on my access to information. De-regulation of television and radio have already caused the media to become deeply biased by financial gain rather than personal integrity. Free press is a fundamental part of our country's foundation and must be protected. As we now stand, I must work a little harder to get quality news but it is available. If regulations cause internet traffic to be restricted because of corporate interests or financial burdens, it would be equal to censorship. Regardless of intention, there can be no occasion when censorship of the news will become standard policy. I have a close friend from Prague who once told me that, "for a free country, America has a lot of rules." What example would we be setting for the world if the United States puts limits and censors on the internet? Please leave the internet alone. Let people exercise their judgement rather than have restrictions put in place to bind them.
—Sarah Stuck, Franklint, TN

Dear Mr. Wheeler: The ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality is to throw out the existing FCC rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Thank you for your consideration!!
—Laura Sternberg, San Jose, CA

Net neutrality is vital to the free and open exchange of ideas that the internet provides. You will break the promise of the internet by allowing companies to put specific services on a fast track. Please keep the internet fair. DO NOT SUPPORT LEGISLATION THAT WILL ALLOW PROVIDERS TO ALLOW CERTAIN COMPANIES MORE BANDWIDTH THAN OTHERS.
—Daniel Feinberg, Malibu, CA

I strongly agree with the concept of net neutrality. Internet access is a requirement of modern living, for both rich and poor. Because of this, ISPs should, must be reclassified as common carriers. Removing net neutrality would create a nation, once again, of haves and have nots. Those who could not afford "premium" internet access would be cut off from significant portions of the Web. There should be no preferential treatment for those who can bid up the price for fast connectivity and effectively block less wealthy sites from the superhighway. There should be no relegating sites to bumpy country roads sites when their 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.
—Edward James Lipchus, Reading, MA

It is unfair for the FCC to prioritize predatory cable corporations, like Comcast, for internet usage. These companies need to be compelled to play fair, not handed more advantages than they ever offer to their customers. I am outraged by the FCC's intention to end net neutrality!
—Irene Derosier, Seattle, WA

Everything will be connected. The future is for everyone.
—Mark Arntson, Seattle, WA

Prove the conspiracy critics wrong quit trying to stifle diversity.
—Harry Grothjahn, maryville, TN

Therr are a lot of things going on in the world. We need to make sure that people have access to that free flowing information without being inhibited by corporations who seek to spin coverage and mislead the general public about the truth. News corporations lie and distort facts as it is. The internet allows the critical thinker to look at different sources of information to form their own opinion. Stifling this free flowing information is very similar to Nazi Germany in which tyrannical governments used propaganda to persuade citizens to think in only one direction. This is not what American principles were founded upon and would only further divide this nation and create a situation for more violence and more polaraization. Freedom should be used for it's intended purpose! Freedom!
—Eugene Stovall, Oakland, CA

I'm not a strong speaker but ill try. Since the internet came about it has been about the exchange of data, ideas, even freedom. The ability to comment on stories and give your two cents. To speak in a chat room about reform, news, anything you wanted. Now it seems to become that we should block or slow connections with ideas or stories that would hurt us or broaden certain horizons. The United States takes big pride in being the leading competitor for everything be it technology, innovation, even being the most helpful to all countries that need it. Not so anymore. We lag behind in broadband connections, our technology is slowing, and we aren't known as being the top innovators anymore. We need net neutrality because when everyone can share ideas and have one place in this world full of criticism, hate, and liars that we can be ourselves, we feel free. The one freedom we still hold onto is our ideas and they are being throttled and there is nothing anyone can do but try to reason with the ones who run our country when they work for their own interests and not the Peoples. I implore you to think about what the new bill would do to the freedom and flow of ideas and hope you keep it free.
—Taylor Cheesman, Tucson, AZ

ISPs MUST be classified as common carriers. The people of the United States of America (including myself) DEMAND it! Do NOT approve Tom Wheeler's plan to create a "fast lane and slow lane" for the internet.
—Dane Michael Bartlett, Pleasant Grove, UT

The US is already lagging behind the developed world with internet speeds and price. These new rules will only make it worse. How about doing something for the citizens of this country rather than big corporations and promote net neutrality instead of stifling it.
—Anthony McSloy, Albuquerque, NM

My family lives on the other side of the country. My home phone is carried through internet lines. If my elderly parents call me, I would like to know that their phone call isn't being delayed or denied because I cannot pay for premium internet service.
—Malakay Betor, Richland, WA

Having some poeple have adequate access to the Internet and others not so adequate access is just wrong.
—Tony Cooper, Tallahassee, FL

Revoking net neutrality would be like providing continuous, clean water to those who can afford to pay more while allotting limited access to everyone else. Or it would be like providing quality, continuous electrical service only to those who have enough $$$ to pay for it, while subjecting everyone else to less reliable service. Information is power. The Internet, today, is a primary source of researchable information. Therefore, the Internet provides a primary route to power. To SELL any advantage for $$$ is NOT acceptable. Rather, this currently neutral source of information must remain so for a Democratic society to function. If that means classifying it as a public utility, then let it be so. The revocation of Net Neutrality will irreparably harm the Internet and stifle new ideas. Without the speed to compete, smaller companies with great ideas will be at a disadvantage. In addition, news outlets will find themselves at the bottom of the information pile, hurting the voices of journalist everywhere. The Internet has been a means of sharing information with everyone, for everyone, by anyone. You are creating a monopoly for ISPs which will completely stifle the ability to not only innovate but compete against multimillion dollar corporations. It is unconscionable. Those with money should be the ones who have a faster, better quality voice? I do NOT think so. It is much like "Citizens United" (legalizing the SALE of political favor) and it distresses me that the Obama administration would allow you to take such a position. This situation reminds me of our former President George W. Bush placing oil and gas industry executives in charge of our nations foreign and energy policies. If your loyalties are with Big Business and the Telecom companies, you're NOT doing your job for the people of this country. Under Net Neutrality, business and regular people BOTH have all the access we have. Without Net Neutrality, only Big Business has it. It is clear what a difference it would make in who will best survive and thrive. Such an uneven playing field is NOT conducive to a healthy Democracy/Republic. Your "newspeak" about what you plan to do is UNACCEPTABLE. Absolutely no one with two brain cells to rub against one another believes otherwise. Your proposal INSULTS the intelligence of every regular citizen and internet user in this country. I am retired and promise you that I will not rest until this apparent MONEY-GRAB is either defeated or overturned.
—Barbara Blough, Chicago, IL

"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."
—Holly, Westminster, CA

NET NEUTRALITY has everything to do with the First Amendment. If you get rid of it, then freedom itself will be History, truly and, sadly enough, a thing of the past.
—Edward Luce Cernuschi, NEW YORK, NY

Company's fundamental to the development to not only the internet community but the world itself began as startups that would fail without net neutrality. All bits are created equal. This principal is the cornerstone in the success of sites like Reddit and Wikipedia, which promote free information and arming the public with knowledge. To create an environment where certain groups can deter traffic to information by putting arbitrary tolls or limiting bandwidth is nothing short of tyranny. Tyranny goes against everything that is American. The flood of innovation that the internet has created, in every industry and field from astrophysics to the arts and entertainment is threatened by hindering net neutrality. It's the fcc's duty as an agency of the people to fight for our rights. Our right to free information. To limit this right is to send us back to dark ages where knowledge was for the aristocracy. I demand as a citizen protection from such a fate.
—Michael Whittier, Fort Worth, TX

Hello, this is Senator Barack Obama and today is Thursday, June 8th, 2006. The topic today is net neutrality. The internet today is an open platform where the demand for websites and services dictates success. You've got barriers to entry that are low and equal for all comers. And it's because the internet is a neutral platform that I can put on this podcast and transmit it over the internet without having to go through some corporate media middleman. I can say what I want without censorship. I don't have to pay a special charge. But the big telephone and cable companies want to change the internet as we know it. They say they want to create high-speed lanes on the internet and strike exclusive contractual arrangements with internet content-providers for access to those high-speed lanes. Those of us who can't pony up the cash for these high-speed connections will be relegated to the slow lanes. Allowing the Bells and cable companies to act as gatekeepers with control over internet access would make the internet like cable. A producer-driven market with barriers to entry for website creators and preferential treatment for specific sites based not on merit, the number of hits, but on relationships with the corporate gatekeeper. If there were four or more competitive providers of broadband service to every home, then cable and telephone companies would not be able to create a bidding war for access to the high-speed lanes. But here's the problem. More than 99 percent of households get their broadband services from either cable or a telephone company. So here's my view. We can't have a situation in which the corporate duopoly dictates the future of the internet and that's why I'm supporting what is called net neutrality.
—Dr. Marc Irving Weber, Newhall, CA

Net neutrality is a cornerstone of free speech. We cannot allow this to end! An open internet is a must have in today's world to maintain this cornerstone of our constitutional rights.
—Mark Fletcher, Tupelo, MS

We need net neutrality. We do not need the corporate giants once again holding the reins of our lives. ISPs are common carriers and should not be held once again in public hands not corporate.
—Rebecca Voll, Kennewick, WA

We need a Net Neutrality to create a free, competitive and innovative internet. Not only internet but a free, competitive and innovative world! Please fight for the people and keep the internet neutral. Don't let Comcast and the few other ISPs to bully companies into an unfair market place.
—Matthew Stoner, Lancaster, PA

We don't want trampant discrimination online!
—Dr. William Wiest, Portland, OR

The internet should be NEUTRAL for all. Money should not be able to influence in the way that eliminating Net Neutrality promises to. This is disgraceful, shameful and contrary to the public good. How can people, CEO's and Board Members excuse this failing of morality? How do they not understand what is at stake and how they will be judged far after they're lives have ended? I don't understand how you can completely forget about your fellow man and excuse attempting to exert this type of control over a global means of connectivity and freedom despite the internets ugly side. We will see what truly results of this and hopefully it does not come to pass or is not as dire as it seems to be.
—Daniel Valenzuela, El Paso, TX

Please do not cause a digital divide. We already have an economic, cultural, religious and geographical divide. Digital divide can be avoided through net neutrality.
—Arun Kumar, Bangalore,

Since the market is becoming more mature and only a few private corporations have a tremendous amount of control over the Internet, Net neutrality now needs to be enforced by string regulations. Pleace reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Renaud Paquay, Redwood City, CA

Net Neutrality enables people around the world to acess the most powerful tool and resource for human knowledge for a fair, lower and equal price. BLocking out the internet for those of lower income is terrible, as they can use this to diagnose diseases, opposed to going to a doctor's office where they cannot afford to see a doctor. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers now, before more damage is dealt.
—Chase Alexander Shilling, Colorado Springs, CO

Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street SW Washington D.C. 20554 June 19, 2014 Dear Chairman Wheeler and Commissioners Clyburn, Rosenworcel, Pai, and O'Rielly: I urge you to throw out your own rules and instead reclassify Internet Service Providers as common carriers. Telephone Service Providers are classified as common carriers. It is appropriate and correct to reclassify Internet Service Providers the same as Telephone Service Providers. I write to express my support for a free, open, without discrimination Internet. Over the past twenty years, citizens and innovators in the United States have created countless Internet-based applications, content offerings, and services that are used around the world. These innovations have fueled economic growth for the United States, created enormous value for Internet users, and made our Internet companies global leaders. The innovation I have seen to date happened in a system without discrimination. In addition, an open Internet has been a platform for free speech and opportunity for United States citizens and users across the world. An open, without discrimination Internet is essential for future economic growth and free speech in the United States. The long-standing commitment and actions undertaken by the FCC to protect the open, without discrimination Internet are central to why the Internet remains an engine of entrepreneurship and economic growth for the United States. I understand that the FCC intends to propose and pass rules that would enable phone and cable Internet Service Providers to set up a system that discriminates both technically and financially against US citizens and Internet companies and to impose new tolls on them. These new rules and this new system will only serve the interests of phone and cable Internet Service Providers. They will not serve the interests of all United States citizens. I urge the FCC to ignore lobbying and writings of the National Cable and Telecommunications Association, NCTA. Instead of permitting individualized bargaining and discrimination, the FCC must protect the interests of all US citizens on both fixed and mobile platforms against discrimination, blocking and paid prioritization, and should make the market for Internet services more transparent. The FCC must provide a fair playing field and certainty to all Internet market participants and all United States citizens. The FCC actions will determine the future economic growth of the United States and the Internet. I urge the FCC to take the necessary steps to ensure that the Internet remains a free, open, without discrimination platform for commerce and speech for all United States citizens. I urge the FCC to reclassify Internet Service Providers as common carriers. I urge every Federal Communications Commissioner to do your duty and serve the interests of all United States citizens. I thank you for your consideration and support. Regards, Sandra Hoffstrom Electrical and Software Engineer, Project Manager and Internet Innovator
—Ms. Sandra Hoffstrom, Minneapolis, MN

Dear FCC, your job as a government agency is to protect the public from large corporations like Comcast and Time Warners not to enable them to make more money at the expense of the public. You must protect net neutrality. We are already behind on our internet service so please do not take a step backwards while other nations are moving forward.
—Michael Yin, Atlanta, GA

To Whom It May Concern: I would like to express my concern regarding the proposed Internet Service Provider rules. I believe they will create a tiered network that will hinder technological development and result in increased costs to consumers. Please throw out the proposed rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Thank you.
—Brady Vickers, Williston, ND

The internet needs to be an even playing field. Wealthy corporations will be favored and smaller businesses will be marginalized if there is no net neutrality. The internet has become the beautiful thing it is because it has been neutral since its inception. Please don't let big money come in and change something so vital to our society. Why try and "fix" something that isn't broken?
—Raj Thapar, West Orange, NJ

FOR THE PEOPLE AND BY THE PEOPLE !!! NOT FOR THE RICH AND BY THE RICH !!!
—Chris Nearhood, Clyde, OH

There is only Net Neutrality. Don't ruin this FCC.
—Sarah Unhappy, Cleone, CA

The lack of competition would kill innovation in all tech and media space. Money will determine distribution if information. Please keep the Net Neutral for our economic future
—Mike Sims, Tallahassee, FL

I don't want companies to be biased and favor a political agenda over another.
—Marc Mora, Bensenville, IL

This shit's crazy. This shit's CRAZY!
—Justin Berke, Duluth, MN

Please throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Thank you hopefully.
—Victoria Grubbs, San Diego, CA

The current “fast-lane” plan is not net-neutrality. The FCC should hold strong to its original plan of treating ISPs like common carriers by actually designating broadband internet as a title II common carrier telecommunication service. Consumers need more ISP choices and a market that will allow new providers to enter.
—Victoria Morrison, Denver, CO

As a student of AP US History this past year, I learned about the problems that railroad operators caused when giving special rates to corporations instead of the common farmers. They were then reclassified as common carriers, providing fairness to all people. The same needs to happen to internet service providers. ISP's without net neutrality would give preference to certain kinds of traffic, which would ultimately restrict creativity simply for a larger corporate profit while the consumer suffers. It goes against everything the internet stands for and net neutrality is the only thing that would maintain innovation among the upcoming generation. Please, reclassify Internet Service Providers as common carriers.
—Chris Ayoub, Austin, TX

Net neutrality is very important where everything is already downgraded for those who can afford this is a absolute outrage to even consider approving this just for corporations money hungry fools.
—Ivan Hernandez, zephyrhills, FL

Because a free and open internet is an all American ideal. It enables people to see the world, to go shopping, to perform travel research; it allows communication between continents!! The world is connected by the internet, if you try to control it for financial gain, then you will only hurt the people that it truly helps the most. Also, it has not gone unnoticed that you, Mr. Chairman are essentially the fox guarding the hen house, your position is a sham, a farce, a disgrace. The fact that anyone allowed you to hold the position you currently hold is completely shameful. How did anyone expect that you would protect the interests of the people against your former employers??! The FCC used to be a force to be reckoned with, now it is a laughing stock, bought and sold by the highest bidders. Maybe this would be a good time to restore your reputation with the citizens of the United States! The FCC needs to do a great many things to fix what's broken in this country. First - reclassify internet service providers as common carriers. THEN remove the monopoly hold that they have and allow this country to do what it does best, compete, innovate and practice capitalism!! END the monopolies!!! It is crippling our ability to compete with the rest of world, allowing everyone else to blast by us, leaving the U.S. in the dust! And it is NOT something to be proud of!
—Kim Hensley, Stockton, CA

Ending Net Neutrality is wrong. Do what's right, not line your pockets.
—Isaac Working, Mesa, AZ

It is extremely important to me that the major internet providers do not have the power to control my internet speeds based on usage or whatever criteria they decide to use to not provide competitive pricing and maximum internet speed. I have been paying top dollar for the "fastest" internet service and it has been horrendously slow especially at arbitrary times. I am pro net neutrality. The present conditions are unacceptable.
—Lydia Fox, Alpharetta, GA

The internet is not just freedom of speech, but also a tool for many individuals and companies. If the internet is censored, or slowed down, in any way people and companies won't get what they need. People will be less interested in buying computers, surfing the web for important information, and receiving important updates. Companies that provide internet services will suffer because people will not visit/use web services (since the internet will be tampered).
—Daniel Coffman, Mansfield, OH

Reject this dangerous bill! The United States no longer stands for the Freedoms it has long been loved for. The Constitution and rights of the people are diminishing. PLEASE STAND AND FIGHT!
—Candace Butler, white settlement, TX

Please help protect the vital role of small businesses and entrepreneurs in our economy by insuring they have a level playing field with a Neutral Internet. Please support the FCC's efforts to maintain Net Neutrality and prevent Internet Service Providers from restricting or excluding internet traffic they carry based on any pay or preference measure. All internet traffic should be carried equally, allowing our burgeoning technical entrepreneurs to continue to raise this country's economy. Sincerely Bryan Vest
—Bryan Vest, Menifee, CA

Dear FCC, It is unacceptable that you are headed to developing a multi-tiered internet, slow speeds for those that can not pay ever escalating fees and quick speeds for the rich -- we do not want winner and losers on the Net. We want Net Neutrality!!! Throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Lora Chamberlain, Chicago, IL

I, for one, Senators, have not sold my soul to the company store as you have, so I am repulsed by your willingness to throw away my rights for a few rubles. I resent your willingness to make me a serf, and I believe that losing Net Neutrality would do just that.
—Esther Allman, Frankfort, IL

If you throw out net neutrality it'll point us toward a corrupt future
—Don, hunter, NY

The internet belongs to the people of the world. I do not endorse or believe Tom Wheeler's plan will protect the rights of individuals (natural persons ~ not corporations) to unfettered internet content. The mega-corporations involved in the transfer of internet transmission and content already have way too much power. A fundamental principle of the internet should be that all Internet traffic is handled and treated equally. Net neutrality is embedded in the foundational architecture of the Internet, and it has served us well. Because of net neutrality, an email from a relative about the status of my terminally-ill mother should be in my e-mail inbox as quickly as an email from my bank. Because of net neutrality, the website for the small neighborhood hardware store loads just as quickly as that of a mega retail chain store. Please do the right thing. Preserve net neutrality. If Tom Wheeler and his supporters win, the internet shall never be the same.
—Lori Crawford, Jupiter, FL

Everyone should have access to the internet. Eliminating net neutrality would allow large corporations to control and censor the public. I find it completely unconstitutional. The public should have the right to be able to have affordable access to the internet. There is no real basis for the what internet costs and is left up to companies like Comcast to decide. It will be a sad day for America if we end net neutrality. Please do not let this happen. We are a nation that prides itself on being able to voice our opinions freely and ending net neutrality will take that away from millions.
—Rebekah Khan, montpelier, VT

I am a fixed income poverty person and I have a mix of receiving communications. I have a landline, I have a cell phone to talk to my children living far away. I have analog TV and Broadband internet service. I cannot afford to pay more for the internet.
—Holly Bolliger, Troy, NY

I'm a hard working, tax paying, American citizen and I support net neutrality. Too much, in this country goes to "those who can pay". What's next?! Food and water, oxygen, freedom?
—Brian J Szymurski, Upper Chichester, PA

Net Neutrality is important to me because I want to start my own website and I will never be able to compete in a world with different lanes! Please reclassify the internet as a telecommunications service and maintain Net Neutrality! Verizon and Comcast are jerks and you know it! No one wants the new two-tiered internet. NO ONE. SO PLEASE DON'T DO IT. And make it impossible to ever come close to happening again. Thanks :)
—Kyle Lunt, Wilmington, MA

Net Neutrality is a very bad idea to allow corporations such as Comcast and Time Warner Cable to coopt the power of the internet more than they already have. To make legal the ability to have faster service only for super media companies is very very wrong and unfair-no playing field for ordinary consumers and no competition. Don't do it!!!
—Susan V. Stratton, Marblehead, MA

With many of our rights being taken from the US citizen this is just one more being taken if there is no net neurality. I as a citizen of the US have a right to net neurality without big corporations. They will just increase costs with is hard to manage with the high costs of everything else. I have a right to privavy even though others in government think otherwise
—Paula Morris, fenton, MO

I strongly support net neutrality. The only entities that stand to gain by the new rules are the Internet service corporations that will make money by charging for the privilege of using the faster tier. The public, as well as small businesses, will lose, as usual. The proposed new rules amount to another form of censorship. I want net neutrality, and will be very unforgiving of any politician, political group or faction that votes for these new rules. Tell the FCC to throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—T McPherson, Portland, OR

Our rights to connect and communicate — via universally accessible, open, affordable and fast communications networks and devices — are essential to our individual, economic and political freedoms. But all too often powerful phone, cable and Internet companies — and the government agencies they collude with — trample on these rights. We must protect the principles embodied in the Declaration of Internet Freedom — freedom of expression, access, openness, innovation and privacy — to preserve our rights. Yet these principles are under constant attack.
—Meral Sarper, Pueblo West, CO

Net Neutrality needs to be maintained in order to foster the kind of innovation and competition in the information marketplace that we've enjoyed since its invention. Ending Net Neutrality would mean that the likelihood of another Amazon, or Google, or Facebook being invented would diminish to the point of vanishing.
—Stephen Cochran, Mount Vernon, IN

Net neutrality is an important democratic virtue, entitling everyone to equal access to information sent and received in the world wide web. The FCC needs the authority to ban fast lanes, reclassify ISPs as Title II common carriers, and protect all users of both wireless and wireline from the profiteering telecom monopoly that works the lines as a lucrative source of monopoly rents, charging the highest prices in the world, while delivering the slowest internet services. The Internet is crucial to our nations well-being and should be offered as a public service; an investment in the common good. The governance of the web needs to be distributed to the entire global community of stakeholders representing business, civil society, academia and governments, so it can take into account of the interest of all, guarantee essential freedoms, and protect against abuse.
—Marsha Sorensen, Ashland, WI

The Internet is many things to many people. For businesses, It is a platform to start and grow, allowing them marketshare and popularity not possible through any other medium. For users is an area of free speech like no other, allowing anyone and everyone to freely express their thoughts, emotions and opinions on any topic. This is a plea that you will not allow preferential bandwidth and all data will remain equal!
—Angus Moloney, Falls Church, VA

Keep the internet open so that ideas and intellectual capitol can run free. Your proposed plan would limit expression and creativity.
—Joe Creedon, Norfolk, MA

I think that Net Neutrality should remain so that large companies such as Comcast can't charge more for certain things such as streaming movies. I think there should be a constant rate whether there is a petabyte being transferred or a single bit.
—Robert Mahiques, Freedom, NY

The corporate control of internet content is a dystopian crime. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Mary Paine, Mount Vernon, ME

The internet is a beautiful system of communication, and must stay open and neutral so that we all have equal opportunity to business and expression of opinions. Destruction of the Open Internet would damage the economy and violate our freedom of speech. With our lives so dependent on the Internet, we need to ensure our rights come first.
—Alexandra Crane, Chicago, IL

Net neutrality allows small internet start up companies to compete on an even playing field with well established companies. Making a two-tiered system doesn't allow companies that don't have the money to flourish in the same ways that these already rooted companies were allowed to. The 2 tier system would give large companies an unfair business advantage.
—Ryan Perard, Tucson, AZ

If the end of net neutrality comes it will be the end of the free and fair internet
—Harold Cortez, White Bear Lake, MN

Net Neutrality is important to me and everyone. Without it cable companies would be able to openly discriminate against companies who do not bend to their "rules" or who cannot afford their high prices. Keep the internet a fair playing field for everyone.
—Coleton Tipps, Matthews, NC

The internet is democracy in action. A two-tiered internet where big corporations deliver fast content and everyone else delivers slow content goes against everything the internet has always been about. It's bad for providers, it's bad for consumers. I support net neutrality and I oppose fast lanes.
—Chance Kaye, Hayward, CA

DO NOT LET SPECIAL INTEREST WIN
—Bakermanb@yahoocom Baker, milton, NY

I strongly encourage you to reject a multi-tiered internet. It is a disservice to consumers who browse and shop online, it is a disservice to entrepreneurs who start new businesses, it is a disservice to small companies that are trying to grow and reach a larger market, it is a disservice to our economy which is still trying to recover from the recent recession, and it is a disservice to our country, especially now that more and more people get their news and stay in touch with friends and family through the internet. Please maintain 'net neutrality' and guarantee equal access to everyone. Thank you.
—Bret Thompson, Portland, OR

Either people rule in this country or corporations do.
—Bruce Bulman, Evansville, WY

I want my son to grow up in a world where his access to both bias and unbiased information is not restricted by big money corporations like I see cable television network broadcasting has become
—Heather, Ketchikan, AK

Maintain Net Neutrality. It is the most basic and important of our technological rights
—Francois Nehama, Miami, FL

The internet is not broken!!!!! Don't mess with it. It works beautifully without government interference, leave it alone!
—Bart Lawson, Pittsburg, KS

Prevent further monopolistic practices. Foster competition. Please protect net neutrality.
—Dan McCarthy, Marblehead, MA

As more and more access to society and to services depends on access to the internet, the idea that the wealthy could pay for better access is a disturbing development. Please pay attention to the overwhelming majority of people who want to maintain net neutrality.
—Jesse Koplowitz, Washington, DC

Protect net neutrality. Don't allow internet companies to make fast lanes. Why is this even an issue? Do not allow tiers. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers. The companies claim this isn't an issue, and days, DAYS after a judge threw out net neutrality, the first agreement giving a company fast lanes was made. Protect net neutrality.
—Jonathan Watterson, West Jordan, UT

It is ONLY through net neutrality that people across the globe are able to research, learn, share vital information about what's happening on a whole host of issues. Without it, the POWERFUL with abundant resources can outpace and veritably SILENCE those without those resources...making access to diverse information and views highly unlikely! WE NEED NET NEUTRALITY NOW MORE THAN EVER!!!!!
—Judi Bryan, BARTLETT, IL

if even the creator of the internet says this is wrong, you guys are doing something real stupid. You've been relentless on trying to do this, and we've never given up. Internet should stay free, because it's a form of information and connection. It's some peoples LIVES. Paycheck taxes have already gone up, you're gonna add on more fees while minimum wage is below the standard of living? You're being money sucking leeches and this generation has had it with your BS.
—Chyenne Bertrand, Lafayette, LA

We already pay quite substantial fees just to access the internet. It's wrong for people to have to pay additional money to access their favorite websites. More importantly the Internet is a vital place for virtual businesses and freedom of speech. I can't help but feeling charging fees for access to certain types of websites will infringe on people's rights. Please keep Net Neutrality.
—jessica M ohlson, lansdale, PA

Dear FCC, Net Neutrality and fostering competition of Internet providers is important to me as an American Citizen and tax payer. We need equal and unimpeded access to all areas of the Internet to prevent large well funded organizations from monopolizing what we can see, learn and share on the world wide communications network that is the Internet. Once large organizations are given the ability to pay for preferential treatment, eventually they will drown out all who do not agree or cannot pay.
—Gordon McLellan, Manistee, MI

Net neutrality is important to keep the fee flow of ideas and information secure for everyone. Also, those who over internet services do not own the internet and should not be able to charge extra to access different websites. Censorship of ideas is bad or at least holding them hostage at the end of a price tag. The withholding of ideas will easily out more people behind. Recently this country had been focused on education and why more and more children are failing. It is because of the federal government not allowing teachers do their jobs properly. The same will be true of the net if net neutrality is lost. Yes, the net is messy but we have all seen where bureaucracy has gotten us. An education system that keeps falling behind the rest if the world, A healthcare system going bankrupt, a government.that is in serious debt. If the net loses it's neutrality then it will be the beginning of the end of it.
—Mark Murphy, Lakeland, FL

As a student accessing some sights would get expensive. Not only am I paying my way through college, housing, and food, now you'd like to add internet access to the checklist. I pay for my internet through a provider and I pay every month, I should not continually be harassed on what sites cost me money to access.
—Faith, Gardnerville, NV

I find that there are too many parallels that can be drawn to the days of segregation with this new proposal. in addition to my experience with what happens when a major company holds all of the cards and has no reason to listen to you, I cannot support this proposal
—Gilbert Gardner, Reisterstown, MD

The internet should be classified and regulated as a common carrier and should be accessible to everyone equally and affordable by all.
—Laura Kranis, somerville, MA

Net neutrality is fundamentally important in the essence of uninterrupted streaming of whatever I choose to watch on the net .. if it becomes unbalanced the cable companies will be given the power over what the user is watching. It ends the internet as we have known it since it the 90s and we as end users should never agree to this..
—David Lowry, Valrico, FL

I thought it was "free" speech, not "fee" speech. The internet shouldn't be owned. It's a free forum for everyone.
—Caitlin Casal, Lee's Summit, MO

The Internet is the greatest invention ever!
—Sam Youssefinia, Texas, TX

Because internet should be as accessible to low-income families as it is to rich ones.
—Sara Hyneman, Glasford, IL

Let's keep an equal internet!
—Josh ORourke, Portland, OR

Do not sell internet access to the highest bidder! Keep the Net Free!
—Wallace Stanfill, Laguna Woods, CA

Net Neutrality is a safehold for the continued propagation and freedoms of information.
—Keiran Anderson, Kingston,

I like to browse through my internet WITHOUT having to pay ridiculous fees.
—Aeron, Fort Worth, TX

The Internet shouldn't be turned into a commodity the way that most things have by capitalism thanks.
—Luca, Brussels,

Es un derecho de todos, no solo de los que puedan pagarlo.
—Adahi Gallardo, Zihuatanejo,

I'm a freelance artist and must use the internet's services to gain an income. Also, I have an anxiety disorder, which limits how much I can go out and meet people. If it weren't for the net, I would be socially deprived. If I lose access, I will lose contact with my best friends who live across the country.
—Kayden Kane, Watauga, TX

Too much power to the "big guys" to discriminate against low income users. Please protect net Neutrality!
—Dorothy Hawkins, Laguna Woods, CA

Don't destroy open and equal communication by allowing providers to discriminate against those who can't pay extra fees for a fast internet. The proposal is is absurd and corrupts the original purpose of creating the internet!
—Virginia L Owen, Bloomington, IL

It is important to me so that in the future when I graduate from college I can afford to keep in contact with my online friends without having to release my private number out into the world.
—Becky Brinck, Sioux City, IA

Dear, sir/madam If net neutrality is lost we'll be slaves to to the corporations who want nothing but to destroy our right to the internet. Which the UN has declared a basic human right, need i remind you. If this is passed, the government will be taking away basic internet to people who need it. We already have to pay for things on the internet like for shopping or advertising a buisness or paying taxes. So please protect our free internet and dont let it succumb to those who want to destroy what we know if it.
—Tyler, Bartow, FL

Doing this will it make it harder for people to afford/access certain websites, but it will make it harder for small businesses and amateur websites to continue running online. The world wide web won’t be so world wide if people can’t access certain sites because they don’t want to pay an extra $50 to access it. For example: I know a family that is poor and can barely afford the laptop they use now. If their child needs to search something for school to do homework, or if the father needs to access something for his job, it will be harder for them to use the web due to this rule.
—Jillian Jessica A., Leeds,

Eliminating Net Neutrality is a form of extortion.
—Brianna Howe, Worcester, MA

As a college student, I can easily share my art and get my work out there for free! Networking is so important to my future carrier path, I can't afford it to be taken away
—Sara Kipin, zelienople, PA

The internet needs to be classified as a common carrier technology. Anti-net neutrality policies are effectively extorting both content providers and end users. And end users will end up paying for the difference in service no matter how it is applied, because content providers will pass these added costs on to their subscribers.
—William Gustavson, Worcester, MA

FCC, drop the Fast Lane plan. It's the same old story of big money buying exclusive privileges, leaving the rest in the dust. If executed, the plan would totally destroy net neutrality, and with that threaten free speech, free information, and everything that stops society from becoming the nightmarish dystopias we read about in the likes of 1984. Drop the Fast Lane plan, and keep the 'net a level playing field for all.
—Jennifer Lee, Alameda, CA

Please protect net neutrality and don't allow ISPs to charge fees for certain sites.
—Kendra Leigh Speedling, Bloomington, MN

There is absolutely no benefit to the end of net neutrality other than allowing companies to form a monopoly on connections to the internet. This monopoly wouldn't just keep everybody from watching Netflix or Youtube with comfortable speeds, but also stifle the creativity of video game creators and modders, as well as outright killing the slowly blossoming market of e-sports. We're just beginning to create new and awesome technology that would let us use the internet in so many awesome ways, but they'll all be rendered useless if internet providers are able to charge more for access to and use of these technologies. The end of net neutrality has so many costs and so little benefit, it's really not in any way worth it. If you have any sympathy for human creativity and progress, don't let net neutrality end
—Alexander Gouge-Schajer, Burbank, CA

The Internet is providing us with a democratic medium that we've been lacking for decades. Please don't let it become another medium for people with money like the television. I truly feel that this is our society's last hope as a functioning democracy. Do the right thing! Enforce net neutrality. Permanently.
—Lisa Wright, San Francisco, CA

this is completely ridiculous like if some kids want to go on youtube their parents wont want to pay 10 dollars to give them access so then productivity of the internet might go down and have companies lose money because of less visitors as a tiny example, this is just ridiculous please dont do this.
—Millie, alemroach, TX

Monopoly of the internet means no access for ordinary people. I want to be able to go to any website I please. I fear the day I criticize government/corporate collusion then my door kicked in for criticizing this collusion. I could be in the situation where my water is tainted and be forced to suffer in silence and just try to live on my saliva alone!
—Laurie Ann LaGoe, Alexandria, VA

The world wide web won’t be so world wide if we can’t access certain sites! It is not fair to people who won't be able to afford that NEUTRALITY IS IMPORTANT
—Gisela, Dallas, TX

Get real - and GROW A BACKBONE and DO YOUR JOB - start protecting the Internet and NOT THE BIG GLOBAL CORPORATIONS!!! Keep it free and open - as it was intended--- reclassify the ISPs as COMMON Carriers.
—Yanah G Cook, Roy, WA

I don't want two-tiered Internet which would allow service providers to pick winners and losers online. I support net neutrality.
—Nancy Short, Gladstone, MO

“We have it in our power to begin the world over again. A situation, similar to the present hath not appeared since the days of Noah until now. The birthday of a new world is at hand.” This is a quote from Thomas Paine’s 1776 work titled Common Sense. American Literature Professor Jessica Mintz explains, “…in that work he [Paine] expressed optimism about America and its potential…he was comparing the ‘new world’ of America to the world after the flood when Noah got a ‘second’ chance”. Upholding the FCC rules on Net Neutrality to maintain the OPEN Internet is our second chance. Failure to do so means we are repeating the mistakes of our own past. The Financial Interest and Syndication rules were designed to protect the ability for independent voices to be heard. Repealing them has had detrimental effects: It opened the door to media consolidation in traditional media which allowed a mere handful of companies to dominate the entertainment industry and shape the news and information that gets to the American public and the world. Until the Internet, a viable distribution alternative to traditional media has never existed. This is our ‘second chance’ to give diverse voices the opportunity to partake in the molding of the American perception and perspective. In 1776 our Nation was born. In order to guarantee the promise of this new land of opportunity and freedom where the principles of Democracy would reign, our forefathers established some clear rules for us to live by: They wrote our Constitution. In 1789 The Bill of Rights was established. Its Preamble states that the Bill of Rights was introduced “in order to prevent misconstruction or abuse of powers”. In December 1990, Tim Berners-Lee created a new land of opportunity and freedom where the principles of democracy SHOULD reign: He created the Internet. Now we need rules in place to guarantee its freedom. We need Net Neutrality rules because it is the responsibility of our government and its agencies to establish some clear rules for us to live by in this new space “in order to prevent misconstruction or abuse of powers”. In 2011, senator Al Franken of Minnesota defines Net Neutrality as “…the very simple idea that all content and applications on the Internet should be treated the same. Regardless of who owns the content or the website.” Net Neutrality means keeping the Internet, as we know it: Free and equal. An open Internet drives innovation. In an article in the Writer’s Guild of America’s November 2009 issue, Robert Eisele reminds us that, “ A college student started facebook in 2004. The phenomenal success of Ebay began on a hobbyist’s personal website. Google was created in a garage. A graduate student invented Netscape. This is free market at its best. If policymakers embrace this entrepreneurial spirit and codify freedom of the Internet, the entire world stands to benefit.” If we don’t protect our freedoms in this new space, this new land of opportunity, we will effectively block independent entrepreneurs from being able to start up any businesses and compete fairly on anything resembling an equal playing field. According to Joseph Torres, government relations manager for Free Press in Washington DC, by the end of 2009 the ISPs had already poured millions of dollars and had sent hundreds of lobbyists to DC in order to prevent legislation from being established that would limit their growth. Why? Simple. According to Racewire 2009, it is because “…the big telecommunications companies…want to create an effectively segregated online community where they will act as our gatekeepers”. According to a July 28, 2009 New York Times article, “ It is not unlawful for a company to gain control of a market. It becomes unlawful if the company engages in conduct to exclude or harm competitors with no business justification…. The goal of the [Antitrust] laws is to protect consumers by promoting competition”. According to a December 9, 2009 USA TODAY cover story titled An Internet open to all, but controlled by none, “ The ISP business has also changed. Owing to advances in technology…ISPs today can selectively block or degrade any online application. They can also slow down to a crawl any transmission-such as movie download-that might compete with their own for-pay content. And the potential for ISP meddling ramps up sharply in the face of big media mergers….” Racewire 2009 reiterates, “ This threat to Internet freedom isn’t hypothetical”. One ISP company, Racewire continues to report, “got caught blocking text messages…[another] has illegally interfered with file-sharing…” And a November 29, 2010 New York Times article reported that one of the same ISP companies was “…charging a new fee that puts Internet video companies at a competitive disadvantage…” The ISPs argue that they need this control in order to continue to build the Internet highways. But, Daniel Weitzner, Principal Research Scientist at MIT, argues in his 2006 paper The Neutral Internet: An Information Architecture for Open Societies that “ it is possible to preserve the neutral, non-discriminatory essence of the Internet, without sacrificing future growth of new Internet services and other broadband infrastructure”. In Network Rules by Associate Professor of Cardozo School of Law, Susan P. Crawford concludes that “…providers’ [ISPs’] claim is not merely that they own their own networks, but also that their ownership dictates their participation in whatever profits flow from use of their broadband….” In other words, not content with charging us to connect to the Internet, ISPs want to get a piece of the profits by owning the content and prioritizing its delivery…hence the vertical integrations via mergers. ‘Own and hoard the content and hijack its modes of distribution’ seems to be their monetization model. We need Net Neutrality rules because it is the responsibility of our government and its agencies to establish some clear rules for us to live by in this new space “in order to prevent misconstruction or abuse of powers”. Any entity that hoards information and hijacks its modes of distribution is “misconstruing and abusing its powers” consequently shattering the very heart of our freedoms as guaranteed by the First Amendment to our Constitution: “Freedom of speech, freedom of the press, the right of the people peaceably to assemble and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances”. All of these freedoms we currently enjoy in our new land of opportunity called the Internet. It is our duty as Americans to protect them. Works cited: 1- Paine, Thomas. 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—Ruth Livier, Los Angeles, CA

It is important that our country has a free flow of information and ideas. That is how our founding fathers won independence from Britain, with pamphlets like Thomas Paine's "Common Sense". The Internet is the modern day pamphlet and must not be restricted.
—Matthew Drill, Delray Beach, FL

I believe that the FCC should classify Internet service providers as a "telecommunications" service similarly to how it does with telephone service so that common carrier rules apply.
—Katherine V. Whitestone, Newark, DE

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A free and open Internet would be indicative that the US is a democracy, with access to this form of communication open to all..equally. A tiered Internet, with preferred access to those who can afford it, would confirm that the US is no longer a democracy, but rather a plutocracy. Where do you stand? With the plutocrats or the people?
—Linda Ahart, West Roxbury, MA

Net neutrality is a must. Approving anything else would be un-Godly. The FCC is already failing our humanity by allowing filth to be freely broadcast before 9 pm. I prefer my dirty jokes and adult language available AFTER I've responsibly sent my child safely to bed. Please don't fail us on this Unfair "2-lane Internet" proposal as well. Thank you.
—MElodia, Albuquerque, NM

>A large amount of our news comes from the internet. >Forms of propaganda can rise >False info could be displayed >bad news/threats could be hidden >A blind world is a bad one "Don't fix what's not broken" To me, this just screams a form of communism/socialism
—Brandon Losee, Lehi, UT

I am against legislative and regulatory efforts to end net neutrality. This would bestow an advantage to the biggest, wealthiest companies, stifle competition and innovation, and reduce consumer choice. It is the American people who these companies will pass their higher costs along to--no wonder they support it. Large internet service providers like Comcast will improve their market position, eliminate rivals, and increase profits, all at no cost to them except what they pay to lobby Washington. I feel strongly that the internet needs to remain a level playing field. Please do your part to help.
—Julia parsons, arlington, VA

Hi, my name is aditya. Im not a terrorist but I need my privacy. I want to hear both sides and find the truth for myself. I want free internet and free media.
—Aditya Hariharan, Bangalore,

Internet service should be treated as a utility because it is an essential service (communication) from which no one should be excluded. Your proposed rules fail to recognize this undeniable fact. Please accept reality; abandon these rules and reclassify Internet Service Providers as common carriers.
—Joan Loring, Hamburg, NY

Do not allow companies to discriminate against online content and applications. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Protect net newtrality.
—Maria Wyatt, Long Beach, CA

Please protect our internet neutrality by reclassifying ISPs as common carriers. Thank you.
—Lotte Hoffman, Laguna Woods, CA

Am an online gamer, on a fixed income, who is also thinking about finding a way to pay for Hulu Pulse and maybe also Crunchyroll (For watching anime). That said if net neutrality, goes away I don't know if I will be able to afford Hulu Pulse or Crunchyroll, but worse then that I will most likely have to give up online games like Diablo 3, RIFT, and Neverwinter. They are all games that I love and enjoy playing with my friends. I am also very concerned about how this could affect internet reviewers, who talk about comic books, movies, games, and just about anything that you can think of. Now let's say that a big cooperation doesn't like the options of an internet review, who has just talked about a movie, game, comic book, whatever. Unlike most of the people out there who give option based reviews, a big cooperation has a lot of money and clout to throw around, giving them the ability to limit or take away the free speech of someone else if they don't like what they are saying about a given movie, book, game, or something else.
—K J. Storm, Fargo, ND

Please protect the neutrality of the Net and do not succumb to pressures from lobbyists who want to gain favored access and speed for their clients. You risk destroying one of our most valuable assets -- equal access to a major communication network in our country.
—Marcia Goldstein, Laguna Woods, CA

This is unfair to those who can't afford much but decent internet. It's worldwide, shouldn't it be free to view sites too?!
—Rebecca, Santa Clarita, CA

Equal access is net neutrality.....NOT what you're proposing.
—JoLynnhillips, Grand Junction, CO

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. Protect equality. Protect innovation. Protect consumers.
—Ebony Barnes, Oklahoma City, OK

Knowledge should be available to everybody, not just those who can afford it. That's what the Internet was originally created for, right? To share information around the world easily and cheaply, so that anybody could look at it. To force us to pay to search queries on Google, to check a fact on Wikipedia, to watch tutorials on Youtube, to check our e-mails we give out to be contacted by future employers, to buy things for our friends and families on Amazon and E-Bay, would be ridiculous and, frankly, preventing us our basic human right to learn new things that education could not!
—Megan, Newport,

Hello, FCC, Right now you may be wondering why those of us regular folk are moaning and bitching about what you plan to do to the Internet. Well, it has nothing to do with not wanting to pay up for a premium ride with our *very good* and perpetually equitable and magnanimous friends at Comcast and AT/T - although I can't speak for everyone. No, the heart of the matter to those of us who use the Internet daily to work, keep in touch with friends and family, express our views, have fun, and educate ourselves on the world around us goes far, far deeper. For when a powerful few try to effectively regulate what is the largest format for individual discovery and interaction in the history of the entire human race (no exaggeration!), then that is when I know that this isn't about me as a consumer of digital content anymore. I wish I didn't have to say this to a government body that I have trusted for so many years, but this is nothing less than baldfaced corporate greed and I promise you, it WILL have a severely detrimental effect on the future of human communications, and to a larger extent, the increasingly connected human race. Please, Federal Communications Commission, reconsider what you are doing before it's too late to turn back. Sincerely, Eric T.
—Eric Turner, Stamps, AR

Please do not change the Internet to give different users advantages. Cable companies should not offer two speeds of service. The only change should be to reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Lobbyists should not be able to buy influence with their millions of dollars. Time Warner and Comcast are rated the worst in customer satisfaction. Cable companies should not be monopolies. Maintain NET NEUTRALITY.
—Anne Pearson, Laguna Woods, CA

this is important to me because I want to chose what I watch and also how much I pay and want to keep the freedom that we have. I do no need big,, big companies to decide what my choices are, whether in programing, adds and speed and whatever..... So throw out the rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Protect real Net Neutrality. These are terrible plans being pushed by Tom Wheeler. This is America and we need to be free of big companies making bad decisions for us!!!!
—Greta Morford, laguna woods, CA

I do not back the FCC. I want the FCC to throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. We need to protect Net Neutrality.
—JoAnn Dunn, Pewaukee, WI

Dear FCC, I want to like you, but I really can't when you're fucking with my net neutrality. #smalltimecontentprovider #wantstoreachbigaudience.
—Molly Trad, San Francisco, CA

The Internet is the center of my life. I use it for everything. I don't have time for slow downloads. I do a lot of my work online and a lot of my research on line. Make the Internet a common carriar for the good of all Americans! THE SPECIAL INTERESTS AND BILLIONAIRES CANNOT HAVE IT ALL, GIVE US A BREAK.
—Susan Christiansen, Iowa City, IA

Keep the internet free, that is what it was created for. This is not the 1800s, everyone deserves to have a say and be heard.
—Maura Wesen, Rosemount, MN

The internet is modern society's equal opportunity platform for small business, creative expression, individual civic voice and much more, and it needs to remain level and equally accessible to all people, businesses and organizations. PG&E cannot give me less light if I use this lamp, or if I can only afford to pay for the less-light-option.
—Sarah Pollock, Fair Oaks, CA

We have a two-tiered system for just about everything in our society. Please preserve some areas where there is fairness for all. Thank you.
—Jane Simon, Minneapolis, MN

I WANT FAIRNESS AND EQUALITY, WE DESERVE A VOICE AS TAX PAYERS - AS CITIZENS. DEAR FCC EMPLOYEES, DO YOU NOT YOURSELVES USE INTERNET? DO YOU NOT CONSIDER THE EFFECT OF A CORPORATION HAVING THE MONOPOLY ON THE INTERNET, ON YOUR DAILY LIFE AND ACTIVITY? PLEASE DON'T LET MONEY AND PAYOUTS WIN OVER JUSTICE AND THE RESPONSIBILITY YOU HAVE TO THE PEOPLE.
—Dorothea Lucaci, ny, NY

The Internet shouldn’t be a walled garden. It should remain a forum for innovation and free expression. As so many startups and political activists know, open, affordable, fast and universal communications networks are essential to our individual, economic and political futures.
—Kristin Behnke, Lincoln, NE

I am a journalism professor. I am counting on the FCC to prevent Comcast, TimeWarner, AT&T, Verizon and other ISPs from discriminating against websites that don't pay them or that they don't own or that they don't like by shoving them into a slower lane than their favored websites. A two-tiered, pay-to-play Internet will undermine democracy and economic marketplaces. Reclassify the Internet as telecommunications so the FCC can thoroughly regulate it to prevent ISP intervention/discrimination. The FCC was set up to protect the public by preventing a few big companies from blocking or blunting competition. Please do your job!
—Jeff Cohen, Saugerties, NY

Please classify ISPs as telecom carriers under Title II of the Communications Act. This is the only long-term solution to preserve the status of the internet.
—C Scott Ananian, Brookline, MA

The end of net neutrality...Please rethink this. Throw out your rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Dividing the internet into two roads will change things forever. These companies would have the power to pick winners and losers online and discriminate against content and applications and who would do anything about it? No one. It's the foxes watching over the hen houses. Don't do it. It's not broken.
—Kathe and Gary Goldstein, Cedar Rapids, IA

Net neutrality is a core founding principal of the internet. I strongly urge you to reconsider the approach of "Fast-lanes" for internet traffic.
—Brian Marsh, Fairport, NY

I strongly oppose any form or type of online access discrimination including any multi-tiered Internet access system. The FCC should reclassify broadband Internet access as a telecommunication service available to all. Please preserve complete Internet neutrality.
—Mr. Timothy Clark, Indianapolis, IN

ISP's should be treated as common carriers. All data should be 'neutral'. Competition among ISPs for connectivity are fine, but once the data packet has been received, it should have the same priority as any other on the network. Please protect what has worked so well. I urge Tom Wheeler to set aside his Cable-company lobbying, and instead lobby for the 'the people' and treat Internet Bandwidth as part of the 'commons'. Thank you.
—Mark Hodgen, Centerville, UT

Please treat all ISP's as common carriers. The net should be guided by national standards as we used to do with telephone service which guaranteed service to everyone; and did not create a privileged group.
—A Haith, Indianapolis, IN

Net Neutrality is crucial to Internet access for all, large and small, powerful and not, rich and poor. It's truly part of what America is all about. Taking it away is a dangerous first step to the growing inequality in our country.
—Alberto Rivera, Clermont, FL

Do not allow commercial businesses to create a two-tiered Internet, with fast lanes for those who can afford the extra fees. Currently, The internet allows a level playing field for both big business and the individual citizen. That is what makes it such a wonderful and amazingly useful tool. to pick winners and losers online and discriminate against online content and applications. And no one would be able to do anything about it.
—John Campbell, Sedona, AZ

please leave the internet free of corporate interference one speed for all to insure an equal playing field
—Debbie Rudell, Camarillo, CA

As a rural American (Ellijay, GA) trying to live on Social Security, I need the FCC to keep the net neutral, throw out your proposed rules and reclassify internet providers as common carriers. Real people should be served by FCC rulings, not more money for the big guys again.
—Howard Boozer, Ellijay, GA

Please protect Net Neutrality. The internet is a vital part of our lives. Please keep it as it is without major corporations (i.e. Comcast, Verizon) being allowed to control or manipulate it. Thank you,
—Christina Mona, Martinez, CA

Net neutrality is vital - any actions that inhibit this neutrality will be a cave in to large communication companies. Big business will be influencing government once again. Its un-American
—Ronald Gordon, Laguna Woods, CA

A free and open internet is vital to the success of out nation. Allowing companies to suppress content that hasn't paid their toll is an unspeakable tragedy. Please do not let this happen Preserve Net Neutrality
—Todd Henderson, Fort Worth, TX

The FCC's current position on the legal status of Net Neutrality is unacceptable. Anything less then full legal recognition for Net Neutrality at the same level as the First Amendment is completely unacceptable. ISPs should be reclassified as Common Carriers.
—Nicolas Anzalone, East Ryegate, VT

Demand Net Neutrality. It's loss would have a negative impact on privacy, freedom of speech, and the economy.
—Arvel Perry, Fort Worth, TX

I believe that net neutrality is important for everyone, in every walk of life.
—Ellen Schmidt, JACKSON, NJ

Net neutrality is too critical to America to get rid of it. America is supposed to be the land of the FREE. But yet, we're letting corporations enslave us, telling us which websites we can get at ultra-high speeds, and which websites we get at dial-up from the 1990s. If you ask me, this is a load of bullshit that needs to be stopped right now.
—Robert Thorpe, ,

I don't know if anyone is aware here of what people make on part-time salaries. Since I do, I can surely tell you I will not be able to afford to pay for internet services. This takes away my resources to a better education. In fact I even take online classes, would I have to pay just for that too? All that I can say is, ridiculous. I won't be able to afford it like several others won't. It's discriminatory towards the power people of the country. One of the most, if not the most, idiotic thing I have ever heard of.
—Sam, Toms River, NJ

As Michael Copps said better than I could - "The time is now for the FCC to classify broadband as Title II. Without this step, we are playing fast-and-loose with the most opportunity-creating technology in all of communications history. Without this step, we are guaranteeing an Internet future of toll-booths, gatekeepers and preferential carriage. Without this step, we stifle innovation, put consumers under the thumb of special interests, and pull the props from under the kind of rich civic dialogue that only open and non-discriminatory communications can provide." The first competency the FCC claims it capitalizes in is "promoting competition, innovation and investment in broadband services and facilities". Allowing the ISP oligopoly to control a two-tiered Internet would not only further discourage competition among broadband providers but also hinder competition and innovation among the future Googles, Netflixes and Facebooks of the Internet.
—Kenneth Thomson, Raleigh, NC

This is a highly disturbing prospect. Keep the internet neutral.
—Sam Liles, Fresno, CA

Please keep net neutrality. Protect the people who believe in our government and what it stands for, not the wallets of these cable companies. Trust in the internet as a platform to reach the people you govern, don't give it over to profit. For once stand for the people who believe in you, stand for the citizens of the United States of America and make Net Neutrality a law!
—Rosa Luna, Brooklyn, NY

I urge you to reclassify ISP's as common carriers and insure that we have Net Neutrality. Living on Social Security I for one can't afford an extra fee for high speed internet.
—Patricia Allgeier, Laguna Woods, CA

The internet is our only means of democratically communicating and furthering our personal knowledge through sharing our ideas and opinions with each other. We cannot rely on privately owned media to tell us how to think any more than we can rely on the main stream media to properly report even the essential news. Without the internet WE are hopelessly lost. Isn't the very role of the FCC to protect and represent the public? While neo-con steroids that have been driving it for the last two decades, the FCC's legal responsibilities remain the same: not to protect the interests of corporations but to protect our interests against corporations.
—Kenneth Farrell, Mountainville, NY

FCC... throw out the proposed Internet rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Protect real Net Neutrality. DO NOT discriminate against online content and applications.
—Marvin Crim, Madison, CT

No one should have an advantage on the internet. It's the very definition of "level playing field". If cable and Internet providers are unable or unwilling to provide the service THEY GOT INTO THIS BUSINESS IN THE FIRST PLACE TO PROVIDE, then they have no business IN that business. Net Neutrality Forever!
—Bert Turbaville, Coos Bay, OR

Freedom of speech, freedom of speech, freedom of speech. Freedom of information, religion. The internet is our greatest tool in maintaining a fair democracy.
—David Wilkes, Holland, PA

Dear FCC, as a race, we have always strived towards the acquirement of life and knowledge. We have learned time and time again that knowledge that is kept controlled from others often lead to the downfall of the society therein. We need freedom as a society, we need a way that everyone can remain equal regardless of social and financial class. This law would strike down what made the internet inherently great regardless as a resource for bettering ourselves as a race.
—Jake R Moss, Littleton, CO

Dear FCC, My name is Pierre Lejay and I want net neutrality. Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers and ignore their lobbyists. Thank you
—Pierre Lejay, Le Chesnay,

I am a teacher. Learners need the speed and access a free and open internet provides.
—Thomas Greenwood, Lewes, DE

Dear FCC, We want Net Neutrality. Please don't remove it. Consumers are only hurt in the end and going to be gouged out of their hard-earned money by greedy corporations. Why give more money to people who already have salaries in the six digits? We want to protect freedom of speech and give everyone equal access while keeping prices low and reasonable for all.
—Eve, New York, NY

Because otherwise only the rich may broadcast their message. Poorer voices will be powerless to broadcast their ideas effectively to the public.
—Moon Matin, Frankfurt am Main,

The point of the internet is easy access to facts and data. Removing Net Neutrality would reduce peoples access to this information source which defeats the purpose of the internet.
—Stephen Baker, Pittsburgh, PA

I want my children to have access to the opportunity that a free and open internet provides.
—Mark Watkins, Decatur, GA

The internet is certainly a public utility and, without net neutrality, the marketplace of ideas will suffer. Since this forum is increasingly tied to our economy at large, not enforcing net neutrality will have a negative impact on the growth of web based companies as the profits generated by these businesses will be skimmed off by the service providers. As entrepreneurship is the lifeblood of the American economy, it makes little sense to strangle these burgeoning companies in the cradle.
—Ryan Johnson, DOWNERS GROVE, IL

Hi. I am a small business owner. My business is based online. I employ four writers, part-time. We make just enough money to cover the costs of the writers and buy me a book or two each month. That's it. If I have to pay premiums to make my site enjoyable to use, I will go out of business. Please protect net neutrality. My small business, though not a huge money-maker, does contribute to the economy in a positive way.
—Cheryl Upshaw, Winnemucca, NV

While paying somewhere between $60 and $120 a month for an internet connection, I expect to be able to do what connections of that speed are designed to do, at the promised speeds. If I'm paying for a connection that should be able to stream 4 HD videos at once, I expect to be able to at least stream one at a time without having the quality slashed to something akin to VHS. If cable companies can do this, then we should also have the option of paying only for what we're getting.
—Steven Johenning, Baltimore, MD

It seems to me that removing net neutrality rules will only improve the situation for the large, deep-pocket behemoths, while making internet usage more difficult and/or more expensive for small entities and individual users. Please continue to give equal access to all users by classifying Internet Service Providers as common carriers.
—Ron Judd, Hammond, IN

Net Neutrality is the last thing completlety free, the internet, and it needs to stay that way
—Gray Andrews, Kernersville, NC

How is this even a question that's on the table? Net neutrality is one of the most important rights of our freedom. Everything needs to be equal. Please do not mess this up and side with corporations. Thank you.
—Cooper, Chicago, IL

Did you know that if you support net neutrality, you hate deaf people? That's the infallible logic being used by Verizon as they lobby on Capitol Hill for the creation of "fast lanes" on the Internet. According to them, the blind, the deaf, and other people with disabilities need faster Internet because of their particular needs, and what's the easiest way to make sure they get it? Yes, giving greedy companies the ability to decide which sites can go fast and which ones will slow to a crawl, obviously. Without those pesky regulations, more efficient sites for people with disabilities will be set up -- and then there's no way anything could go wrong, ever. This argument about protecting the rights of the disabled surprised a lot of people ... including the disabled. Mark Perriello, the president and CEO of the American Association of People with Disabilities (and someone who is partially blind), told Mother Jones that he'd never heard about the idea that he was somehow getting fucked over by the free Internet. He also said it was rather "convenient" that the best way to help disabled people is to let cable companies earn enough money to become Game of Thrones-powered supervillains. So let this be a lesson to overpaid lobbyists everywhere: The next time you want to pretend you're looking out for the interests of some minority group, at least have the decency to try to bribe their spokespeople first. According to Verizon, which apparently sees itself as the brave, idealistic lawyer fighting the oppressive system in a Matthew McConaughey movie, if the government forces them to treat all traffic equally, it's somehow equivalent to a seizure of private assets for public use, which would violate their Fifth Amendment rights. But that's not all: They also claim that net neutrality is trampling their freedom of speech. This may sound like stupid bullshit to you at first, but what they're saying is that they have the "freedom" to decide how the "speech," or Web traffic, going through their systems should be transmitted. Wait, no, that still sounds like stupid bullshit. You might be wondering now: If companies can decide that your shitty blog should load at 1/100 the speed of Perez Hilton's, or whoever's paying them for "fast lane" access, what does that mean for your freedom of speech? Well, that's totally different, you see, because ... whoops, the signal is fading ... hello? Hello? You've probably seen the huge amount of people online who are supporting net neutrality while throwing a middle finger up at the cable companies ... but did you know there are also anti-net neutrality advocacy groups out there? It's true. One group, Broadband for America, told the FCC that they "categorically reject" any attempts to make broadband Internet a public utility, which would subject it to more regulations to make sure the companies play fair, and who wants that? So who's in this group? Well, let's see: the CEO of AT&T, the CEO of Comcast, the president of Cox Communications, the president of the NTCA, and, last but not least, the CEO of Verizon, among others. Some of you may have noticed that this group appears to be made up almost exclusively of cable company presidents, and also that it can suck a hundred Cox. Less obvious is the fact that on its tax filings, Broadband for America retains the DCI Group, a lobbying firm that, as Vice puts it, "specializes in creating fake citizen groups on behalf of corporate campaigns." While this may be the most blatant attempt as astroturfing, it's far from the only one. The American Consumer Institute (if you want no one to question your motives, just put "America" in the title) wants the FCC to leave ISPs alone to do as they please, while also being funded by cable company lobbyists. Similarly, the Heartland Institute, which claims that cable companies should have a right to charge Internet businesses out the wazoo, is heavily funded by Comcast, Time Warner, and AT&T. When you have to shell out millions of dollars to pretend that you have friends, that should be your sign that you're the most desperate, miserable person in existence.
—Christopher Tracy, Columbia, MO

Website preference is awful for websites without checkbooks.
—Anthony Moulden, Cambridge, MD

Once data begins to be regulated, the floodgates open. Government sanctioned censorship is only marginally different from Government-run censorship, which is wrong.
—John Rafter, Shoreview, MN

Loss of net neutrality will lead to less innovation. Bigger corporations will dominate due to deeper pockets and ability to pay for faster speeds.
—Stuart Wyatt, Fort Jennings, OH

The internet is the last bastion of an equal playing field for all. Taking that away is a dangerous road to economic monopoly gained by large corporations. Monopolies stagnate innovation and new ideas. Our future as a whole of human kind is once again at threat of being pushed back in terms of advances in quality of life, all in the name of making the ultra rich richer. Like so many other times in history, greed has always come back to bite those in the ass who would embrace it.
—Armaan Khan, Shelby Township, MI

Net neutrality is the only way to prevent corporate interests from destroying the freedom of information an knowledge in favor of making themselves even richer.
—Eliot Ferrer, Umeå,

Dear FCC, I want to express my support for net neutrality and ask that the FCC make sure that everyone has a fair chance at accessible internet service. I don't necessarily mind a provider offering different speeds/qualities of service, but only if their policies still offer reasonable access to all parties and do not allow the companies to take advantage of or adversely affect other businesses/consumers. Thank you for taking the time to read this, all the best. -Josh Elliott
—Joshua Elliott, Chesapeake, VA

The internet needs to be open and unrestricted so small start ups and large businesses stand on an equal footing in offering its products and services. I don't want to miss out on new products because a small company can't afford the price of admission.
—Eric Dahlin, Ocala, FL

FCC, do not allow or promote a tier plan. The Internet is for everyone and not intended to go to the highest bidder or those big businesses in control. America stands for equal freedom to all. Do not pervert our system to allow greed to control content. Do not bend to Comcast, AT&T, Verizon and the almightily dollar at the expense of freedom to equally share space on the Internet. FCC you were invented and exist to protect the American public and that principal. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers which they are.
—Randy Sauder, Calhoun, GA

The internet is the single most powerful force in connecting the people of the world. This connection has allowed people of all cultures and backgrounds to understand and learn from each other. It's amazing to think of how it is already helping to dissipate the hate and misunderstandings people have had in the past. I truly believe that the internet is the perfect expression of the highest of modern ideals. It provides education and entertainment without discrimination, allowing a common ground where things like wealth and social power are not nearly as divisive. Internet providers are businesses, and therefore exist to make as much money as they can. Giving them increasing amounts of power has shown them to favor revenue over the rights of their customers. They have been detrimental to the very service they provide, forming oligopolies and monopolies that force customers to buy their services at whatever price and conditions they choose. For example, the massive oligopolies of service providers in the United States have caused it to have some of the slowest internet speeds worldwide. The only way to preserve net neutrality, which is the very thing that makes the internet the beautiful and powerful force it has become, is to regulate internet providers.
—Benjamin Glaser, Fairfax Station, VA

I support Net Neutrality. It is your job to keep the internet neutral and keep internet capitalism alive in this country. By stifling innovation and allowing cable companies to bleed out other internet companies for only their benefit we will seriously hindering a large part of our economy and even larger section of potential economic growth. Allowing net neutrality to die in the closed doors of Washington with the influence of bought politicians surrounded by lobbyists is unforgivable. This affects all Americans, and we overwhelming support a neutral internet. Do the right thing: keep the internet neutral, or we'll find politicians who will.
—Raymond Erickson, Easton, MD

A corporation only has good intentions when it comes to it's shareholders and itself. To believe that it has them when it comes to the people who pay them money, their customers, is foolish - If Net Neutrality is compromised, it WILL lead to price gouging and lower quality of service. Internet providers already hold a geographic monopoly on their business - very few people have the ability to choose their internet providers (I know I don't.) If it were actually true that each company would have to compete with each other, then things would be different. This is not the case, and there is nothing that leads me to believe that it ever will be. I cannot be expected to trust the words of the very people who want to take this away from me that it will be for my own good, or to my benefit. Using the very internet that they want to restrict is how I am able to voice my opinion and fight back. This is what Net Neutrality gives us, and this is why it must be upheld.
—David A Goodman, Quincy, MA

The purpose of the FCC, as defined by federal law, is to "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." I can think of no better way to undermine this purpose than to enact Wheeler's Internet service plan. Wheeler's plan would violate the long-standing principle of Net Neutrality, fundamentally altering the nature of the Internet. Since its inception, the Internet has been based on the free transfer of information, allowing truly democratic exchange of ideas and information across a global community. This democratic exchange of ideas has made possible such popular movements as the Arab Spring and Mexico's anti-cartel blogging movement. It has also made available to everyone information once limited to the lucky few in the form of tools like online encyclopedias and Massive Open Online Courses. The very existence of these boons to humanity is dependent on the availability of information only made possible through Net Neutrality. The FCC, which regulates the largest hubs of Internet traffic, threatens the very existence of an open Internet. If Wheeler's plan goes into effect, the flow of information on the Internet will be controlled by a few very powerful players. Any ideas or content seen as objectionable to those players (or the governments or other third parties that may influence them) could easily be quelled. I urge the FCC to protect Net Neutrality and by so doing foster the freedom and democratization that Net Neutrality has made possible throughout the world.
—Kevin Jones, Bensalem, PA

Dear FCC, Comcast is the worst. They run a racket due to lack of serious competition for services in my area, nickel-and-dime me to death, raising prices a few bucks every few months while reducing their actual services (cutting channels out of the cable package, for example), and make it impossible to actually change my services by repeatedly disconnecting phone calls to their billing department. I support net neutrality and would like to see internet service run as a public utility.
—Joseph Gilbert, Greenland, NH

In the old days there was the Library of Alexandria which was a location that contained all of the written works of its day. This library was destroyed by fire and nobody had the means to try and rebuild this wonder of learning and knowledge until today. The internet allows us to place all of our knowledge and all of our written works into a location where anyone can access it at any time of their choosing. If net neutrality were to become extinct businesses would be forced to pay money to the Internet Service Providers (ISP) to have their information accessible to the public and while that may be okay for large businesses it prevents small businesses and individuals to have their information on the internet for all to read and learn. This is why net neutrality the basis of information sharing wither it is on papyrus in Alexandria or on 1s and 0s in the internet should remain intact.
—Charles, State College, PA

The internet has brought along a great many things. a place for commerce and ideas to flow freely. This has been proven to help advance both social and economic progress throughout the world. with the proposed rules, both social and true economic advances would halt. The internet would become just another way for the people with money and power to remain such. Do not take away the one true democratizing technology of this century.
—Elise Warshavsky, Elkins Park, PA

Net Neutrality is absolutely important! Without it, there is nothing telling the cable companies that they can't just "slow down" any site they disagree with! Imagine the delays of the ObamaCare site if the 1% that owns the cable companies could slow down the access?! And let's not forget the fact that political campaign sites could also be slowed or even stopped! In the US, the free exchange of information is paramount...but that exchange can only take place and be meaningful if it occurs openly. You can't have a conversation if one person is sending emails and the other is relegated to using the US Postal System to reply!
—William Stephens, Twin Rocks, PA

Protect freedom of speech. I already pay more for a faster internet connection. Why would you then limit how quickly I can access content based on how much the sites I wish to visit are willing to pay? This will completely change how the internet works as a forum for small business growth and as a launching pad for new concepts and ideas. It's a terrible change. The people chosen to study and decide what's best for the future of American internet access reek of special interests and corruption.
—Heather, Plano, TX

This is nothing but a mercenary attempt to acquire monopolistic control of internet access. Net Neutrality helps to ensure that the benefits of the few don't come at the cost of everyone else.
—MIchael Keith, Toronto, WA

Killing Net Neutrality would suck.
—John Borelli, Belmont, MA

I mistakenly thought the FCC was created to protect consumers from the very sort of cable company fuckery these new rules would allow. Did the FCC change it's mission at some point to include protecting the profits of large corporations at the expense of innovation and competition? These rules would kill the internet, plain and simple. I oppose any sort of tiered internet and instead urge the FCC to classify ISPs as common providers like telephone lines.
—Nathan Blumenthal, North Garden, VA

The Internet is a fundamental infrastructure that the world uses. Opponents of net neutrality know this and would throttle our connections if it meant selling the bandwidth to ad sites instead.
—Mw, San Francisco, CA

The FCC must reclassify Internet service providers as common carriers. Internet connectivity is a utility like electricity and telephone service. If that sounds silly to you, consider the telephone. At its inception, the telephone was a luxury, a novelty for the wealthy. Once the telephone service providers were forced by regulators to make their service indiscriminately available, the telephone became a crucial component of the economy. Nowadays, a person can't apply for a job without a telephone, and it would be unthinkable to charge a man trying to find work more to use his telephone than a corporate manager placing a purchase order to use his. Actually, the comparison of the Internet to the telephone isn't exactly fair: the Internet is *already* a crucial component of the economy. Every day, millions of people use the internet to work, find work, make purchases, communicate, and participate in the economy in any number of other ways. Rescinding Net Neutrality would limit Americans' access to the global—and American—marketplace, thus stripping them of the power to grow their own and the country's economic stability. The Internet is a utility and the FCC must protect Net Neutrality. The providers' arguments against this fact are not only disingenuous but laughable—or they would be laughable, if so much weren't at stake. Don't cave to corporate pressure. Defend every American's right to engage in this country's economy. Protect Net Neutrality. Reclassify ISPs as common providers.
—Stephen Stull, Orlando, FL

Net neutrality is important to me because it means everyone has an equal voice. Without it the monopolies can control what we see and hear and I won't be able to make informed decisions. Please, do what is right for the American people instead of letting billionaires get richer.
—Jennifer Keating, Orlando, FL

The Internet is democratic. The end of net neutrality destroys this facet of the Internet, and will only benefit ISP/cable companies. Destroying net neutrality, in essence, sanctions these companies' ability to extort other corporations and individuals, and gives them a leg-up in determining which content (and viewpoints) can receive maximal exposure. Virtually every other domain in American society has regulations against these sorts of possibilities (to varying degrees of effectiveness). Abolishing net neutrality would be an intentional step in the opposite direction. Keep the Internet neutral.
—Dario Rodriguez, Beavercreek, OH

Allowing companies willing to pay money to speed up their services is giving them too much power. With YOUR proposed rules, I can easily see a future where Comcast paints itself in great light and controls media content. Or AT&T controlling everything. Creating a two-tier Internet can easily create a two-tier society - those who can afford to present their ideas, and those who can't. Keep the Internet a place of equality. Every website should be treated the same, regardless of how big or small their website is.
—Amber Hoffer, Morgantown, WV

We live in an age where the internet and access to it is as important for commerce as electricity. The internet is not a toy, it is the way in which we are connected and communicate. In the same way that phone lines and electricity should be a public utility, the internet should be too. Big companies will always try and use their weight to make more profit, and why shouldn't they? Its their own best interest. The FCC and other government bodies, however, should keep in mind the best interests of the people. Save net neutrality.
—Grayson Miller, Knoxville, TN

Net Neutrality is important because the American citizens have thrived under the current internet system.
—Leon Gross, glen saint mary, FL

Thanks to your deregulation of Cable Companies, I have exactly one choice when it comes to my television provider because I live in an apartment and most complexes don't allow Satellite Dishes on their buildings. Your deregulation of Broadcast Radio was equally as effective as now the bulk of Terrestrial Radio Stations are owned by a half dozen companies which has lead to less local programming, homogenized formats and people now having to pay for Satellite Radio to hear music that isn't aimed at the 12 - 19 demographic. Now you want to deregulate the internet? You want these same Cable Companies that have monopolies on Television to be trusted with control of internet speed? Quit handing your responsibilities off to private industry, grow a pair and leave net neutrality as it is.
—Matthew Lizotte, Palm Coast, FL

Dear FCC, I am a mother, teacher, and frequent Internet user. I am a supporter of Net Neutrality and I ask that you please reclassify so that you can take the Internet out of the hands of the cable companies. Although you claim to be protecting Net Neutrality, your current plan has vague wording and plenty of loop holes. The cable companies will take advantage of it and will break the Internet if this goes through. The cable companies do not have a good record of playing fair. They have lobbied against Net Neutrality, set up fake social groups (populated by their CEOs I might add) to make it look like the population opposes Net Neutrality, and also blatantly lied to the public (Comcast "supports" Net Neutrality after strong arming Netflix. Verizon claims that they are doing this for the disabled. The disabled claim otherwise). Do we trust a group of people who have set up monopolies across the country to not use this as a money making scheme? By destroying Net Neutrality you will also be destroying people's jobs and harming future job prospects. Not only do big companies such as Google and Netflix employ people, but little companies use the Internet to start up their businesses and get their names out to the public. Musicians, artists, writers, actors, comedians, and critics use the Internet to produce, display, market, and sell their work. Without Net Neutrality, big Internet companies will employ less people as they will need to use the wages to instead pay the cable companies their blood money. Small businesses will have a hard time starting up as they will not be able to afford the amounts needed for faster speeds and may even be hobbled to slower speeds due to payouts from their competitors. Creative people of all types will find it harder to get their work and names out their as they, and many of the sites that host them, will not be able to pay the amount needed to increase their Internet speeds. This will hobble the public's right to free speech as what gets said will depend on how much the speaker will be willing to pay. I fear for the future of my son and my students. The youth uses the Internet more than anyone in any previous generation. They live on the Internet. They have information at their fingertips to look up anything they need to know, find anywhere they would like to go, and to explore their interests. You will be damaging their education, as the Internet is a frequently used teaching tool, and their futures as they will not have access to the freedoms and opportunities the Internet now provides. I ask again, please do not kill Net Neutrality. It will only hurt the common man and help give more money to a select few who do not need it.
—Miranda Robinson, Phillips, WI

It is my firmly held belief, that the open nature of the Internet, that every user is treated the same is what has allowed e-commerce to flourish. The Internet has also become a necessary utility for our modern way of life our children use it in school, our businesses use it in work, local state and federal governments use it to dispense information and collect taxes. the Internet has become a vital utility in our way of life, every bit as important and necessary as gas, telephone, and electricity. This is why everyone needs equal and open access. This is why I support net neutrality.
—Robert Huether, Milford, MA

...because it's important to everyone? I can't believe I have to actually explain this.
—Hunter Hendricks, Perryville, MO

Good morning. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this egregious violation of of the spirit of free competition. What concerns me about removing net neutrality is that you take the power of the internet and consolidate with a few large companies with the finances to pay for this type of influence. We should not allow a few companies to control who gets fast speeds and who gets slower speeds. Do not end net neutrality. Please keep the standards in place and do more to increase the ability for communication companies to compete against each other.
—Darrell Simmons, Springboro, OH

Net Neutrality is important to keep educational materials open t o not only our children, but our country as we try to stay competitive in the global stage. It is also incredibly important to me in my job as a theatre professional - my job is often having to do as much with research as it is with building, sourcing, and acquiring props. Not having net neutrality would effectively kill my livelihood, and only line the pockets of the big three cable companies. Our job market grows increasingly frustrating already with the new jobs only coming in service-based industries, can we really keep telling everyone that the American Dream is gone? Please keep Net Neutrality - we're all depending on it.
—Amanda Williams, Pittsfield, MA

As a consumer, I have experienced service from comcast long before there even was a debate on net neutrality (or at least it's current incarnation). During my years as a comcast customer, I was shocked at the poor level of service and terrible product. The internet router mandated by comcast would fail on a daily, sometimes an hourly basis, and as a consumer, I had to wait for years until a different company provided any competition to comcast. Now I have to wonder, if a company that provides such the key resource of information in a modern, digital world, should they be allowed to tamper with that resource or manipulate the buisness climate for their own profit and to harm the consumer? I believe this cannot be allowed to happen
—David Silverstein, Marlborough, MA

My freedom of speech is just as important as AT&T's, a Comcast and Verizon's. More money shouldn't equal more speech, and if you really care about true American values and protecting the interest of our citizens then you will fully protect Net Neutrality. Large corporations scam us enough as it is, keep them away from controlling and trafficking the internet.
—Nick Hardesty, Decatur, GA

Tom Wheeler needs to use some common sense. That being said, "If it ain't broke, don't fix it." Reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Being in a position of power does not require one to make changes just for the sake of making changes. It also requires one to stand up to the powerful and represent the common people.
—Les Vertz, Dousman, WI

Net neutrality is what has allowed the internet to expand into what it has become today. To revoke net neutrality will put a stranglehold on online business and commerce.
—Brandon Naylor, Indianapolis, IN

This country should be working to help secure opportunities for all of our future generations. As schools and institutions of higher learning move more and more to online technology oriented curriculum, strong fast internet connections become more important than ever. Students from poorer backgrounds have enough trouble as it is lifting themselves out of poverty and making the most of their lives. I've taken online coursework, and I've used the internet for research for a vast amount of projects and papers. Now it looks like you want to put one more obstacle in the way of low income and economically depressed areas by limiting how well those students can access and use a resource that is pretty much essential to doing well in school and will only become more so in the future. You're creating long term problems for a short term gain and it won't be tolerated.
—Christopher Emerson, Ypsilanti, MI

Net Neutrality is important to me because I need the internet for my health care management through the Veterans Hospital. If the internet gets any more expensive, I, as a service connected disabled veteran, will not be able to afford it. If it gets slower, my access to care will be impacted. It is also how I do much of my necessary shopping and banking. And how I manage to have limited socialization. Please side with the people. Side with Net Neutrality.
—Tabitha Ackerman, Aurora, CO

Because without it paying for Internet would be like buying cable packages, and no one would rather buy packages then have the whole thing.
—Garrett Robar, Waterloo,

Net neutrality is important to continue the freedom of the internet. It may seem sometimes like we are all just interested in cat videos, but truly grassroots movements have started here. Restricting fast access to bloggers and websites who can pay a higher fee intrinsically restricts who can speak. Lobbyists and money seem to run so many things these says. Well, I don't have millions of dollars to throw at a campaign like this, or any other, and sometimes that means that I don't have a voice. Don't shrink American freedom. Don't take away the place that anyone has the right to start up a blog and talk about what they believe.
—Lindsay Nyhoff, Nashville, TN

Look, this all really very simple. No one in control of or on the board of a major.cable company knows what the poverty-line LOOKS like. Net Neutrality allows the poor and meek a voice. The rich do not NEED to be richer, their lives are pretty swell already. Please be reasonable human beings. Thank you for your time.
—Wayne Luck, Flint, MI

For too long cable companies have provided poor service and worse customer service while. Charging outrageous rates with little to no choice based on my television habits. So I dumped cable for the cheaper option if watching the shows I want when I want. Instead of changing their business practices to win back me and those like me, they want to make it more expensive to choose other options, like Netflix or Hulu, by making them pay more (thus charging me more) or ruining the experience. It's bad enough I have no choice in internet providers, but I fail to see how this isn't a public utility that is all but necessary in today's world, and why it should be regulated so that it is accessed in a fair manner.
—Sean Hendrix, Bangor, ME

Dear sir or ma'am, Net neutrality is one of the great technological issues of our times. Without equal access to all sites, not just the ones that have paid more for that right, we are all less free. This is a country where the small and less well off have the opportunity to become the great, but with net neutrality restricted with Internet "fast lanes" that Verizon, comcast, AT&T, and many other media giants are trying to enforce, that opportunity will vanish forever. We are all more free when money does not dictate our ability share our visions with the world, or when what information is available is not subject to how much money the purveyor has spent. Please take action to keep net neutrality enforced and to reclassify these media corporations as common carriers. Thank you
—Brittany New, Chattanooga, TN

Look guys-I know the only thing that matters to you is money, but can we please take a moment of self reflection and try to not be a terrible person for once in the past two decades? Aren't you rich enough now to swim in a sea of blow jobs for the rest of your life? So stop whoring yourself out to major telecom corporations and do what's best for the public, now that you've more than compensated for yourself. Ditch your "rules," reclassify ISP's as common carriers, and try to enjoy life knowing you've done something that advances our nation as a whole instead of just a few. Such as yourselves. And ISP's. (God you guys suck)
—Derek Gilbert, Vestal, NY

Limits my ability to do stuff and would only increase costs for everybody, unless you only ever use major sites willing to pay lots of money. The entire thing seems like a scheme for cable companies to make more money.
—Michael Fedirko, West Brookfield, MA

Net neutrality gives small businesses equal footing to compete on the online market.
—Andrew Piper, Westerville, OH

i dont understand how this is even being considered. i guess if you have enough money you can do whatever you want. it disgust me.
—Anthony Schultz, metairie, LA

I want my children to live in a world where the exchange of ideas is not determined by how much bandwidth your company can afford. Everyones voice on the internet needs to have the same reach and not have the volume of your message determined by how much cash (power) you have. I staunchly oppose the "open internet rules"!
—Jason frantz, Terre haute, IN

The internet is not just a tool for entertainment, it is a vital utility necessary for 21st century life. Giving corporations complete unregulated control over this vital tool is unjust, wrong, and frightening. A free and open internet free of overbearing coir pirate interest is vital to a free and open society.
—Luke Wachter, Denver, CO

Because I don't want internet that's slower than a one-legged turtle on barbiturates. :I
—Terry Lee Garinger, Albany, OR

Allowing established companies to control the access of websites behind what is essentially a corporate paywall will artificially inhibit the growth of new websites and potential investment opportunities. Information spread will decrease, and companies will be able to manipulate consumer interest, rather than be driven by it. I am whole heartedly in favor of net neutrality in the same way I am in favor of market neutrality. Monopolies are illegal for a reason.
—Klee simmons, Alexandria, VA

Currently, the internet represents a culmination of human knowledge, providing more information to more people than ever thought possible. One can interact instantly with another person across the world. It has simply brought humanity together and is necessary for us to continue into the future. For it to be a continued success, the internet requires that it not be controlled by for-profit groups. Internet should be a free utility as it expands what we are capable of and allows for greater things.
—Jory Guttsman, New York, NY

The attempts to end Net Neutrality are basically ISPs wanting to run an extortion racket.
—Arwin Burkett, silsbee, TX

I do not want net neutrality to end. This is another pathetic attempt to make more money. How about you focus on upgrading your infrastructure and instead maybe better your customer service. Now that I would support.
—Ethiene Rodriguez, charlotte, NC

Do not kill net neutrality because if you do say good bye to netflix.
—Ryan McLeod, hoffman estates, IL

I am a struggling college graduate attempting to get started in a career of journalism. It is of the utmost importance that I have fair and reliable internet access in order to grow and develop my skills. Allowing massive corporations to decide what sites I can and cannot access easily would be a huge detriment to my ability to gather and report accurately. Please consider the needs and desires of the American citizens over the whims of companies who are willing to bribe and lie their way into more oppressive control over the internet. Web access is a finite resource much like radio stations. Given the precedent established by FCC regulation of radio frequencies to enable clear use of the medium, the internet should be preserved equally for all.
—Bill, Statesboro, GA

Net neutrality is the best way to keep the internet competitive and innovative. By forcing companies to pay for faster service you will kill their ability to compete with larger corporations and to easily find a customer base. Net neutrality is essential to keeping the internet a thriving free marketplace.
—Paul M. Filipanics, Brooklyn, NY

It is clear that all arguments to change the internet's current operating doctrines in the name of better customer service by the major cable companies, including Time Warner, Comcast, AT&T, and Verizon, are flagrant attempts by these companies to alter the rules to benefit their own profit margins, and nothing more. There is no reason for this to happen. ISP customers in the U.S. already pay more than counterparts overseas, and for poorer service, when evidence by overseas ISPs demonstrates that faster, cheaper service is already available and being limited in the U.S. by these same companies lobbying for more restrictions in their favor. Under no circumstances should these companies be allowed to purchase the votes of our legislature for their benefit and at the expense of internet companies that thrive in the current open virtual market. Please do not make the mistake of further limiting the rights and freedoms of the people in favor of the rights of a few megacorporations. It is the economically and morally wrong thing to eliminate net neutrality.
—Jeff Anderson, Denver, CO

RECLASSIFY ISPs. In today's world, internet is not a luxury anymore. It is a necessity. To do my job (I'm an academic), I need fair, neutral internet. And these rules that YOU are proposing are getting in the way of that. In fact, it seems very much to me like you're in the pocket of the cable/internet industry, which is the exact opposite of what your'e supposed to do. Get it together and do what's best. Internet is a utility, and it's time for you to start treating it as such.
—Arienne Ferchaud, Gonzales, LA

Net Neutrality means the next Kickstarter, the next Netflix, the next Facebook, have just as much of a shot at success as the old guard. Net Neutrality levels the playing field. It means your product has to be the best, every day. Net Neutrality protects free markets and free expression, and if it's struck down in the US, it'll be struck down in my country too. Don't break the internet. Stand up for Net Neutrality.
—Alexander Patterson, Sheffield,

Net Neutrality is important to me because no one should be able to control how the internet works. Sure, control over the internet happens in oppressive regimes around the globe, but that fact, I think, proves my point of why such control should not happen in the USA.
—Eric Hansen, South Jordan, UT

Both I and my students need to be able to conduct research online on a variety of scientific topics. The only way to ensure access to high-quality, accurate information is to make sure that no company can control which sites are going to work better/faster!
—Stephen Burnett, Peachtree City, GA

Assholes.
—Asdf, Aurora, IL

FCC, I love the internet. It has brought me laughs and much scholastic information. However, some of my most helpful sites haven't been the ones with the most funding. If the internet were to remain neutral or even a utility, we could ensure the future's equal access to this historic recourse.
—Charles Edward Robb, Louisville, KY

The Internet may have started out as a luxury, but it's quickly become a necessity of the modern world — just as electricity once was just a novelty but quickly became the energy that ran our lives. Commerce, communications, business and more depend on the Internet to function. And those functions will be dramatically affected for the worse if Internet service providers are allowed to charge companies more for the same speed they have now (because that's what would happen — the "fast lane" would be what we have now, while the "slow lane" would be throttled data connections). The United States already lags behind many other first-world nations in Internet speed. According to Ookla's Net Index, for example, Iceland currently enjoys an average broadband index of 36.5 Mbps. Sweden's broadband index is 48 Mbps. South Korea's is 53.2 Mbps. In the United States — the country that invented the Internet and dominates its usage worldwide — our index is 24.7 Mbps (and that's just the average — my home connection is just 20 Mbps, and my work's connection is just 10). The ways of the 20th century are passing. My household, for example, has no cable TV — our media all comes from the Internet. We rely heavily on our Wi-Fi for our smartphones. At work, my office literally could not function without our broadband connection to send massive files via email to our clients. And, as we are a small business, my boss could be forced to freeze wages, delay new hires, lay staff members off or even shut our doors if we had to pay extra just to have the same level of Internet service we had before or risk falling behind to our competitors. Net neutrality means that all traffic on the Internet is equal — just like, in America, everyone is supposed to be equal. It shouldn't be that one person or a small group of people gets to pay extra to be "more equal" than others. If you've read the classic George Orwell book "Animal Farm," you have some idea of what happens when a small group of people is "more equal" than everyone else. The FCC is supposed to be looking out for the well-being of all Americans, not just the rich ones. But, if you destroy the principles of net neutrality that the Internet was founded on, you will have given in to the whims of a rich few who want to be even richer at the expense of everyone else, and you will have hindered the United States in today's technologically focused, Internet-driven world. I hope, for all our sakes, that the FCC has the wisdom to see that this must not be allowed to occur. ISPs must, therefore, be reclassified as common carriers, so that their vital utility service cannot be provided based on who has the deepest pockets. Thank you very much for your time.
—Michael Adkins, Louisville, KY

This is awful. Tom Wheeler needs to resign. Throw out your terrible rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers. PLEASE! The internet thrives on innovation, and with these pay-for-fast-lanes, innovation will be snubbed out. Not to mention any businesses that don't already exist because speeds aren't fast enough to support their ideas.
—Taylor Hanson, Winter Park, FL

I don't want my ISP to have the power to limit what I have access to and the speed at which I can download/view it. Companies such as Comcast already makes millions upon millions in profits each year while continuing to limit what consumers have access to. We need more competition, not more corporate monopolies.
—Austin Wills, Saint Paul, MN

I can barely afford internet, but I give up other things in life to enjoy it. I am not a pawn in your money game. You make more in a day than I make in a year. Why do you insist on destroying every nice thing we have for your own personal gain?
—Jessica McDonald, Brampton,

It should be blatantly obvious to everyone that this business with the cable companies does nothing to benefit the consumers. It's an obvious money grab for the ISPs, which is made all the more appalling by the fact that in many areas there is only one choice for ISP to begin with. In my area your choices were Time Warner or Time Warner until a few months ago when Hugh's Net showed up. These companies already have pseudo-monopolies in many service areas as it is. Taking away Net Neutrality is tantamount to giving them a free pass to do whatever they please without consequence. Just think of how Theodore Roosevelt would handle the situation if he were alive today and do that. Don't let the ISPs have their way, because if they win, we will all undoubtedly lose.
—Ian, Charlotte, NC

Right now, we have all the world's information at our fingertips. The internet is an amazing and intuitive invention that I've lived with for most of my life. You can't put a price on information. And you want to take that way? The internet has become one of the basic necessities of people in our world and you are setting us back by trying to gauge us and limit us in what we can access. Shame on you!
—Kellen Martin, Sarnia,

Losing net neutrality is such a shocking and unbelievable idea, it's difficult to imagine what could possibly be on the other side of the dabate aside from a very limited number of companies making unspeakable amounts of money. Losing it will hurt everyone- stifling innovation and limiting speech, creativity and educational opportunities throughout the country.
—James Wardle, Fredericksburg, VA

A two-tiered internet would put an absolute end to the ingenuity, creativity and inspiration that the internet has provided us these past decades. It would be a travesty.
—Ryan McKenna, Victoria,

I support net neutrality and a free internet.
—Jason Warner, florissant, MO

The internet is a vital resource for people to share ideas and content with one another. If net neutrality fails, people who can't afford the extra fees will have their ability to share and communicate about those ideas cut off, for no reason other than they don't have as much money as other people. This is unfair and will stifle the process of making and sharing new things that goes on constantly over the internet.
—Kiera Schneider, Matawan, NJ

Corporate Lobbying is going to be the death of this country, please.don't let it kill the internet too.
—Matthew Persico, bronxville, NY

Net Neutrality is key if our nation wants to continue to foster start up companies that are pushing the envelope with innovation. A free internet allows content providers easy accesses to millions of customers, which allows them to be financially rewarded based on the value of their product, rather then their ability to reach customers. Providing an even playing field fosters competition in the market and creates an opportunity for start ups and small businesses to challenge the giants of industry. If we eliminate that even playing field, we might inadvertently create a stagnate market where people with great, fresh ideas are unable to independently develop them. It would be a market dominated by established corporations where it would be difficult to allow new ideas to grow. I believe that in the best interest of our market we need to preserve net neutrality and reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Spencer Chestnut, Lawrence, KS

I believe that we have made a grave error in our oversight of internet providers like Comcast and Time Warner. These need to be treated and regulated as the utilities that they are, not left to overcharge, under-serve, and let the U.S. fall behind the rest of the world as they stand now. Allowing them to charge more to content providers who want to continue to have reasonable service will make things even worse. I am in strong support of keeping net neutrality - the latest steps are in the entirely wrong direction in my opinion. Comcast has no motivation to update its services (why is Google able to run fiber and provide 1Gb/sec but the other providers are dragging 20 times slower at 50Mb/sec?). I do not blame Comcast for trying to maximize their profits - their executives have a fiduciary responsibility to their shareholders to do so (charge customers as much as they can at the lowest cost to them). However, I do blame the FCC for not setting the proper regulations that are the best for the current and future development and use of the internet for the good of the entire country (instead of for Comcast and the other ISPs, as it is now). For the good of the country, please regulate the ISPs as the utilities that they are. And please - reclassify the ISPs as common carriers.
—Kevin Keirn, Fort Collins, CO

Net neutrality is important for the whole world, not just american citizens. Please don't allow the cable companies to ruin it for everyone.
—Alasdair McNab, Nottingham,

Without net neutrality, we lose the core tenants behind the poor of this exceptional tool - the freedom of expression and the free sharing of thought. Never in American history has it been socially acceptable to allow a handful of people dictate the views and opinions of the masses. We villainize such people in our history books. Americans are raised on the core concepts of free enterprise, speech, assembly... In history it is sometimes difficult to know if someone will be portrayed as a bad guy later down the line. This is not one of those times. Do you want to be remembered as someone who helped the bad guy? Or do you want to be remembered for standing up for the American people, defending their rights and the rights of their children, against corporate greed and blatant comic book-level villainy? Please make the right choice, the obvious choice, and side with the People.
—Alexander Fieser, El Paso, TX

Net neutrality is important for me to keep innovation in the internet by allowing new, largely unfunded start ups to retain the ability to grow market share.
—Evan Dunbar, East Lansing, MI

Dear FCC, My name is Benjamin FIlkins. I am an independent web developer that specializes in personal websites and small business web applications, both in house and out of house. Let's get to the chase. Why is Net Neutrality important to me? First let me make the broad point that having an organization or corporation, either public or private, that can regulate a communication structure that some individuals use as a living does not seem in line with this countries ideal of competition. How could I compete with large scale business that could pay for better traffic? A primary concern for web developers is load time and latency. If a web service does not load quickly or efficiently, people will leave that site. I can assure you, the readers of this comment, you have done exactly that. What do you do when Netflix or Amazon seems to be experiencing a heavy load? Do you wait? More than likely not; you leave the page and either go somewhere else, or walk away from you computer. Knowing that, as an independent web developer, how can I generate the traffic needed to bring in new customers? I was under the impression that this country valued small business, that they drove this country to success. Furthermore, aside from a clear self interest of greed, at what discretion will ISPs have? What personal values will they apply to their "slow lane" list? Does this not essentially violate the greatest American philosophy that all men and women have the ability to express their ideas, options, and philosophies? The Internet has been a vast expression of that exact ideal. The amount of information available is incomprehensible. Allowing that content to be censored would be a grave mistake. I urge you to preserve Net Neutrality. Sincerely, Benjamin Filkins
—Benjamin Filkins, Lemont, PA

The internet has fast become the premier way to communicate with others globally, and now even locally. It is used by people of every race, creed, and economical status. Such a wide variety of thoughts, opinions, ideas, cannot be trusted to still have a fair chance at being heard in a world without net-neutrality. They cannot be heard in a world of two-tier service systems. Systems such as those cut away connections. These connections are important, not just for personal use but for businesses big and small. For the internet to be used as an economical font it requires that ISPs be classified as a common carrier. This is important to me. This is important to everyone, because it means growth and freedom and profit for the good of our nation.
—Dylan Ducklow, Eau Claire, WI

Dear FCC, The proposal by the cable companies to end Net Neutrality are, quite frankly, absurd. In the real of telecommunications, the internet has become the great equilizer and has allowed unparralleled access to information and communication around the world. Allowing private companies to dictate what was become an necessary part of life for both home and office is, quite frankly, absurd. The cable companise are trying to do nothing short of monopolize a basic service. The internet should be treated as a public service or utility, not as something men in a boardroom get to decide who profits and who doesn't. Net Neutrality is vital to the success of this country. More importantly, it is necessary to the idea of a free and equitable society. If the proposed rules are adopted, then our great society leaves democracy and republicanism behind and moves inexoribly toward oligarchy. Do no listen to the select few who want you to game the system for their bottom line. You are ultimately responsible to the American people, and the voices of those people are crying out in favor of Net Neutrality. Listen to them, heed them, and do the right thing.
—Logan Ping, Bethesda, MD

Net Neutrality is important to me because a neutral internet is one in which all people have a voice in a world where some do not. To allow some people to pay more for their voice to be heard mimics too much the 'real world' and is in direct conflict with the values on which America was founded.
—Andre Hoolihan, Buffalo, NY

Please do Not allow net Nutrality to die.
—Travis J Verret, Barre, VT

Cable Companies are spending exorbitant amounts of money to hide the fact that they are the only ones who benefit from destroying net neutrality. The Bill of Rights was created to protect the people, and Net Neutrality was created for the same reason. Right now, the cable companies are an oligopoly, and the American people need to be protected from them. Our internet speeds have plummeted compared to other countries, and now Cable Companies are going to buy the ability to further inhibit progress by quashing net neutrality, and it is the FCC's job to prevent that. Tom Wheeler may have been a cable company lobbyist, but now he is responsible for protecting the American people's greatest opportunity, the internet, and he needs to step into his job as FCC Chairman, rather than letting the Cable Companies dictate his actions.
—Rachael Wright, Duluth, GA

A free internet open to all, without isp triple charging for services they are already contracted to provide. is what is best for the American people, innovation, and commerce. Net neutrality, and isp regulated as public utilities is what is best.
—Phillip milling, Stone Mountain, GA

Net Neutrality allows the internet to function as an instrument of free speech. Forcing sites to pay in order to function effectively means that only those sites which pay a premium will be able to function on their current level. Cable companies already have a virtual monopoly on the services they provide as a direct result of the way in which companies determine service areas. To give them unregulated control over was is, in essence, a public resource would only serve to increase their monopoly and reduce opportunities for the emergence of new companies and services, who might not be able to pay premiums for decent loading speeds. Lastly, I find it utterly ridiculous that the proponents of ending neutrality have been creating false citizens movements in their favor. This is the equivalent of somebody hiring fake friends for their birthday party.
—Jessica Thornburg, Dallas, NC

Why should the big companies with more money have an advantage over all the small companies? What's wrong with a level playing field? What is actually wrong with this world where people with money only look out for other people with money? The fact that I need to explain to the FCC why this is wrong in the first place is very worrying! The Internet is for everyone, why should it just be handed on a plate over to a small minority of rich companies to control what everyone sees or does? What's wrong with you people? I'll tell you what's wrong with you people in one word...GREED!
—Tony Dalton, Perth,

Net Neutrality is important to everyone. But maybe I just think that because I believe free speech is important regardless of the amount of money you have. Without Net Neutrality there will be no more internet up-starts. The only support that this change has is from the only companies that will benefit from it. If Teddy Roosevelt came back and saw all this trust and monopoly build up he would die again. Would you willingly kill Teddy Roosevelt?
—Kyle Hacker, Marion, IA

Hello, Net neutrality is an important standard for the continued access to a variety of information on the internet. If we were to get rid of net neutrality, we are opening the door for data discrimination, where companies are forced to "pay to play", if they want their websites to load any faster than the days of a 56k modem. This unfairly targets smaller businesses, not to mention internet users. Being a college student, I use the internet on a regular basis when doing research or any other homework assignment. Also being a college student, I am generally broke. I enjoy being able to use high speed internet without paying premium fees, and I do not think that I am significantly different from the norm. If we get rid of net neutrality, what will stop my ISP from throttling my internet speed down to a crawl unless I pay extra? Thank you, -Andrei Nesmelov
—Andrei Nesmelov, minneapolis, MN

Because I can't afford to "fast-lane" my blog.
—Kyle Coletti, Sudbury, MA

Net Neutrality is important because businesses should not have the ability to control whose speech is more accessible to everyone else. For-profit businesses, by their nature, serve their own interests above those of others and should not have authority over whose content deserves easier access, especially when the only criteria is money. Free speech is free speech, no matter how much cash is in your pocket.
—Catharine, No Name City, NY

Having fair and open access to a wide variety of smaller publishers and sites, particularly those not funded by corporate interests, does a lot to provide the average person with new perspectives, ideas, and well-researched information that would otherwise be left out of the public consciousness. Corporate interests are incredibly short-sighted, which leads many of the to discount information that proves invaluable to them in times of rapid change or crisis. Corporations have proved time and time again that they are not capable of making sound long-term plans for their own futures, let alone futures of any other institutions. The government is supposed to serve the country as an institution that IS capable of providing long-term plans, even if those plans aren't favorable to the ones writing the biggest checks. They may kick and scream and throw high-priced lawyers out to fight responsible actions, but net neutrality will ultimately serve them just as well as it serves individuals accessing their services. If the Internet is killed in such a way and small businesses are forced out of the Internet marketplace, small publishers, researchers, and non-profits are forced out or severely limited, we can only imagine the damage it will do to the country as a whole. By regulating these companies, you would only be guaranteeing that they ultimately stay in business and stay profitable by preventing the untold damage to the economy as a whole if they are allowed to cut their own legs off. Please put tougher standards in place to ensure that everyone is able to participate in the Internet marketplace and information exchange.
—Valerie, Columbia, MD

ISPs are common carriers, invest in infrastructure and you'll get more customers and more income. Don't try to strangle the market with draconian control laws.
—Robert Martin, simi valley, CA

A lack of 'Net Neutrality will not necessarily allow ISPs to open up 'superlanes' for data. It'd be much less effort for them to just put a stick in the metaphorical tires of anyone who doesn't pay their fee and call the ones they haven't hobbled 'in the fast lane'.
—Daniel J Perra, Cedar Rapids, IA

Please listen to the people and not the lobbyists. Net Neutrality is an important tool, and eliminating it would hurt the poorest of us and really only help people high up in the corporate ranks of mega-internet companies.
—Greg Imler, Philadelphia, PA

To the bot that reads and sends an auto-reply thanking me for my input but also assuring me that it knows what's best for me. I don't want to have to fret over what online sites and services I utilize because of a feudal system of loyalties and obligation between them and the ISPs. I don't want to have to research what secured browsers, proxy servers, and other tools I'll need to circumvent this to get the bandwidth I was promised in a contract. Maintain net neutrality, we both know that these companies will not wait three seconds after it's gone to start doing everything they promised they wouldn't do. There's a reason we have a government to protect the people.
—Robert Donahue, Wayne, NE

It is absolutely essential that the FCC regulate ISPs as common carriers with a requirement of net neutrality. The largest ISPs control the vast majority of Internet traffic and consumer connections. We as consumers have no competitive options except for the largest ISPs such as Verizon, TW, Comcast, or AT&T. Generally only 1 or 2 of those options is available. A free and open internet is the single greatest technology of our time, and control should not be at the mercy of corporations.
—Benjeman Meekhof, Ann Arbor, MI

The message is simple but crucial: protect the concept of Net neutrality and preserve an open and free Internet for everyone. Do not limit what is possibly the most important/useful device of human achievement. Allowing corporations to limit speed to smaller sites is extortion and allowing cable companies to continue to merge just creates a larger more powerful mob/enforcer. For Net Neutrality and Internet for All!
—Grant Garrard, Oklahoma City, OK

Dear FCC, Please do not allow the cable companies to stomp all over net neutrality. Our country has been at the forefront of internet technology since its inception and it would be an absolute shame to allow the ISPs to basically destroy all that by charging extra for "fast-lanes." The internet is arguably the greatest invention in human history. It is the only platform in the history of the entire world where one single voice can be heard as loudly as the most well-funded, powerful government or corporation. I traditionally vote Republican and I am all for small-government and freedom, which is why I feel this ability to have an equal playing-field is such an essential component to modern-day democracy. Please, please, please - do NOT allow the ISPs to ruin humanity's greatest accomplishment. Thank you.
—CJ Rockwell, Troy, NY

Companies like cox, verizon, and comcast have enough control over the media. The people of the united states need an avenue through which expression and collaboration is fluid and accessible.
—Keith Harriman, chepachet, RI

Net neutrality is the ONLY reason I pay money to companies like netflix, hulu and amazon prime video and STILL can watch tv shows cheaper than I could with dish network or direct tv. You may notice that the two satellite providers are in bed with numerous cable\internet companies. The loss of net neutrality would mean that internet companies could force a price increase for video competitors until consumers switch to providers they have business ties with. That is how a monopoly works and is the reason these companies are interested in removing neutrality.
—Bobby Walker, Fort Worth, TX

Ending Net Neutrality would allow Internet Service Providers (ISPs) to determine which websites load faster and which websites load slowly. In modern times, the internet is an extremely useful tool for spreading information related to multiple topics, including but certainly not limited to human rights issues, government abuse and corporate abuse. Giving ISPs the ability to determine which of these websites loads essentially gives ISPs the ability to determine who is heard. This places them in the unprecedented position of legally violating the First Amendment rights of any individual they see fit, whether it is because the individual will not or cannot pay higher rates for faster site access or if the ISP disagrees with what the individual has to say. This is detestable and should be illegal.
—Lee Winters, Cabot, AR

Please keep the internet open and neutral. I would support making broadband internet a utility so that it could be regulated and everyone would have an equal opportunity to have access. Please make ISPs common carriers. Again, I do not support any actions that would limit or "gate" internet access or internet speeds to various sites. Thank you
—Russell White, Fishers, IN

Please kill net neutrality in USA. Let the rest of the World get stronger, especially Europe that you fucked big time for too long. Continue sawing the branch you're sitting on. Sincerly, A false friend.
—Thomas Neanderson, Lausanne,

Net Neutrality is important to me because I have several friends whose primary source of income is made from putting their content on the Internet, with advertisements. Should ISP's institute a two-tiered Internet, these people would not be able to rely on this form of income. In this economy, that would mean that they would be homeless and jobless, with no source of income.
—David Coffield, Lake Mary, FL

Net neutrality is important to me as a small business owner. I am attempting to bootstrap a startup company, and I do not have the income or numbers to keep my website fast and efficient. If people can't find my business, or find the company website so slow as to be unusable, my company will fail.
—Ross A Bennett, Endicott, NY

This is important to me because the internet is the best tool available for reasearch and communication.Why should I have to pay extra for a company to provide me with a service that cost them nothing to provide?
—Taylor Mason, Jacksonville, FL

Leave the net alone there is nothing wrong with it. Quit trying too "fix" what isn't broken.
—Deryck Jackson, new caney, TX

As a fan of independently-run websites, blogs, and writers; Net Neutrality is important to me. It is important to be able to access them indiscriminately. One would not allow a minimall to erect pay-to-remove barricades in front of stores. The barricades suggested would not even be confined to stores within the mall; they would apply to any stores the customer wishes to visit. We don't have such a system in place because it is obviously absurd. Let's apply this same sensibility to a system that has far more impact than a simple minimall; something that will play a key role in all of our lives for the rest of our lives.
—Jacob Larimore, New London, CT

The internet is one of the most important tools of our generation and net neutrality is needed to keep the internet open and available. Unless, of course, we want every website to be either hosted by Verizon or a blog about how awesome Verizon is.
—Cebastian Westrom, Albuquerque, NM

Whatever measures you decide are most prudent to do so, you MUST prevent any violation of net neutrality, including (and perhaps especially) the creation of these so-called "fast lanes." The current system may not be perfect but it enables an unprecedented level of freedom of expression from any source. If you allow these fast lanes to exist, you are condemning us all to control by corporations whose interests, by their nature, conflict with those of a private citizen or small business
—John Griffin, Tempe, AZ

Net neutrality ensures that the internet remains a level playing field for everyone who uses it. The cable companies should not be able to dictate what websites I am able to view by slowing down ones they don't like.
—Courtney Shay Brite, North Richland Hill, TX

class stratification is killing this country, and you honestly want to just add another brick to that wall by letting these companies do whatever they want just because they had the most lobbying money? rarely has an issue been so obviously opposed with the american public so overwhelmingly in one camp, and yet youre just plowing ahead. public entities should have a mandate for the public good and interest, not pave the way for corporations to dictate our lives.
—Michael Neal, Belleville, MI

A free and open internet is vital for start-up businesses. Protect the small business owner and leave the internet free.
—Jacob McFadden, Richmond, VA

Net Neutrality is an extremely important facet of what makes the Internet work as well as it does. I beg of you, do not allow corporations to destroy the very thing that makes them so successful.
—Andrew Weber, Beavercreek, OH

Net Neutrality is a basic founding principle of the internet. It is needed to keep the playing field level between sites like Amazon and blog sites. You don't see it yet and probably won't understand it's impact on your lives until it affects you.
—Richard Pena, Brooklyn, NY

The future of innovation is entirely dependent on the internet. Allowing companies to charge in order to "upgrade" internet access based on what data is transmitted will hamstring competition and innovation. America is already behind the rest of the developed world in this. Don't let us fall further behind.
—David McMillon, Tulsa, OK

The Internet is not a toy to deliver funny cat pictures and online games. It is a tool that everyone uses every day to do serious things. I use the internet to keep in contact with my family, to order important medicine, and most importantly to keep myself informed about what is going on in my country and the whole world. Commercializing the internet to the point where people see whatever the companies with the most money have want them to see is the grossest crime against people i can imagine.
—Zacharia A Powell, Idaho Falls, ID

Cable Companies want to charge more money for services, as they always do, they are even going as far as bribery to do so as many of the anti-net neutrality groups are funded by them. My opinion on Net neutrality is simple, it's meant to make all websites equal, regardless of location of content all of them should be allowed to be viewed as quickly as anyone else. An example of the abuse that could happen if said laws were removed would be something along the lines of Youtube pays money, and effectively shuts down it's competition by making it less convenient to use the competitors service. This could and would be one of the many different abuses of the new found power they would have. Net neutrality in itself is a freedom as it keeps people from doing all they can to screw you over.
—Delbert Mcmahon, Vancouver, WA

Without Net Neutrality, there is nothing protecting the American people from price gouges of epic proportions. Cable and internet companies already have deals with each other to stop any form of competition, they need this regulation.
—Mr. Andrew Foose, Centerville, OH

Having the playing field level (IE, no fast lanes) means everyone has to compete. That means capitalism will work properly for one aspect of our "capitalistic" economy. This may be the one way for true capitalism to regain footing against cronyism, oligarchic capitalism control, and generally reintroduce the competitive values that made our country great. Let everyone, including new people to the field, compete. It is the best way out of this quasi-feudal oligarchy our economy has become over the last century.
—Floyd H. Lockhart III, Cape Girardeau, MO

Dear FCC, If you succeed in killing net neutrality, you will damn not only the free world's cultural and economic growth on the internet, but the reputation of and civic confidence in the abilities of governmental bodies to serve the needs of their citizens.
—Nicholas Gaston, Guerneville, CA

The internet is our best hope of truly free speech. Don't take away the free.
—Carin Billings, Eureka, CA

As an American consumer who conducted his own individual investigation, I can say that there is no "pros" when it comes to abolishing net neutrality. It will make internet more expensive, and give major telecommunication companies too much control over the consumer. If you have any doubts about how these companies treat their current customers, simple look to online reviews of these companies. These companies are hammered on their lack of costumer service daily all over the web. Unfortunately, if net neutrality was no longer around, this gives these telecomunication companies the opportunity to affect the American Internet User's free speech by slowing down websites that host unfavorable reviews or opinions of these companies. If net neutrality is abolished, then I believe it would be a true disservice to our nation and would do nothing but continue sowing the seeds of discontent and will dramatically lessen what remaing trust the American Public has in federal organizations.
—Grayson Bell, Splendora, TX

I'm afraid of losing connection speed to websites that are less popular or can't afford to pay for a better connection.
—Michael Gerard Opie, San Antonio, TX

Net Neutralist is important to me as a consumer because, in all honesty, I like looking up links on the pages I browse. I only go to a handful of sites on regular basis, and sometimes they have fantastic links - like this one! This I found on a Cracked.com article about this very subject. Now please note: I don't mind that it might take a minute or two for a page to load. I don't mind that I might not get to see everything on a page immediately. I just like to get where I'm going, pause to look at the page, perhaps read an article, and then continue on. I grew up on AOL, back in the 1990s. Yes, it was slow. Yes, it tied up the phone lines. But yes, it was still amazing in all the right ways. Even back before Google and Wikipedia I was searching for information about the Art Institute of Chicago for a third grade project. It got me hooked on all the wonderful things I could find, "surfing the web." The Internet isn't just for me, either. It's for the millions of people who have access to information they cannot find anywhere else. My friends and myself know all we do because of the Internet, and what it's done for us. Think about what you're doing to countless people - not just in the US but around the globe - by discriminating. You're lining the pockets of corporations with too much money already, and gouging it from the laymen who have barely any money to begin with. I'm just a twenty-something living at home with her mother and brother and uncle just outside of Chicago. I use the Internet to chat with my friends on Facebook, mess around on Twitter, watch movies on Netflix (that I pay for, I might add, on top of the Internet prices), and play games on my XBOX360. I'm using the Internet right now to write this to you, sitting at work half an hour away from home. In fact, my work uses the cloud to be a nearly paper-free workplace. We use Comcast at home, and we use Comcast at work, not because it's good, but because it's really the only option we have. Comcast nearly has a monopoly here because they offer "lower" prices and "better" value. As an aside, I want all of you to watch the Lego Movie. I know that sounds childish, but having seen it several times I understand what the meaning of it is: the people have their own minds and their own ways. Stop trying to force it down with litigation and rules and laws. Listen to the people, not just the corporations. Not that any of this will get through, but please hear us. Not just me, hear us. Listen. We know you and these companies have been in bed for years; we know they've given you gifts and offers you couldn't refuse. But please, please, please, I beg of you, LISTEN. And you'll hopefully understand.
—Royce Hamel, Glenview, IL

The most abhorrent part of this is the arrogance of the US scheming to dictate how the internet will be received around the world. It isn't YOURS. It's a global communications network, and you haven't the slightest right to put legislation upon it. There is no justification for this other than cable companies generating profit. End of.
—David, London,

Net Neutrality has provided an environment for the economic growth, technological innovation, and greater understanding in the United States and the world abroad. Limiting net neutrality by introducing 'slow lanes' and tiered pricing will not only cripple smaller companies that depend on an equal internet; in a decade or two, it will destroy the cable companies themselves as people grow disillusioned with the worsening service. And the service will get worse if the FCC doesn't step up to defend Net Neutrality. The internet has become too important to allow a few corporations the license to kill it in order to boost quarterly revenue. I believe it should be reclassified as a public utility.
—Dmitriy Istomin, North Bethesda, MD

I LOVE how the FCC is run by someone from one of the major cable companies! And by love, I mean if that's not the most blatantly corrupt positioning I've ever seen I must live in Estonia. Net Neutrality should be protected, because the cable companies have kept America at internet speeds seen only in 3rd World Countries, and will only see any leeway as reason to keep us even further back. Throw out the current rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Caitlin LePlatt, Durango, CO

Allowing cable companies to charge an arm and leg for internet probably only just as fast as it is now (after they've tried sorting through all of their bugs for a few months) is NOT something I want.
—Anne Morrison, Sammamish, WA

Local businesses shouldn't have to pay extra just to get on the internet.
—Don Huibregtse, Houston, TX

Hey, remember when YOU were a teenager and the Internet seemed like a magical series of tubes because you could seemingly go anywhere, anytime, however quickly your crappy dial-up connection would take you? Remember how great upgrading to broadband was - all the recipes you could look up, all the friends you could contact, all the obscure knowledge you could obtain, without it seeming like a greedy corporation was salivating over the prospect of taking even more of your money? Yeah, me, too. So don't take that away from new generations of Internet users. Preserve net neutrality.
—Shawn W., Richmond, KY

Does anyone who understands what net neutrality really is want to lose it. Other than the ISP's of course. Don't take away net neutrality!
—Doug Williams, Carthage, MO

Please don't openly screw over small businesses like this. Net Neutrality is what makes the internet amazing. What lets small companies move forward to eventually become giants. Because they don't need to spend what little they bring in making sure their page loads at a half way decent speed. Please do the right thing.
—Dan Killilea, Stoneham, MA

Without net netruality, broadband providers will have the ability to infringe upon the free speech of others by controlling how they transmit their speech and how others access that speech. They would also be able to slow or stop the sharing of ideas that they do not agree with or endorse using the same methods. Free exchange of ideas is important in a free and democratic society. When the powerful (whether they are a repressive govt. or a corporation makes no difference) can limit or even control this, it goes against the freedom our country purports to stand for.
—Kevin Treanor, Winfield, IL

The internet is an amazing tool for gathering information, sharing opinions, and reaching people that, 50 years ago, you would never have imagined reaching. By allowing cable and internet companies to force websites and consumers to pay extra so that their content will load quickly and effectively, these companies are in effect controlling the last free media source, and discriminating against anyone not rich enough to pony up the fees. Please, FCC, do not let these corporate overlords to bully you into passing laws that benefit only them. Throw out your proposed rules and start again, reclassifying broadband as a telecommunication service. Preserve net neutrality! So much of America is controlled by the wealthy at the expense of the masses; don't add the internet to the list.
—Amelia, Topeka, KS

Net Neutrality is the back bone of the internet. One place where corporate greed cant fuck people over. If it is ended then no one will be able to enjoy the pleasures of the internet because small websites run by creative talented people will have no way to pay the ridiculous fees they will charge. Why make the rich richer. Companies like Comcast and Verizon pass off their actions as trying to help everyone as they give you that shit eating grin. They only want to line their pockets. The internet is one last bastion of fair play we have where you don't need huge amounts of money to exhibit your art or film or express your opinion or rally people together for change or donate to someone in need. If net neutrality disappears then so do some of our freedom.
—Nathan Fissel, Columbus, OH

I have a slow internet connection, and without Net Neutrality, it would exacerbate the problem from "Annoying but manageable" to "I will seriously be paying $50 a month for almost nothing". Net Neutrality should be considered a part of my rights, as both an American and a human being.
—Adam Bassett, Jackson Heights, NY

To put it simply: ISPs cannot and should not be allowed to charge whatever they want and regulate the Internet the way they want. Huge companies that spend millions of dollars on campaigns to push their agendas instead of, say, better services, should not be allowed that kind of power.
—Eugenio Teran, Tucuman,

Preferential treatment for certain sites depending on how much they pay is both morally and economically unjust.
—Conor Fogarty, Bethesda, MD

Students in the United States need instantaneous access to information including scholarly journals. Don't screw this up guys.
—Kyle Solomon, Machesney Park, IL

For once do something for the little guy, let the American people have a victory. We are tired of just paying our taxes and getting screwed by corporations who play roulette with their investments. Its been a tough decade to live in, Wars, economy in the trash, lower income to inflation ratio, the middle class of this country needs this, if only to know that our government still represents the people, and not the money. For companies like Verizon and AT&T this is a business decision, one to insure higher ROI. For the average American this is so much more.
—Sean Dulaney, Dallas, TX

Cable companies are a bunch of assholes. Don't give them more power.
—Brian Reilly, Plymouth Meeting, PA

The internet has been a haven for free thought and free speech since its inception. It is not perfect, but any user has access to any idea or community - not just those who have more money. Stop undercutting the first amendment.
—David Hawthorne, Olympia, WA

Information is the currency of civil society. Much like the United States' system of public libraries, broadband internet access should be a public good available to all people. Information should not be censored at the whim of private companies. The internet is an incredible font of knowledge for people, and an incredible forum for the exchange of ideas. Don't allow it to be stunted for the sake of profit.
—Laura Johnson, Raleigh, NC

Net neutrality is important to me because our lives are already constrained and controlled by corporations. The internet is one of the few places left that, if you search hard enough, you can find unbiased information. Taking away net neutrality means that ISP and cable providers could make it near impossible to access websites that they don't like. Our companies charge more in America than similar companies in Europe and Asia for slower speeds. The ISP and cable companies need to man up, fund new infrastructure, and provide fast internet without restrictions.
—Melissa Salnave, Missouri City, TX

Net neutrality prevents cable companies from screwing customers, new startups and harms individuals first ammendmant rights to free speech
—James Beard, Garden City, KS

Ending net neutrality would only further increase the monopoly of the communication corporations. I live in Tennessee and only have one provider of cable/internet/electricity and I'm only 45 minutes outside of Memphis. That shouldn't happen.
—Logan Montie, Atoka, TN

Just an FYI: No one -- and I mean NO ONE -- believes the hackneyed effluvia the cable companies and their talking heads are spewing about how they plan to 'protect' net neutrality by gutting it. Seriously. We know you want to charge more for doing less, and you (I say 'you' because the FCC is in the pocket of a certain lobby group) know the best way to do this is to end net5 neutrality. There will be no fast lanes -- just a series of poorly-maintained gravel roads, while the rest of the civilized world zips around on the Autobahn.
—Frank Tuttle, Oxford, MS

Net neutrality is important because it results in an equal internet where somebody can start a blog or open an online shop and be successful in that without having to pay their cable company an assload of money just so customers can get to their site. Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Victoria, Indianapolis, IN

The entire structure of the internet relies on isps being common carriers. Dont sell out your society for a handful of dollars. Do the right thing, and protect net neutrality.
—Paul, lafayette, IN

As a professional commercial artist, my ability to find work is heavily dependent on the clients' ability to find and view my portfolio website and art blogs. Without Net Neutrality, my websites would be sidelined in favor of large companies who can afford to pay ISPs for preferential treatment. This unfairly hurts my ability to make a living in an economy already in recession. Please do not overturn Net Neutrality.
—Moses Nester, Savannah, GA

Look, the world laughs at America enough already in how it privatises everything. America has not been taken seriously by any other first world country since the Clinton administration, and this sure as hell is not going to help abolish the "idiots with guns and no clue what its people want" stereotype.
—Vf, At All, No City, MA

The internet is becoming over monopolized by cable companies that lobby to prevent any sort of competition that would force them to be mildly competent at providing the services that millions pay for. If Net Neutrality is taken away, it will only get worse from there.
—Matthew Micheli, Wheaton, IL

Public information should remain public. It is clearly only wealthy company owners who would benefit. That's wrong. They keep trying to make it seem like it's great for everyone- it's great for them financially. The internet is a great resource for learning and finding information. It also allows the world to be connected easily. It would be a huge step back it we suddenly couldn't have that access unless we are willing to pay.
—Lisa Vincent, Centreville, MD

Net neutrality isomer of the means by which Americans are given a fair shake. Don't be an agent in the reduction of oportunity/ evenhandedness in America.
—John Zaffino, Rochester, NY

Eliminating net neutrality will inevitably lead to monopolistic business practices.
—Ben Hertzberg, Princeton, NJ

The Internet is the most important tool for free speech that we have. The death of net neutrality means the death of free speech.
—Colin Barstow Hamilton, Harwich, MA

There was a time in the dark ages of the internet when all anyone had were dial-up modems. We've moved on from then and grown to truly staggering heights. From Amazon to Google, Facebook to Kickstarter, the internet has matured on the very American principles of free speech and fairness of use, becoming the strongest vector for social change, equality and cultural exposure that has ever existed in all of human history. It stands as a testament to interconnectivity, communication and globalization, allowing not only for the rapid growth of dot-com industries, but also facilitating the expansion and development of services closer to home. Now, an innovator in Salt Lake City, Columbus or Los Angeles can manage businesses that span all of North America from the comfort of his own home. Now, grandparents in Orlando, Honolulu or Manila can use Skype or Vonage to speak with their grandchildren across the country or across the world. Now, the lonely teen can reach out and be heard and know that they aren't as alone or aberrant as their classmates would have them believe. The internet has enabled educators to touch some of the most troubled neighborhoods in America and beyond, enabled revolutions and cultural progression across the globe and opened the world to billions. It is something for everyone who accesses it- a medium greater than mere entertainment, larger than anyone or anything could have ever predicted in its infancy. This is not television, this is not radio, it is infinitely greater. A vast majority of content on the internet is not generated by one company or another, but by individual users, allowing them to start their own businesses or speak their minds in situations that would, otherwise, see their voices quashed. These are the drivers, the owners, the creators; these are individuals who, through the net, pursue the great ideal that is what we here in the States might call The American Dream. But, for the internet to continue being such a powerful driving force for communication, human interconnectivity and interaction, it must remain a free and neutral zone. The businessman must stand on the same, level playing field as the environmentalist. To restrict on a pay-for-speed basis is to allow those who are already wealthy to gain a considerable advantage over those young entrepreneurs who do not yet possess the same resources, smothering economic growth and stunting innovation. Net Neutrality is not just important to the internet, it is vital and central to the internet's function as an economic tool and a center for cultural and social interchange. I would in fact argue that limiting the internet by allowing corporations to discriminate against content, applications and websites is a gross violation of some of the most fundamental rights of our Constitution- Freedom of Speech chief among them. For the sake of our continued development as the leaders in innovation and culture, it must be preserved.
—Ross Chongson, Marysville, OH

I believe that net neutrality is the only way to maintain the free exchange of information and thought over the internet.
—Chelsey Hookham, Lincoln, NE

No company should have the ability to charge for how much or how little (lets be honest - its how much) goes through these "series of tubes" because it costs them nothing for the amount of "stuff" going through these "series of tubes." There is a cost for installation and maintenance that is already paid for by every consumer out there that is a current customer of these companies, and that is just about everyone in the United States of America. Net Neutrality is very important, unless you want the USA to become like Europe - and no true American wants that.
—Sir Fluffy Kittymeowington, Arlington, VA

I can't believe we are even having to discuss this. Of course the internet should be classified as a utility. I don't know why we are even listening to any ISP when they haven't bothered to try to upgrade their infrastructure in years. It's not that it's too expensive, because that logically wouldn't make sense since the internet is one of those things everyone who can have, will have, and it's a constant source of income, it's that Big ISPs are a monopoly on the system. I need the internet for work, like millions of other Anmericans and thus it is a utility. All this will do is stiffle creativity and small online businesses. Then again I don't suppose anyone reading this will care. Seriously stop listening to lobbyists.
—Brandon, norfolk, VA

Ending net neutrality is clearly an idea born to benefit cable companies and precisely nobody else. Typical Internet consumers don't want it. Internet Service Providers don't want it. This is a bald-faced attempt to extort more money for worse service, using the already-questionable cable company monopolies to stifle competition and decide whose Internet access is more deserving than whose. This is a terrible idea, and I will be supporting my opinion with votes.
—Skyler Jordan, Gahanna, OH

Net neutrality is important to me because it allows anyone with a good idea to become successful without already having a ton of capital. The end of net neutrality wouldn't affect large companies much because they have the money to pay the fees to let their sites load quickly, but it would affect individuals and new companies greatly. This resource is too important to allow discrimination based on money. It would stifle innovation. Many of the most popular websites today didn't exist ten years ago. The most popular sites ten years from now shouldn't simply be the sites of companies that had a ton of money. They should be the sites that had the best ideas and most usefulness.
—Jason Sprague, Eureka, IL

It's important for me to have access to everyone who uses the net, and to not have companies getting rich regulating the traffic to me. I really think any company that even lobbies against net neutrality should be broken up in an antitrust motion for actions that are anti-competitive by their very nature. And I think that any FCC commissioner who proposed or voted against net neutrality should lose their jobs for betraying the public trust. And really, if net neutrality goes, it won't be the end of it. People will fight to get net neutrality as long as it takes. BTW, Wheeler is a dingo, and he needs to be returned to The Outback.
—Charles W Haines, St Louis, MO

Why would you deprive the world of information? Do we have to stay in the dark for the world to function? Net neutrality is important to me because it's the last place in the world I have the freedom to learn and explore. That equality is all we actually have left of a society that prides itself on 'freedom of speech' , yet never listens to the majority of people who have something to scream about.
—Sl, no, FL

I believe that government can improve people's lives and effect positive change on a national scale. But, when that's not an option, it can at least avoid making things worse. The proposed new rules would gut Net Neutrality and put the fate of the most important form of mass communication in the world in the hands of those who have shown, time and again, that they cannot be trusted to act in the public good. But the FCC can. Or at least, it should. So please, scrap the Wheeler plan and preserve the internet as it is--not as comcast wishes it could be.
—Evan Dorman, Forest, VA

It's not fair to start-up businesses that their websites should be slower than companies that shell out a lot of money. If ISP's want to charge the websites, then why is the customer (me) paying for increased internet speed at home. I pay for a 75/50 (Mpbs Download/Upload) speed, so why should any site I want to get to be throttled to less than that what I already paid for the service. The ISP's just want more money and they want to stronghold the internet. Plus, ISP's have a terrible analogy that there are so many providers out there that it's already balanced. That's a lie. In my building there are only 2 companies I can get internet from. So if those 2 companies decide to create a choke point for a website... what choice do I have? It's not "choice". Please save net neutrality.
—Theodore Valoria, Brooklyn, NY

I don't want to pay a cable company for access to specific, predetermined sites. I want access to the whole internet. Making companies pay for speed and pushing everyone who doesn't into the background destroys what the internet has come to be. It is the place where everyone can be heard. When everyone can be heard then the voices that rise do so on their own merit. Ending net neutrality is like listening to voices through a wall. The sound is still there, but you can't tell what they're saying anymore.
—Steve, Birmingham, AL

The Internet providers arguing against net neutrality are doing so ou of greed, pure and simple. Ultimately their claims of fifth amendment violations are false. Much of the vast network of copper and fiber optic cables that make up their service offering was funded, in part or in whole, by the taxpayer. Now they wish to claim these resources as private property seized for public use, when in reality it is public property sullied by privatized avarice.
—Skyler Spence, Chicago, IL

As a college senior who is studying Information Technology and Information Security, ending Net Neutrality is simply another means to an end. That end? Making all the money. Enough is enough. Time for you to get off of your bought-off useless hides and do something for the public good for a change. We need Net Neutrality!!!
—Robert D., West Allis, WI

Net Neutrality is essential for the survival of the Internet. The second its gone, the Internet as a business venture will wither and die. You think people won't go back to not having the Internet be the center of their lives? Think fuckin' again.
—Reese N. Perry, Stanton, MI

Net neutrality is essentially a free speech mechanism for all voices to be heard, not just large corporations who are able to pay a premium for better access and loading speeds. Please support the 1st Amendment by maintaining net neutrality!
—Brian Wiggett, Colorado Springs, CO

Giving cable companies autocratic control of the internet will only lead to people having their First Amendment rights violated.
—Thatcher Whitacre, Gore, VA

Net neutrality is important because everyone should have the right to equal exposure online, not just the ones that pay extra. Internet accessibility should be considered a public utility and subject to the same regulations since it is now not a luxury but a necessity.
—Matthew Reed, Townsend, DE

Don't let this happen, have some fucking decency!!!
—Marcela Rocha, Prague,

I support net neutrality in its fullness and if corporations are people the need to be policed liked everyone else!
—Mark Hulen, League city, TX

If you truly care about the people (and by "people", I don't mean corporations), you should support Net Neutrality. It's called neutrality for a reason, every website is equal. Ending neutrality does only one thing, it gives the already wealthy cable companies even more money at the expense of the people's enjoyment. Cable companies do not need more money, they are doing just fine as is. The people deserve an easy to use internet, just as it is right now. Why would you want to take that away from us?
—Drew Sitt, Kansas City, MO

Keep the Internet Free and Open, reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Paul Idol, Raleigh, NC

Net neutrality is the only way the free world can continue to be free. Those poor, unfortunate, defenseless billionaires can fend for themselves.
—Nathan Lewis, Copperas Cove, TX

We live in a world where media empries are run on a political agenda; a free and equal internet is the only recourse allowing equal access to dissenting opinion. Freedom of speech isn't just saying what you want, it's also protected access to what others are saying. Please don't enable an evironment where the largest voices quiet the smallest.
—Douglas Schuster, Manor, TX

Cable companies are just looking for another way to manipulate the public while lining their pockets. Ending net neutrality would be terrible for everyone
—Celia, keller, TX

Net Neutrality is an incredibly important component of the internet. Without Net Neutrality, there will be nothing preventing ISP's from throttling the bandwidth speeds of websites with a smaller audience (and therefore less revenue) simply because those sites are incapable of affording faster speeds. Doing away with Net Neutrality strikes an incredible blow to the First Amendment, as the voices and opinions of the people who run innumerable small websites will effectively be silenced. Don't compromise freedom of speech in favor of corporate greed.
—Bryan Riedel, Buchanan, MI

Net Neutrality is the most important fight of our generation. If the corporations in charge of the internet are given free reign, than higher costs, favoritism, and corporate back rubbing will be the result. Secure Net Neutrality for the good of America
—Stephen J Rhea, Denver, CO

There is only one reason to end net neutrality, greed! And billions (people) of reasons to keep it. Just do the right thing for everyone, not just the one (%).
—Paul, Derby,

Without Net Neutrality, future development in many areas (health, technology, art, etc) will come to a crawl. Many websites, unable to afford the absurd prices cable companies will most definitely charge, will crumble as their traffic dies because people will not want to wait for it to slowly load. This means we will be increasingly left with only the richest sites. Information will become more and more under the control of an elite few. The one defining characteristic of the Internet is its ability to spread information (all sides, whether true or false) widely so the consumer can check all sides and discover what is true. How can information be widespread in a world without net neutrality? Misinformation and propaganda will become the only available sources for information on the Internet. Please feel free to use my comments in the defense of net neutrality.
—Hunter N. Cotie, Winterville, NC

The government is supposed to protect the people, not just the super rich. Ending net neutrality hurts millions, for the benefit of a handful of corporations. Madness.
—Ryan Scattergood, Chandler, AZ

without net neutrality, companies can be extorted for extra cash and cause company failures. Dont let them take it away. Everybody deserves fair access.
—Christopher Staples, presque isle, ME

Big money cable companies can fuck right off. They have enough money, classify the internet as public domain to keep it free for all, not just the rich.
—Thomas Matich, Pittsburgh, PA

Net Neutrality protects the speech and ability to communicate of U.S. citizens. Many American's already live in monitored monopolies for web service, to allow these organizations the ability to not only have no competition, but to then choke back service on whatever they like and dislike is draconian and should be considered criminal. It is an embarrassment for this government to even consider allowing this to happen.
—Thomas J. Barber, Minnepaolis, MN

THIS WILL BE THE END OF THE INTERNET!!!! Do not let comcast have any more power than they have already. IT IS A MONOPOLY AND THEY ARE DESTROYING EVERYTHING
—Adam Loudermilk, Baltimore, MD

I sent these comments out before, and I'm sending them out again in the hopes that they will be seriously considered before making a decision that could be disastrous to both consumers and content providers (of which I am both) 1)There is no benefit to the market in allowing giant ISPs like Comcast and Verizon to restrict data access depending on who can pay them bigger fees. In fact, giving these ISPs the power to control data will kill small businesses like mine and my colleagues' who rely on the internet for the bulk of our marketing and communication with customers. If we and others are shoved into the digital equivalent of Cable Access, the small profit we are able to currently generate will vanish under new overhead costs and essentially kill our businesses. 2)The new rules that are being proposed are an attempt to fix a system that's not broken. The spirit of Net Neutrality, the concept of a level playing field, has allowed small start-ups a chance at success equal to larger, more established companies. These new proposals do nothing more than take that level playing field away and stifle the innovation that has fueled the net for these past decades. 3)A fear that I've heard from my own representatives is the fear of government interference into the internet. But don't these new rules give corporations the unrestrained ability to interfere? I can vote out my representatives. I can't vote out CEOs unless I'm a shareholder. 4)Major players in the Internet field are dead set against this. Google, Amazon, Mozilla, Netflix have gone on record supporting the continuation of open, unrestricted internet access (http://www.businessinsider.co m/amazon-netflix-google-and-ot hers-put-pressure-on-fcc-over- net-neutrality-2014-5) 5)Business and life now move at the speed of data. Yet, we are currently ranked 31st in the world for download speeds. Hong Kong ranks at the top. A country with a long history of Human Rights abuse, a country that heavily restricted access to Google on the anniversary of the Tiananmen Square Massacre to keep information from its citizens, has substantially faster speeds than America. Supporting further speed restrictions is counterproductive and senseless. 6)By allowing ISPs to develop a tiered system, you are in effect allowing them to manipulate the market, driving consumers away from less mainstream products and services simply because the businesses that provide those products and services can't pay the fees that larger companies can afford. This is Anti-Capitalist at its core. If Dupont went around shutting down roads to businesses that sell their products, only opening those roads up if said businesses paid a fee, would that be ethical or legal? There's a term that describes this kind of practice: Extortion. 7)Both Comcast and Verizon have the lowest-rated Customer Satisfaction scores in the country, yet most consumers HAVE to buy from them because of a disturbing lack of competition in the marketplace. Handing them further power over consumers is unwise. We need to work on OPENING access to the 'net, not restricting it. For these reasons and more, I am asking the FCC to re-classify the internet as a public utility to keep it free and unrestricted. As it stands, 86% of Americans who currently use the internet are in support of continuing the unrestricted ability to access it. I would remind Chairman Wheeler that he is acting as a representative of the American people, not the ISPs. Caleb Paschall Combatives/Self-Defense Instructor Science of Self-Defense 615-669-3478 www.scienceofselfdefense.com
—Caleb Paschall, Murfreesboro, TN

Ending Net neutrality will trample the first amendment rights of millions just to line the pockets of a few.
—Kai Plews, Iowa City, IA

Net Neutrality is vital for us to remain competitive with the rest of the world in the future. This move would benefit absolutely nobody except the cable companies. We will be the laughing stock of the world if we run around tauting our freedom while deliberately restricting an open internet. That's not freedom. It's not American. You cannot allow this to pass. You work for the American people. This is not in our best interests. This is specifically against our best interests. Do not allow this.
—Evan Fowler, ATLANTA, GA

Respectable members of the FCC: I am keenly aware I am not a citizen of the USA, and evenmore so this fact should be indicative on how important an issue Net Neutrality is not only for the USA, but for the whole World at large. Nowadays information is shared with unprecedented speed. We can express ourselves like never before, and instantly we can share, comment, critique and search whatever we require, need or want to in matter of seconds. Access to the Internet is a worldwide recorgnized basic human right, as it is directly related to our rights of freedom of speech, right of development, and even right to freedom of assembly. The fact that telecom companies seek to impose a tiered service model in order to control the pipeline and thereby remove competition, create artificial scarcity, and oblige subscribers to buy their otherwise uncompetitive services is widely seen by many as a sign of pandering to corporative lobbyists in detriment to the final consumers everywhere. Business as usual in the USA, and in many other parts of the world. But because things are like this, does not mean things SHOULD be like this. Many other countries have promulged laws protecting Net Neutrality, and they have done so with enough flexibility to include allowance for discrimination in limited conditions, such as preventing spam, malware, or illegal content. Countries such as Chile, Netherlands and most recently, Brasil, have ensured that Internet providers cannot block, speed up, or slow down content on the basis of who owns it, where it came from, or where it's going. It is rather saddening that the country that many of us have known as the Land of the Free is in fact wel behind in protection of the freedom of speech of it's citizens, only because some companies want to make a greater profit by tampering with a globally recognized basic need. The information is out there, you yourself can check facts and seek numbers for yourself, and check wether or not Cable Companies lie with the numbers they present. All because the Internet still is easily accessible and unrestricted, and they cannot quell the information discrediting them. And it should remain so, for only the tyranical regimes are the ones that limit access for their citizens, like North Korea, to keep them in the dark. Thank you for your time, and I hope you will think of this matter long and hard. Yours truly, Pablo A. Vargas
—Pablo Alberto Vargas, Zapopan,

If net neutrality goes away free speech rights are going to take a mayor hit as well. And the groups most effected will have their ability to protest affected. If for example I wanted to protest something president Obama wrote into law I have the right to drive to DC and protest. The president has no right to walk over to the people protesting and tell them to be quiet. But if net neutrality goes away cable companies can and will do that (they already did it to netflix). If you speak out against them in a website... Bam now your site runs slower. Equal access to the net is a basic human right, don't that that away. Thanks for reading.
—Eric, Los angeles, CA

Without net neutrality, my small business would not be able to compete with the larger, more established companies. It will end competition and create monopolies. If I cannot compete then how will I afford to pay not only myself but all my employees? Also, why should anyone have the power to decide what is viewed online and what is not? This is censorship and completely unconstitutional!
—Ellie Bockert Augsburger, Avon Lake, OH

The internet is a medium for person to person communication, idea sharing, and commerce. We do not allow private companies to define which phone numbers get full access and which do not. We do not let schools and libraries decide which kids get left behind and are given substandard portions of what education is available to them in their region. We don't allow the private sector to tell other private sector businesses when they can be open and how many customers they can serve at once. I won't even mention how much this will hurt people who work remotely either from the home or on the road. But removing net neutrality will allow all these things to happen to everyone. Letting that fall is a disservice to the american people and the economy as a whole all for the profiteering of the very few. This is internet piaricy of the worst kind, the capture of the shipping lanes that every man, woman, and child should be able to use openly.
—Brian Power, Roselle, IL

The state of the world is a joke, let's not let the internet suffer the same fate.
—Bobby Kozak, Murgon,

WE ALL want net neutrality except you, you greedy bastards
—Cameron Smith, Poughkeepsie, 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. Seriously, why do corporations always try to destroy what's good in the world for the sake of a few extra bucks? Their greed is just unbelievable.
—Jamilee Vanden Brink, Coopersville, MI

Ending net neutrality will only benefit the ISPs; it won't do anything for internet users.
—Avi Rubinoff, Potomac, MD

Discrimination online defeats the whole purpose of the Internet bringing people from around the world closer together, and the ideals that many of its users uphold.
—James McManus, Falkirk,

Net Neutrality is important as it prevents corruption from ISPs (Internet Service Providers). Should they be allowed to do what they want with broadband, they could hinder loading of certain websites that may paint them in an unfavorable light. This, in turn, would prevent others from expressing their opinion. A "violation of free speech", if you will.
—Brandon Hynes, Port Hope,

I work on developing web applications for small businesses to help them grow. Without net neutrality, the applications I develop will be less useful as a business grows, making it harder for small companies to compete against established businesses that can afford to pay for faster delivery.
—Steven Grzybowski, Colden, NY

keep it up and the rest of the world may decide that we're better off with the U.S. not having this kind of control over global communication infrastructure.
—Simon, Melbourne,

I want our government to encourage innovation.
—Tom Bochnak, Chicago, IL

Net Neutrality keeps all of human knowledge accessible at the same speed, and cabble companies want to make the internet faster to websites that pay them and very slow for those who can't. This is basicaly EXTORTION.
—Luis Gustavo Barros Goulart, São Lourenço,

Net neutrality is important to me because I need a solid internet speed to do most of my work. I make videos and write articles. That requires a lot of research. Also, uploading content to websites requires good internet speed so I'm not tying up my computer for days trying to upload my latest video. And how are you supposed to create and work on website if the internet takes hours to load each page? The most likely way my career will be built is getting my content out in front of the public via the internet, but if I have to pay premiums I likely won't be able to afford, I'll be stuck, screwed.
—Alex Sina, St. Louis Park, MN

Dear FCC, I've lost sleep knowing that on American soil super-villains actually exist. I hope James Bond springs to existence and crotch punches every supporting executive of the anti-net neutrality argument. Thank you.
—Alex, Napanee,

Net neutrality is important for both academic purposes and economic reasons. Many hard-working Americans are employed by well-known websites and start-ups. Please consider the jobs these people would lose as you make your ruling on net neutrality.
—Hannah Murphy, Durham, NC

Striking down net neutrality is essentially telling everyone that isn't a big corporation that their voices don't matter because they don't have millions of dollars. That is unconstitutional and immoral.
—Adam, Swissvale, PA

Retain net neutrality.
—M E., M, TX

I have a game developer friend who is trying to advertise her game, Copy Kitty. Without Net Neutrality, she wouldn't be able to raise interest in the game fluidly, or make enough money to support making more games, because there's no way she could afford to pay ISPs to feature her website. She needs Net Neutrality to be successful!
—Brett Kline, Lake St. Louis, MO

I want to have fast access to whichever content I believe is best for me, I don't want corporate schemes and profit rules to downsize the amazing content the internet can provide us.
—Hugo Machado, Itajaí,

Sometimes the internet is about truth, not about entertainment. Net neutrality enables this.
—Mukund Thattai, Bangalore,

We already have some of the slowest and most expensive internet access in the entire world. To my generation the internet is as important or more important than ANY other method of getting information. The already are common carriers or even utilities and deserve to be classified as such. Don't give them the opportunity to make the US internet even worse and more expensive than it already is.
—William Callanan, Fairfield, CT

Net neutrality offers everyone an equal voice, it levels the playing field for everyone, why let big business have more of a say than millions of Americans?
—Harrison, Sandy, UT

We need to be increasing access to the entirety of the internet for all users and people in the United States (and frankly the world) rather than restricting it further based on who has more money. This concept of companies or individuals being able to pay more for a fast lane is ridiculous. It's a method to limit communication and free speech for those that lack the money, and encourages those that have the money to use it to change the internet to be what they would like. The model proposed requires there to be competition between high speed providers, and there isn't. In my own home, I essentially have two choices, and neither are looking to provide a fair and stable internet experience. Essentially, we need to preserve net neutrality to ensure that there is equal access for all, and not simply those who have oodles of money.
—Robert Sawyer, Ashburn, VA

Dear FCC, why do you hate America so much? It is bad enough that you have allowed the growth of illegal monopolies to completely dominate virtually every market that you regulate, but now you want to end net neutrality, and let those monopolies stifle any possible competition that could arise, before its even seen the light of day. What ever happened to the concept that competition and fair trade are good for the consumer? Has the FCC decided that it exists to help billionaires become trillionaires, rather than to look out for the interests of the American people? Here's an idea for you, why don't you stop playing footsie with the businesses you are supposed to be regulating and do the job that you were statutorily created to do, namely, make sure that these businesses are operating in the best interests of the citizens of these United States. A good start would be to maintain net neutrality and to reexamine exactly what you think the concept of operating for the public good means. If you find that you have been confusing citizens with shareholders, and "public good" with "investment portfolios", I would suggest taking another look at virtually every decision that you, the FCC, have made in the last twenty years. I would also like to know in what logical way ISPs aren't common carriers? They use infrastructure heavily subsidized at every level of government, just like the phone companies; they provide similar services, in many cases having completely replaced the services of common carriers. They exercise monopoly power, that would be illegal without direct federal intervention on their behalf. Yet the FCC insists that they are just regular businesses, just like that mom and pop grocery on main street. Regulate the internet for the best interests of the citizens of the United States of America. Make ISPs common carriers. SAVE NET NEUTRALITY
—Daniel Worth, Windsor, VT

I use the internet to access opinions and news that are often not backed by interests with lots of money to spend. Net Neutrality ensures that I can easily access sites that can't pay high fees. Please, please retain Net Neutrality so I and all the public can continue to have unrestricted access to ALL opinions and ideas online.
—Tom Sklar, Chicago, IL

Net Neutrality is important to me because I believe in equality of opportunity in America. A fundamental public resource such as the internet must be safeguarded against excessive capitalist exploitation that stifles innovation and competition.
—Robert Van Borssum, Houston, TX

Please don't do away with Net neutrality. The internet should be equally accessible to everyone.
—Howard Moody, Winnsboro, SC

As a person who uses the internet everyday for my career I am appauled by the idea of ending net neutrality. This is the model that built the internet and allowed it to become a place where innovation takes place. Ending net neutrality would stifle this innovation and allow those with the most money a greater voice than those without. It is amoral, anti-american and is fundamentally against the ideas of a free society.
—Chris Shepard, Liverpool, NY

Keep the internet free for all.
—Leo, Charlottesville, VA

The internet caters to all of humanity - a diverse group with different interests. It is a marketplace of ideas, where the quality of a thought determines how widely seen it is. Abandoning net neutrality allows cable service providers to become censors - they can choose which ideas are seen and which ones are never given a chance. Further, this will give them a chance to stifle potential competition from video providers such as NetFlix and YouTube. Voiding net neutrality is bad for consumers, and it is bad for any business relying on internet access to reach its customers.
—Brett Andersen, Knoxville, TN

The Internet should be a public utility.
—Krzysztof Kowalczyk, Clermont, FL

Many start-ups and small businesses, such as my own, rely on unfettered internet access equal to the reliability and speed of better-funded competitors in order to succeed.
—Jacob Boy, Philadelphia, PA

As a military member, I dont have the time to wait for slower internet nor can I afford to pay higher costs for the same speed. I take classes and video conferences online and net neutrality is needed.
—Shawn Smith, Ft Walton Beach, FL

When I started using comcast I'd never had faster internet. It was pretty great with the three people in my house wanting to play round on the computer at once. With two of us being student we kid of rely on them working best they can. It's not like that anymore, it's one thing for games to be slow but when every other place we go is barely working what exactly are we paying for? We don't wanna just cut out internet altogether for greedy people up top aren't leaving us much choice. It may come to the poot where I'll only be able to get what I need done at the school, staying there all day for whatever needs a connection. Net nutrality is something me and most everyone I know rely on for everyday things. Please don't change that or people will have to decide to just live without a connection, as hard as that sounds.
—Lacy Adney, Flora vista, NM

Without net neutrality freedom of speech will disappear! It's not freedom of speech if you have to pay to be heard! These large companies trying to rewrite our laws and the corruption of the government will turn our free country into a 3rd world country in 25 years. You want to actually be a good person and help our country? Outlaw lobbying! Let the people's voice be heard instead of money.
—Kris Frazee, Polk City, FL

Dear FCC, The internet is the most prominent public forum for society today. Due to this, trying to restrict access due to monetary goals is in itself an action that damages the free speech and creative ideals of society as a hole. Do not censor my public forum, or let companies control content with money, least people examine the necessity of those who oppress them in such a deplorable fashion.
—James Hudson, Boulder, CO

We have ridiculously bad internet options available here in north-central Missouri. The death of net neutrality could potentially exacerbate the already bad load times and make the internet even more of a chore to use. As a school-teacher that uses extensive online resources to prepare lessons, the potential downsides to having "internet fast lanes" for content providers cause me to worry about how the community of sharing and online collaboration will be affected when many of us, scraping by on ~$25k/yr, won't be able to afford to pay for decent upload rates through fast-lane services. I worry because I feel that ISP's will use the death of neutrality to pass fee increases on to the consumers, and when the best option we currently have in our area is $100/mo. for (unreliable) 4 mbs service, we won't be able to afford anything higher.
—Jerred Webb, Keytesville, MO

The Internet has become the most accurate Library of Alexandria ever created by mankind, and it has been so because anyone can acess anyhting at any time; but giving private companies the right to decide how to handle web traffic is just giving them a torch ti burn the library.
—Julian Villamil, Forest Lake, MN

The internet is for everyone. Why would you give the power of control to companies that are only interested in making money? Leave the internet for the people. FREEDOM!
—Steven, Johnson city, TN

In the last decade huge advances have been made on just about every front. This exponential growth in technology is in no small part due to the fact that the Internet has been an equal playing field for all people. In order for this sort of growth to continue, the Internet must stay neutral. Ultimately the internet is a common good that must be protected by preserving net neutrality laws and regulations.
—Emma hills, Brooklyn, NY

Net Neutrality benefits the consumer and getting rid of it will only help cable companies. It will harm everyone else.
—Nina, Joliet, IL

We need it free because the companies are going to monopolize everything. Be like Roosevelt
—Dante, los Angeles, CA

Cable companies already have enough hidden charges without giving them this power. This would only make the sites that can afford to pay top dollar to work properly. No money no speed it doesn't make sense to give them this power on top of the extravagant prices they already charge.
—Daniel Marlar, rosston, AR

Often, major corporations will cite a (strained translation) of one of our constitutional rights for the heavy-handed, shady business practices they engage in. The idea is that, since corporations are also a business - and business is very much a foundation of American principles - their efforts to "protect their assets" are in line with capitalist economics. However, what they fail to realize is that one of the most important tenets of capitalism is level-ground for business competition; it is a tenet that they are trying to stamp out. As one of the last bastions of entrepreneurial up-and-comers, not to mention the Constitutional amendment these CEOs disrespect while also using as a defense of their sinister tactics (Free Speech), protection of equal access to information on the internet is of utmost importance. It is important for us - the bloggers, independent reporters, hobbyists, everyone that uses the internet - to protect the freedoms of information that travels on the internet. Not only does the death of net neutrality put another boot heel of corporate America on the throats of those of us without the massive bankrolls to throw at lobbyists for our cause, it also deals a massive blow to the First Amendment - despite what these vultures will tell the media. Reign them in! Support an equal playing field in the realm of digital information - its the only equality left that you and I can expect from a culture of greed, subversion, and shady business. The rights expressed in our Constitution are supposed to be allowed for every American, not just those who can afford it. And DEFINITELY not those who would punish us, their customers, for their addiction to monetary acquisition. The dragon must be slain.
—Joshua Rauch, Yukon, OK

I don't want to wait to see my favorite sites just because they can't afford to pay to be faster or because an ISP doesn't agree with that site.
—Alexander Basterash, Jackson, GA

Net Neutrality is important to me because I work in the technology sector and we count on a free and open Internet to ensure that content is delivered to our customers and their clients in an unbiased fashion. Please allow Net Neutrality to stand and don't let public policy be dictated by lobbying cable firms.
—Charles, Greenwood, IN

ISP's must be classified as common carriers. In this day and age, indiscriminate access to the internet and its services is a necessity, not a luxury, as well as a key component to encouraging innovation and new business. Imagine a start up trying to make a name for itself on an internet that required huge fees for any type of speed. Or Netflix being extorted by these companies. You represent the American people as a government official, not the CEO's of internet providers. So, represent us, and protect us from this menace. Please.
—Samuel Helms, Ely, MN

To Whom It May Concern: Net neutrality is the one and only protection most internet users have to ensure their voices are heard. No, say, small independent blogger will ever be able to pay a company for improved access to their websites. Corporations currently hold more power than any institution in America, and this will just be handing them more. Companies have claimed net neutrality infringes their right to free speech. However, by its very nature it protects free speech, as limiting access to a website is no different than limiting that website owner's ability to speak freely. The decision as to whose voice will be heard the loudest, the clearest, and the soonest, should not be left to a company that cares more about its financial bottom line than any public good. This would be tantamount to requiring someone to purchase a permit to speak freely. No business entity should have the right to control how one may exercise this right, just as they cannot tell me I'm only allowed to freely speak in public from inside a sealed, soundproof box. To regulate one's ability to practice free speech in such a way is tantamount to denying this right. Cable, telephone, electricity, natural gas; all these utilities are regulated by the government to ensure such essential services are available to all citizens honestly, fairly, and equally. This will even cripple the ability for a new website to reach popularity. If Facebook were to come out in a climate without net neutrality, they likely could never have paid to make their site easily accessible. Even multibillion dollar corporations pouring money into the U.S. economy might not have been able to start without net neutrality. Frank La Rue, UN Special Rapporteur on protection and promotion of freedom of expression through the internet, all but declared the internet a fundamental human right in his May 2011 report. I find the following point from his report particularly relevant: 85. Given that the Internet has become an indispensable tool for realizing a range of human rights, combating inequality, and accelerating development and human progress, ensuring universal access to the Internet should be a priority for all States. Each State should thus develop a concrete and effective policy, in consultation with individuals from all sections of society, including the private sector and relevant Government ministries, to make the Internet widely available, accessible and affordable to all segments of population." Cable companies currently petition you to limit the availability, accessibility, and affordability of the internet to any segment of the population or any entity not backed by seven to ten figure incomes. Ladies and gentlemen of the FCC, I urge you to take a stand against monied corporate interests and rather support the rights of the average American. In the last several years, it seems the government has given more and more consideration to larger corporations and sources of wealth, rather than the common man that is the backbone of America. This is an opportunity to begin correcting this continuing discrimination against the rights of an individual compared with the rights of a corporation. The public begs of you that you take a stand for us, when it seems no other government body will. Thank you for your consideration, Seth M. Tatom
—Seth M. Tatom, Abilene, TX

It is the american way to have freedoms and not let large businesses dictate what we can do and pay. Haven't we been down this path with air lines, telephone companies, railroads, oil companies, etc. Keep it Neutral, Keep it American!
—Nathan Abbas, Des Moines, IA

Large corporation have a big enough say already, we need net neutrality to at least give smaller companies and individuals a fighting chance. After all in this day and age if it takes too much time it will not be heard by the mainstream.
—John Alexander, VERNON HILLS, IL

Net Neutrality fosters the innovation inherent in the Internet. The Internet is a public program, funded by the people for the people. The broadband providers have already been given too much control, comparative to how other countries run their Internet access. They make enough money. Losing Net Neutrality will let them have a stranglehold on communication, which will line their pockets, but would also cripple innovations that came from once small companies like YouTube and Twitter which have changed information exchange so much. Please don't kill Net Neutrality. Keep all information equal. Sincerely, one of the seven billion owners of the Internet.
—Ross Sublett, Oakland, CA

Don't get rid of net neutrality. Sopa and pipa were stopped for a reason.
—Abraham anaya, west Sacramento, CA

As an artist, net neutrality and the internet are things that have given me a lot of hope. In a world where media is dominated by corporations, by rich people only doing it in the hopes of getting richer, by producers who care little for the quality of the work, the internet changes things. Anyone can start a website, anyone can put their work out there for the public to see. Voices that would never have been heard otherwise are given a chance to speak. The end of net neutrality would silence all that. Could you imagine all the music that would never get heard? All the stories that would never be read? So much of the world's art has been lost forever to history already. That doesn't have to be the case anymore.
—Alena Matuch, Depew, NY

The internet as it stands today is one of the most valuable tools on the planet. Its free and neutral nature enhances our collective ability to share ideas and promote education. The abandonment of net neutrality opens the door to the manipulation of information by those with the largest bank account. I support net neutrality.
—Corey, Cortland, OH

You know why we need net neutrality? Because we are already being price gouged by cable companies and ISPs. Now if we lose net neutrality, our prices will go up on everything internet based, from amazon to Netflix, which Comcast already forced into paying more to have their content carried. All these big isps like Verizon and AT&T are lobbying for is for growth to be stifled for the little guy while their record breaking profits keep breaking records. This is in principle the same cases of bill mcgowens vs. MaBell.
—John, starke, FL

Are you kidding? Without Net Neutrality, cable companies will run small businesses into the ground. I run a small website that I and a few friends are designing games for. My dream is to design and program video games, and you know the best way to start that? By jumping in and working in a realistic environment. Do I have a lot of traffic now? No. Will I in the future? Well, that depends on a variety of factors, one of which being the fact that right now, people can at least GET to my website. By taking away Net Neutrality, you are opening the door for cable companies to charge extremely high premiums in order to create a 'faster, better user experience' by using more resources for certain websites. However, what you'd REALLY be doing is allowing the cable companies to effectively rule over any and all websites. For example, lets say that www.google.com spoke out against Cox - woops, Googles payment for a faster connection speed didn't go through. We'll have to limit your bandwidth until it goes through. It didn't go through AGAIN? Oh well now this is just getting silly, let me call a supervisor... If you don't keep Net Neutrality, you will kill small businesses, kill large businesses that the current cable companies have disputes with, and effectively allow cable companies to control all forms of media (because seriously, what ISN'T connected to the internet these days?). The best example of this I could give would be right now. I am writing this letter to you through a small time website that probably doesn't get too much traffic. By shooting down Net Neutrality, I guarantee this website would not be here. People would not have as loud of a voice. Don't silence us, instead keep the doors for conversation open for EVERYONE. I'll end on this last note... Netflix, Yahoo, The Playstation Network, The Google Play Store, Apple Itunes, STEAM... NONE of these companies offer cable services. So why should a cable service determine how they run their business? Net Neutrality is extortion, plain and simple. "Pay us, or lose your business".
—Chris Hobbs, Lincoln, NE

Only the privileged get high-speed internet access in this plan? And the advocates of this plan see nothing blatantly wrong with this reasoning? I suppose I will just put forth a little hypothetical situation here (Seriously though, this shouldn't actually need explaining. It's a miracle this plan has made it this far.). "<Insert important thing or event here> is happening and <Insert random person's name here> absolutely must check <insert website of some importance here> immediately because said important thing/event is time critical and requires immediate action. Website has now been accessed, information acquired an hour late. A lot can happen in an hour, except in this case that nothing happened. I can not go on with this hypothetical thing, it's making me feel stupid typing it out. It feels like teaching someone twice my age how to tie their shoes (Assuming the advocates of this "plan" don't pay someone to tie shoes for them. That also sounds stupid but I have seen stupider things be true.) I suppose I will say it plain here in case all that mess above these lines was skipped over. Do I want this crap idea of a discriminating internet with high speed access for the wealthy (You know, you guys.) while everyone else (Us, the people who already fill your wallets anyway.) has to wait an absurdly long time to read the evening news? No. I do not support this plan. I do not want this plan. I can see nothing in this plan that would benefit the middle and lower classes of this nation in any way whatsoever. Do I want the internet to stay as it is for now? Seeing as how I can actually use the internet, since it's, well, usable, yes. I want to be able to access as quickly as the rich CEO's who already have a better "everything else."
—Tyler, Yorktown, VA

Like thousands of other Americans, I regularly consume content produced by dozens of independent creators whose livelihood depends on the relatively low cost of content delivery that net neutrality allows. Please don't put these people out of work!
—Robert Munster, East Rutherford, NJ

Net Neutrality is very important. Yes, because of all the other reasons you've read here and elsewhere, but also because of this: You do not want to be the person or associated with the people who try to kill it. Let me explain. You know those Anonymous guys? They're actually the friendliest of the organized hacker groups out there. They let you know when they're responsible for something and, quite often, do it just to prove a point. They could do much, much more damage but they don't. There are many other groups that will. I understand that many of you who will make this decision are of a previous generation and maybe you don't realize just how much of our world depends on electronics, information technology, and interconnectivity. You probably don't consider hacker groups much of a threat because they don't have oil or AK-47s, but they're very real and their ability to lash out across the Internet is terrifying. Remember, the Internet and the services it connects with control our food and water distribution, our power and warmth, our transportation and communication. It keeps our economy running and keeps our airplanes in the air. If you end Net Neutrality, how do you think these hacker groups are going to respond? Let me put it this way: When you attack the Internet, you're essentially invading the country a lot of people consider more important to them than the one represented flag waving on the pole outside the post office. How do you think they'll respond? Sure, you'll milk a lot of money out of the passive ones and squeeze small businesses for a couple more drops, but what about Anonymous and all the groups much more vicious, unforgiving, and ruthless? It's already common knowledge that our government is a joke. Lobbyists write legislation, cronyism runs rampant, and our young men and women die in foreign countries to protect corporate profits. It's awful, but I understand that we (as voters) bear much of the guilt for how this country turned out. Believe me, after you kill Net Neutrality, you'll see masses of people you didn't even know existed mobilize to correct that mistake. But please, before you end Net Neutrality so your friends at Comcast and Verizon can buy second yachts, consider the personal consequences to both you and them. Here's a better way for me to say it: I don't want to be on an airplane with the CEO of Comcast after he helps kill Net Neutrality.
—Nathan Knaack, Atlanta, GA

Time warner has a local monopoly in the Rochester Area, and ever since they achieved this they have been throttling unencrypted traffic. My speeds have been subjected to brownouts that I don't have when I visit other regions, and their response to complaints is always to suggest that I pay them more. I'm trying to get my online startup off the ground, online history lessons aimed at high school students and assisted tutoring, and if they're allowed to throttle traffic openly by pay I won't be able to continue my business model.
—Travis Emens, West Henrieta, NY

Dear FCC: I'm concerned about the possible loss of net neutrality and its impact on the public Internet. The loss of net neutrality would create a chilling effect on the freedom of speech while making it harder for online start-ups to gain traction. I hope you'll rise above the exigencies of the moment to take in the big picture instead. Thank you.
—James Stouffer, Chicago, IL

I am in support of Net Neutrality. Broadband should be regulated as a public utility. Allowing Time Warner, Comcast, Verizon, etc. the unfettered power to self-regulate and control content on the internet on a pay-for-play basis would create a breakdown of information and content on the internet.
—Robert S Bexley, Lawrenceville, GA

The government is supposed to ensure our right to individual freedoms. Allowing corporations to decide what internet content should be charged more (essentially allowing them to censor anyone or any site that disagrees with them) is the exact opposite of this. Continue to allow net neutrality - it is crucial to the advancement of individual freedom. Do not allow large monopolies to control how this county communicates or what it is allowed to view online.
—Jacquelyn Mesco Williams, Lakewood, CO

The cable companies are out in full force trying to tell you that net neutrality isn't really all that important to people, or that we think ISP should be allowed to do whatever they want. This is a blatant lie. The ability to go online and connect with the world as easily and quickly as those with money and power is an inextricable part of the internet, and allows for the empowerment of all users. If the cable companies are allowed to run roughshod over the internet, it won't just mean the end of internet startups (one of the few places where small companies can really hope to succeed in today's climate); it will mean the end of one of the last unabashed avenues for free speech left. All too often, the ways to affect real change are closed off to those without money or power. Politicians listen not to their constituents, but to those with the deepest pockets and the most lobbyists. Television is completely corporate and closed off. Radio is limping along, afraid to adapt and too stubborn to die. The only actual way to get your opinion out there and, more importantly, heard is the internet, and if that goes away, then it's just one more path that's closed to us. The internet is the single most empowering advance since the printing press; it is the greatest route to the creation, development, proliferation, and implementation of new ideas in the history of mankind, and to treat it as just another business is to strip people of their ability to become engaged members of their society.
—Justin Sweany, Kansas City, MO

Don't underestimate the greed behind these companies. Why would groups that stand up for the little guy with no money want to keep it and the corporations with a lot of money (and potential to make boat loads more) want it gone? This isn't rocket science. A corporation is a machine with one perpose, to make as much money as possible. There is nothing wrong with that. However they need to be told when and where it's okay to do so. If you let them make the rules, you'll end up with the rules being nothing more than a society ran by greed. The Internet was invented by this country. A country that is representing the people (that means human beings, not business entities). Shouldn't it continue to do so? We the people paid for the invention, shouldn't we able to keep it the way we want it? Joseph Daniels Toledo Ohio
—Joseph Daniels, Toledo, OH

Dear FCC, Throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Why are even considering limiting the internet to those who are of upper income. The end of net neutrality would be a detriment to would school system; especially since 22% percent of our children live in households that are below the poverty line. Without an even playing field in regards to the internet, you we effectively be responsible for dumbing down America and in effect making us and our country less safer!
—Candice Kellum, Harahan, LA

Because when posing the question of, "Caring about the rights and well-being of people who use the Internet, or making money off them," corporations are not the group you want to ask.
—Keagan F Ciampini, Saratoga Springs, NY

What major corporations want is never in line with what the average person wants. Corporations exisit to make money at any cost, even by screwing over the people they serve. Don't help them by giving them what they want. Grow a spine, tell them to fuck off, and regulate them.
—Gregory Boyd, Cape Canaveral, FL

Net Neutrality is important to me because I am attempting to start up an internet-based business. If Net Neutrality is removed, and ISPs are allowed to charge whatever they want, it will surely destroy any small internet-heavy businesses. This goes double for sites that rely heavily on user donations to keep operating. They will have to pay more than they can afford, their users will stop donating due to frustration with long load times, and then that site will shut down. Net Neutrality is the only thing protecting those sites and businesses, and the only way to protect Net Neutrality is for the FCC to classify ISPs as common carriers. On a personal note, my fiancee and I love using the internet, but we also hate that we have to pay so much for it. This feeling is shared by many people; people who rely on the internet for research, entertainment, and work. The internet has become a tool for convenience. For those that have research, a library only has so many copies of a book, but the internet has an infinite amount. For those that love entertainment, there are billions of place for them to find it. For those that rely on the internet for work, they will suffer a huge cut to profits (as mentioned above.) Listen to the people of your country, and protect Net Neutrality by reclassifying ISPs as common carriers.
—David Evans, Berea, OH

I am here to prevent cable company fuckery.
—Jacob Cohen, ZUNI, VA

Net neutrality is good for small businesses. Don't mess with it. Don't think of messing with it.
—Adam Hardaway, Des Moines, IA

As you undoubtedly have heard time and time again, Net Neutrality must be maintained. You've heard the freedom of speech rationale, you've heard the killing-the-internet rationale, you've heard all of that. And I am fully behind each one 100%. Do not kill Net Neutrality. Publicly, the cable companies by and large look like the enemy here. This all is an attempt to get more money for already bloated corporations. Greed at it's finest. You must know that the majority vastly opposes this. Those who keep abreast of tech news are certainly against it. That should be no surprise. But those who may not have heard of this atrocity yet, the casual internet users have been overwhelmingly against it when I've talked with them in person. I have yet to meet a single person, Republican, Democrat, Libertarian, whatever, that is in support of the FCC's decisions that will end Net Neutrality. And everyone I talk to also agrees that ISPs should be reclassified as Common Carriers to close the loopholes. Any group telling you otherwise is being bribed, is created, or is otherwise influenced by the cable companies (and the FCC...). And the public is well aware of that. VERY well aware of that. Please retain Net Neutrality.
—Colin Sandall, Kansas City, MO

I and others I know highly value net neutrality as neccesary to ensuring free speech online and it is my opinion that the cable ISPs are attempting to subdue said rights for their customers for their personal profit and have no interest in consumer interest and opinion.
—Ryan Trinh, Chantilly, VA

The internet, and the net neutrality, is an unbelievable opportunity for every nation and person on the planet. It allows the transfer of information and knowledge to ANYONE, ANYWHERE. This allows an untold number of inventions and innovations to be made possible. Cable companies might not be getting the millions of dollars above what they already do, but the possible gains made through other channels far out weigh it. I support net neutrality. You should to.
—Travis Warlow, Midland,

Are you pro-business? Are you pro-startup? Considering massive portions of America work at smaller companies, we should consider that Net Neutrality is anti-American, anti-business, anti-startup and to be the antithesis of everything capable America stands for. Stand up for your citizens.
—Eric Schmitt, Colorado Springs, CO

FCC. I am a 32 year old graduate student studying from home. I have 2 computers, one internet hookup, no TV, no phone. I use my internet connection to go to school, to look for jobs, to study, to shop, to organize my social life and to keep in touch with my family. In the world that we all live in today it is patently absurd to claim that the internet service we receive is any less important, any less vital, or any less deserving of protection as a public utility than any television or telephone line ever could have been. If at any point in history it was reasonable to consider one utility vital to my livelihood it is the internet. Honestly. I could buy solar panels for my house and instal rain collectors more easily than I could replace the internet at a part of my life. As a student this is very worrisome. In a world of "internet fast lanes" wouldn't it be completely possible (and legal) for comcast to deny a student like me access to the school of my choice? What would stop Comcast from simply buying University of Phoenix and then charging ridiculous rates for anyone who wants to go to any other school other than theirs? This isn't an outlandish idea, rather it is the heart and soul of the concept of "internet fast lanes". This could logically mean the end of public schooling online, if the only "affordable" option of online schooling is controlled by the internet companies themselves. Likewise, Netflix facebook google etc etc etc. Why would comcast ever allow those companies to compete with their own sub-par Comcast version of those same programs? Sure the quality will suck, but the price will be the only affordable option for most because comcast will simply price us out of any option other than the ones they provide. Can you imagine the world of the 20th century if Ma Bell had been allowed to charge extra to make a phone call to Dominoes than Pizza Hut? How could anyone ever consider that fair? Obviously, ma Bell would have simply bought Dominoes and then made it expensive to call Pizza Hut. This would be (so obviously to anyone you ask) a violation of anti trust laws. However this is exactly (EXACTLY) what is being proposed by verizon, comcast, and cox in the case of internet "fast lanes" (which of course means less-slow lanes, because once you give them carte blanche to do what they please you really think they will invest in a faster internet? why, why would they ever do that?). I feel like this note is un necessary, in that everyone there at the FCC knows perfectly well that this entire scheme is a complete farce. I know that, you know that, I know you know that. The real question here isn't weather or not net neutrality is a good idea for consumers and the country. The answer to that question is obvious to anyone under the age of 80 and to anyone over the age of 80 who has ever used the internet. No, the question here is really about how much power we (by which I mean you) choose to give these massive corporations in their bid to control and charge extra for each and everything we do online. This is a question of money, greed, and cronyism, not one of logic, law, and fairness.
—Christian Iverson, Portland, OR

net neutrality today, net neutrality tomorrow, net neutrality for every
—Nathan Richards, Redmond, WA

Tell the FCC to throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Bob Robinson, Beaverton, OR

The internet is one of the things about this country that's not a lie. It's where all opinions are heard, all is equal opportunity, and the American dream is still alive. In the last decade we've seen the rise of online streaming (Netflix), online shopping (Amazon), and an overall increase in connectivity to one another (whatever Google does). If Verizon or Comcast had gotten their ways 15 years ago, NONE of these companies, that have changed the way the average American lives for the better, would've made it. This latest push to end net neutrality is just another UnAmerican tact by companies that claim to love America, but only so far as they can influence legislation to keep anyone else from their cut of the pie. Unable to stand on their own products and services, they want to hire lobbyists to make sure the people have no choice and innovation has no chance. Thanks for your time.
—Jesse Draham, Bellmawr, NJ

I work from my home office in Michigan as a computer programmer for a small company based in Florida. I already spend a fairly sizeable amount for a reliable, fast internet connection to facilitate doing my job, and I do so happily because this job has allowed me to escape Florida to move in with my girlfriend of three years who had moved back to Michigan to accept a job offer. The internet makes my life possible. It pays my bills, and it allows my relationship to survive a job situation that would otherwise tear us apart. Why should my internet access be limited by the fact that I work for a small company (just four employees) where I must pay for access on my own? Why should I have to pay a premium I can't afford to maintain a reliable, fast connection just to make my job possible? I already pay out the ass because of arbitrary data caps, the end of net neutrality would severely and negatively impact my ability to make a living. I can't afford for my speed to be limited, nor can I afford to pay to prevent this. At the same time, I foresee my salary being cut, if I can keep my job at all, if this happens. My company will be forced to pay the premium for "fast lane access", as our gaming sites require hefty amounts of bandwidth. Where will that money come from? In short, fuck you. This is a cash grab that benefits no one but you. In the 21st century, broadband internet access is no longer a luxury, it is a necessity akin to electricity or indoor plumbing. I fully support the classification of broadband internet connectivity as a public utility to ensure my continued access is not subject to the whims of greedy assholes who care for nothing but their bottom line, and customers who rely on your services to make their own living be damned.
—Scott Johnson, Grand Rapids, MI

I am a 24 year old IT Administrator for an oil and gas company in Tulsa, Oklahoma. I work in a tough industry, so you must be very good at what you do to attain a position for a firm like the one that currently employs me. I am good at what I do. I know how IT systems work, I have a good understanding of how the internet works, and I am part of the largest voting group in America (the Millenials.) Trust me when I say that the end of net neutrality will create a huge uptick in our generations form of protest, which has been dubbed "hacktivism." The technology boom has led to people adopting a more creative mindset, and they will find ways around large ISPs and regulations. Since my generation also grew up during a recession and will likely be faced with a crumbling economy for the next couple decades, we will not be happy about these large companies becoming monopolies and sucking every possible cent from our wallets. I hear people saying that the end of net neutrality will also be the end of the internet, but I fear that it will be the beginning of something much darker.
—Aaron Robbins, Sand Springs, OK

Now more than ever people use the internet for work, for play, for education and more and more content is delivered by the internet to homes. Any time we increase price points, we increase the gap between the haves and the have-nots. People who are low income and use the internet to job search or to do online course will not be able to afford the increase and will be adversely impacted. Also I pay for high speed internet now and Verizon never delivers on their promised speeds and I canceled Comcast due to their poor service. So I do not have faith that I am getting what I pay for now - and all we will do is hand them the right to charge more for atrocious service and not living up to promises they have made before. Stop being greedy. Do the right thing.
—Jessica Lockwood, Abingdon, MD

Corporations have, historically speaking, proven their inability to manage things fairly and without discrimination. Corporations are run by people out of touch with the common man, who are also human beings, subjects to trends of thought and changing opinions. Why would you take away Net Neutrality and allow a very small subset of people, who are out of touch and still fallible humans, to make their world view more legitimate than any other opinion? That's a clear violation of everything eliminating Net Neutrality is saying it will protect.
—Spencer Andrews, Salem, OR

The Internet is an essential tool in my daily life. To allow corporate giants, like Verizon or Comcast, unprecedented control over this aspect of my life (especially considering the greed they've shown in the past through their cable enterprises) would be downright foolish and unethical. These corporations aren't looking to protect inherent American business rights with their attack on Net Neutrality, but rather they look to seize another unblemished feeding tube from the American people through which they can suck higher profits at our expense. Please don't allow your proposed Internet rules to ruin our century's greatest invention.
—John Connor Meehan, Drexel Hill, PA

The internet should belong to the people not monopolies that can control it any way they see fit. People need net neutrality or the world is heading to an even darker place. Corporations should not be the only ones with a say.
—Daniel Stitt, London,

This is wrong, the internet is a common carrier, let it be. Don't let lobbyists dictate public policy simply through funding your re-election campaigns.
—Lucas Wiens, London,

Hi, Have you been noticing how, over the past few years, the Internet has become a vehicle for democracy? I mean, depending on what country we're talking about here, the Internet has actually played a huge role in toppling oppressive regimes and in protecting human rights. Well, I'm writing to you in favor of the latter so that we don't have to worry so much about the former here in America. Please don't allow the greed of a few to eliminate the voice of many. To support Net Neutrality is to support your fellow Americans' right to equal free speech, commerce, and innovation. But what's that you say? All that sweet corporate money still sways you? It's nice to have ideals, sure, but that new swimming pool in your backyard sounds great right about now? Well, people have been thinking that way and going for those thirty pieces of silver for a couple thousand years now. But saying no? Refusing the creature comforts it will buy for you and endearing yourself to future generations as the totally awesome FCC who stood for America's best interests? That's history book stuff, my friends. So don't be swayed by Verizon or Comcast or any of the other greedy bastards out there. Be swayed by a 21st Century where ALL Americans have a voice. Have a Blessed Day! Reggie Rachuba jr
—Reggie Rachuba jr., Metairie, LA

It's not that we need Net Neutrality. It's that there's absolutely no good reason to remove it. Why does an ISP "need" to have power over which *publicly available* website gets how much bandwidth? That's akin to saying I get to install moats around every library in the world simply so it's really unpleasant for some of them to do business. The US has always stood upon the "free market" system. The internet... is a market. Keep that market FREE.
—David Lemery, Danville, VA

Net Neutrality is what America is about. Allowing the common man access to the world and beyond. Allowing ISP's to determine what is important to me and making them more money to pay for "premium" content is insane.
—Wrayburn Haynes, Hampton, VA

Net Neutrality is probably the most important issue in the country right now, and if you let a company or two have a monopoly over the internet, that will literally kill it.
—Brian Whippie, Winchester, NH

As an immigrant and the child of immigrants the U.S. has treated us equally an with respect. This fair treatment should extend to the internet as well. I feel that allowing companies such as Comcast and Verizon to change this, and alter our basic rights on the internet would violate all that we, as Americans hold as self-evident.
—Rudi Nel, Huntington, NY

Net neutrality is a first amendment right for all Americans, and should not be restricted by companies.
—Ben Goldberg, Rockville, MD

Allowing the cable giants to create a monopoly on the entire free internet and broadband systems of America is a gigantic mistake. These companies are terrible at what they do and have shown themselves to be uncaring to thier customers.
—Wesley Mayer, grand rapids, MI

The cable companies suck the sweat off a dead man's balls.
—Aaron Murray, brunswick, ME

Net Neutrality is important because it allows anyone unfettered access to any website and the information on them. If Net Neutrality is ended, only those with enough money or those who are backed by internet providers are going to have their websites accessed easily on the internet. The rest will never load. Ending Net Neutrality is an extortionist money grab, and is an awful idea.
—Tyler Serio, Vero Beach, FL

In America, special-interest groups dominate politics. In a country in which money buys clout, nothing is more important than protecting the rights and interests of the majority of citizens who can't buy the attention of lawmakers. In China, the government decides what Internet content is accessible to the masses, and most Western governments, including that of the U.S., condemn this practice. If the American government protects private companies' desire to decide what content isn't freely available to consumers, it opens a gaping door to special-interest groups to request (and back that request with money and political favors) that a company---such as Comcast, which has a functional monopoly in most of its markets---limit convenient access to particular sites or groups of sites. This scenario, in which the social and political agendas of citizens and citizen groups are hindered by political entities, is very realistic and absolutely terrifying. This would be far worse than the Chinese government censoring the internet. Please, don't let ISPs decide what content is most accessible to their customers.
—Rebecca Keel, Tallahassee, FL

Net neutrality is important to slow the blatant price gouging of the large ISPs.
—Tim Hastings, OXR, AL

The internet has almost unequivocally become an important utility and therefore should be subject to the same oversight. In the information age ease of access tocommunication should not be controlled by those who can benefit from limiting it for fiscal gains
—James Kristopher Mangrum, Denver, CO

Net neutrality allows for small businesses and independents to have the same access to the Internet as large corporations and other far wealthier entities. Without net neutrality, cable companies will end up Creating a tiered Internet system, where smaller, newer websites cannot hope to compete against their larger corporate counterparts.
—Adam Ariza, campbell, CA

As a small internet based business this could put me and my 5 employees right out of work.
—Lee Ingram, Edmonton,

The destruction of net neutrality is horrendous, a threat to both our economy and our freedoms. It would stifle innovation and allow the telecoms to carry on a glorified protection racket, carving up this country like gangs carve up territory. It would benefit enormous companies that would give nothing back to this country in return. Any individual with a shred of moral and intellectual integrity knows that passing this bill is wrong, and the fact that this is even debatable is shameful. Having looked at how things have panned out historically in this country, I expect you, as a government agency, to go with whoever has the most lobbying dollars, let alone bribe money, public good and legality be damned. In a world where many accept political corruption as the default state of politics, I urge you to hold yourself to higher standard and do what is best for the public. In my personal experience, Verizon alone has cheated people out of millions by adding false charges to bills that quickly add up. If you truly wish to do some good, perhaps you could start by looking into that, not bending over backwards to serve corporate interests.
—Justin Schoener, Newtown, PA

Show that your stance is with common citizens and not with big businesses. We don't vote for the FCC, so you have no real reason to help, but at least try to attempt to remain on the side of those who don't throw money around like its confetti. The internet is not even close to broken, so why are you trying to fix it? The only goal of this net neutrality discussion is to make more profits for cable companies while literally helping NO ONE ELSE. No one other than cable companies will benefit, unless you want to count all the politicians and public workers who are happily pocketing legal bribes.
—Steven Merrell, Las Cruces, NM

The internet is an amazing product of the 21st century. It's a collaborative space where regular people can share ideas without the oversight and control of monolithic organizations that rule the rest of our existence. The Arab Spring was an incredible example of the positive social change that can be enabled with this dynamic space.
—Gabe Alto, Houston, TX

Internet access should be treated as a necessary utility like electricity or water and should be regulated as such!! It also needs to be everywhere, regardless of cost of infrastructure
—Andrew Whitmer, Ostrander, OH

Please do not do this. The internet should remain free. Internet access in America is too slow and too expensive while it is becoming more and more essentual for work and life in modern American society.
—Jacob Bachmaier, Silver Spring, MD

By abolishing Net Neutrality, you are essentially talking about invoking widespread censorship and obtaining a monopoly, both of which are highly illegal.
—Melanie, Drexel Hill, PA

If you remove net neutrality you'll destroy the internet. No longer will it be a free realm to spread ideas, it'll just be another monopolized shitpile of overprocessed media. Like TV. I love the internet. I don't want to have to start hating it.
—Morgan Hanson, pierre, SD

As a student good research is important. While the net can be misleading, there is lots of great information to be found as well. Net Neutrality allows me to make the call as to what sources are accurate. The end of net neutrality would be devastating as what cites I can visit would be dictated by the dollar sign rather then their worth. If company's need to end our freedoms so they can place their product above the rest, well that speaks volumes of the worth of the product and the company. If your product is good then people will by it. If your facts are right people will use them. Stop trying to kill the net because your INSECURE. If what your tying to sell us is legit then you don't need to discriminate other company's.
—Jane, Toronto,

No one should have the right to limit access to any information on the internet. All websites should be given the same treatment as giving some sites preference over others is a violation of free speech and freedom of choice both for the website owners and for the people accessing the websites. By allowing internet service providers to limit access, you are essentially censoring the internet. This will stifle small internet businesses, limit user access to valuable information and completely destroy the "information super highway" the internet has become.
—Nikole Downs, Luna Pier, MI

It means higher quality internet speeds at a more modest price. That is the goal.
—Ramon Garza, Columbia, MO

It is the right thing to do and big corporations need to stop trying to own and control everything.
—Lloyd R Hair III, Carlisle, PA

Net neutrality has been CRITICAL to the boom that has been experienced on the internet, as smaller companies are given the same access to cyberspace as everyone else. I wish to see our culture stay this way, and to allow the internet to be the forum for ALL ideas, instead of just those ideas with corporate backing. Keep the hands of the greedy away from our access to information. Reinstate Net Neutrality. Failure to do so will mean the end of the internet boom. Dont think so? Just look how well those countries that DO restrict access to the internet are doing.
—Jason Kay, Valdosta, GA

To whom it may concern, There should be no reason for the cable companies to be able to charge different services different amounts of money so that the customer can access their site over others. This in itself is a form of discrimination and a shakedown. It is basically the old mob coming to your business and shaking you down for protection money as they torch the businesses that don't pay up. This leads all the people to go to the one store that is not being destroyed and guess what, the mob is sitting outside the store making all the people pay for the chance to go into the store. The cable companies are double dipping to try to get more money out of everyone. But guess what its not that simple. They are also dipping into the pockets of the government by not upgrading the infrastructure across the US until the government has to step in either because of natural disaster or because the people demand it. The cable companies make the government pay for their upgrades, that are out of date and not the best available. Basically the cable companies get paid three times to deliver a service that at best can only be called half assed. If I was able to work like that I wouldn't have needed to go to college or even try to find a good job. It is time that these companies are subject to all of the same laws and regulations that all people are. You can not say you offer a service, charge for that service, and then not deliver upon it. If their actions continue there will be an uprising amongst the people, not to overthrown the cable company, but to overthrow the government that did nothing to protect the people it derives its power from. Make sure that you vote against the cable companies and allow the people of the United States of America to access all websites around the world at the same speed as the best in the world. If you want to USA to be number 1 in the world then you have to make sure that these companies upgrade their services on their own dime, not everyone elses to match and exceed the best in the world. It is time for these companies to show that they have what it takes to call themselves AMERICAN. Best Regards, Juan C. Aguilar-Mendoza
—Juan, West Valley City, UT

We need net neutrality. Letting companies charge more to have high speeds only profits the company and hurts the consumer. Don't they have enough money already? They are profitable enough!
—Chris Judson, Salem, OR

Cable companies should not have a stranglehold on the internet.
—Corey Coleman, Cedar Rapids, IA

Taking away Net Neutrality is just another example of the ongoing war on the middle class. By squeezing extra money out of us for a service which has for so long been accessible to many, they would be drastically and negatively altering the American way of life. This is just another ploy to take our money without giving us any choice in the matter. Truly disgusting.
—John P Smiler, portland, ME

I work for a branding studio that, among other things, helps small businesses in Colorado build an online presence and grow their client base. Many of our clients are or were once small startups that made their path to success through a free, accessible internet. These is no way these businesses would have been able to reach their audience without the right to equal internet access. Without net neutrality, these businesses could not succeed, and would not be creating jobs and benefiting the economy as we speak.
—Alexey Churchwell, Westminster, CO

Another case of the American public and businesses getting completely raped by a select few mega corporations. The land of the free isn't so free, anymore. Please support net neutrality and tell the greed driven corporations they can't eat money.
—Josh Hajduk, Brownsville, PA

Net Neutrality is important to me because it means that when I start a website, I'll actually have a chance to get noticed without going bankrupt in the process. It's important to me because it means that if I discover a cool independent company with a small website, I know I won't have to wait needlessly before it loads. It's important to me because it means that it keeps everything on a level playing ground. It's the very essence of America: Equal opportunity for all.
—Michael Wells, McMinnville, OR

Internet access is a right, not a privilege. In the 21st century, the nation that has reliable internet access for all of its citizens is giving said citizens a head-start in life, education, and business. Countries like South Korea enjoy internet speeds about 5-10 times what we currently have access to in he US; this is unacceptable. Large corporations have proven time and time again that they need to be regulated, with laws passed by the people's representatives. Leave net neutrality alone- don't sell us out again, please.
—Ben Kenon, Sycamore, IL

The internet has been a democratizing force for Americans and for people around the world. Net neutrality is key to allowing people to exercise their basic right to speak and express opinions freely online, without the threat of being drowned out or suppressed by better-funded entities. The destruction of net neutrality would seem to benefit the executives and shareholders of Comcast, Verizon, etc. to the detriment of all other internet users. This effort to fracture the internet into paying and non-paying tiers -- which would enrich these firms even as they destroy the democratic nature of the internet and could very much be considered a case of regulatory capture -- is unjustifiable and un-American.
—Betty, Somerville, MA

We shouldn't have to pay more money to already wealthy corporations. They are too much of a monopoly already.
—Julie, Meriden, CT

Net Neutrality is important to me because of the freedom and equality that a neutral internet provides. Without net neutrality, the average American will face higher costs for "big" sites such as netflix, and longer loading times on personal start-up sites and blogs. This is unfair to the American people, and is nothing more than a disgusting and reprehensible power-grab by the cable companies. A loss of Net Neutrality won't be good for the millions of American telecommuters out there, the huge internet companies such as Google, Facebook, and Youtube, and will destroy any possibility of protecting free and unfettered competition online. In short, without net neutrality, all sectors of the economy that deal primarily with the internet will be devastated, while the only profit will go into the already too deep pockets of the cable providers. Net Neutrality should and must remain law.
—Mark Madden, Arlington Heights, IL

Individual citizens need net neutrality. The way that it is functioning at this moment allows individuals a chance of having a voice, starting a private business, and sharing information, among others. If the destruction of net neutrality was to occur, it would stomp out any chance of non corporate or non established entities had in creating something special to them. People are able to set up blogs, set up websites to showcase their craftsmanship or are able to slowly build a worthy network of people for support whether it be financially through small sales or emotionally through common illnesses, interests or fandom. These restrictions would crush smaller websites like that making it almost impossible to ever have the chance to compete with those already on a high level with the ability to compensate financially in order to have a louder voice. For example. Individual jewellery makers would never have a chance to compete against Peoples Jewellery because of the lack of funds to ensure proper usage of their websites, or what have you. Where as Peoples is able to contend to the new rules without so much as a dip in their revenue. Offline, when you look through the past, each corporation started off as a small business. Starbuck Coffee was once just a small coffee shop, it was able to flourish and has now become the mega corp that it is today. Although, that is still possible, the internet as it stands today is an outlet to allow small businesses that may not be able to have a physical manifestation of itself, stand a chance to grow and someday become a large scale business, and this is all because of the free internet. Take that away and it will be almost impossible for smaller businesses to either start, continue to network or be struck down all because the demise of net neutrality would FAVOUR larger companies, corporations and established public entities, making them more money and ensuring that there is less of a chance of competition or opposition for themselves. It takes away the collective voice. It destroys individuals chances to get ahead. It alienates those who need common people to stay positive in the dark. It ensures the established stay above the rest. In closing, net neutrality is important for economic growth, individual freedom of speech, and emotional connectivity between people. Thank you for your time and consideration.
—Constance Reimer, calgary,

If approved, these rules would mean the end of Net Neutrality. The US already has slower speeds and aging infrastructure compared other developed nations. Our cable companies are merging and many geographic areas are suffering the effects of local monopolies.
—Dyson Wake, Mishawaka, IN

After months of hearing about this from nearly every angle, from sources I trust and those I despise, I have yet to hear a single positive thing about the potential rules the FCC has drafted. Allowing cable companies to delegate priority to the highest bidder is unquestionably at the expense of the majority of internet population, which just so happens to be the entire population of the world at this point. If this is a good idea, truly a good idea in any way, then state the case for it and have it open for public debate. Let's hear both sides, and let the rational side win out, simple as that.
—Mark Ross, Madison, WI

On behalf of me and my family, we urge you to not eliminate Net Neutrality. I want my 3 year old son to experience the Internet as it was meant to be where all traffic is treated equitably.
—Chris Wright, Marietta, GA

I use the internet to find small, local businesses to support my local economy. Without regulations and safeguards to protect these small businesses from being drowned out by big business dollars, they will lose a means of gaining new customers and making their presence known. The internet is now, undeniably, a critical facet of business in the modern world, To charge a premium for reliable, fast access hurts everyone involved save the already-rich heads of these major telecom companies. Innovation and progress are fueled by open communication and collaboration, which would be stifled in a world where the internet is handed over to companies allowed to railroad their customers' business to partner sites by artificially reducing access to competing products and services. Don't allow a few corporate giants to butcher and pillage one of the most powerful collaborative tools in the history of our world simply because their leaders have money to throw at lobbying groups. Do what is right for America and her people - not for multinational corporations with no regard for the well-being of the countries in which they make their profits.
—David G. Pavlick, La Grange Park, IL

I need to live and learn.
—Roy Phillips, Phoenix, AZ

Dear FCC, A friend and I will soon be starting a small consulting business, and net neutrality ensures that our site won't be unfairly pushed out of the marketplace. Getting rid of net neutrality only helps established large businesses, prevents competition, and stifles innovation. If we don't have equal footing with larger companies on the internet, our business will fall. Please support net neutrality. Web access is a utility. Thank you
—Cody Miller, Minneapolis, MN

I like the inter webs. Tubes and all
—Tarun Thummala, Exeter, NH

Dear FCC, You must understand that no good will come of this, right? I understand that company's would only create "fast lanes", and wouldn't be allowed to cut anyone's speed, but I ask you this in response: Are you dumb? I mean, like, really dumb. And gullible. Very, very gullible. Even if internet providers didn't create or ignore bottlenecks effecting unprofitable sectors, do you think they'll provide the speed upgrades that naturally come with time? Would they bother to upgrade the entire grid? Or even invest money in researching how? If this change had taken effect 20 years ago, would cheap sites and upstarts be running at dial up speed? Also, we don't charge for fast lanes on the road. That's a dumb analogy. The fast lanes are just for who ever is moving faster at the moment. I imagine that calling you names doesn't help my case, but I guess that's my point. You aren't dumb. You're just pretending you are, because it's better then looking greedy. You know that this is a big fuck-you to to a lot of people, and the only reason it's on the table is because people with a lot more money than me put it there. Yeah, fuck you too. How about you just pretend to be on my side for a while.
—Nick K, Portland, OR

I work with a mental health centers crisis and information line. A large portion of my job entails finding help for individuals without internet access or for those who don't know what to look for. I need to be able to access this information quickly and efficiently in order to best service the populations I work with (which are 7 counties, 6 locations based in 3 different states and countrywide suicide hotline). Without net neutrality and internet access is situated into 'fast lanes' and 'slow lanes' as the cable companies are proposing; I would be doing a huge disservice to clients that are in need of information immediately while I have to wait for websites I use to load.
—Gerrimy Keiffer, OWENSBORO, KY

Without Net Neutrality, the internet as it is ceases to exist. The hundreds of thousands of people making their living off of the internet without having to pay one of three companies for their access to some kind of censorship lane would all go away, and the diverse opinions and people on it would be smothered. I like my diverse opinions.
—Dylan Philo, Brooklyn, NY

Net Neutrality is important to me because it allows everyone's voice to be heard on a level playing field. I feel that net neutrality is one of the supports for free speech and American values there is.
—Ryan, New Canaan, CT

The internet really needs to be classified as a utility. Everything-- from simple entertainment to paying bills, to information-seeking, to job applications, networking, managing personal information, and many others-- seems to be done online these days. I don't think that the out-of-touch cable companies grasp that by ending Net Neutrality, they are potentially upending a lot of peoples lives, as well as livelihoods. With more and more things shifting their operations online, someone playing gatekeeper has the potential to easily screw over competitors, businesses they don't like and, indeed, people they don't like. Even if they do grasp this idea, they don't care. They're more concerned with their own accumulation of money and power. In today's information-age, Net Neutrality is more important than ever.
—Samara Davis, El Paso, TX

Net neutrality is important, because it signifies the level playing field of American ideology. Without it, cable companies will be able to slow down internet speed for everyone, just so they can coerce people into buying faster internet.
—Lawson Gage, Charlotte, NC

Don't do this. Please. It's dumb.
—John Palmer, APO, VA

Without free and equal access to information, we would be locking people out of the greatest tool for sharing data ever invented. Please, stand up for the rights of the little guys to spread big ideas. Protect Net Neutrality.
—Alec Austin, maple grove, MN

The Internet is one of the most important technological innovations of the human race, a place where everyone can share ideas and resources. If we start discriminating, this could have a huge effect on all areas of life.
—Joe, Swanage,

The Internet isn't a luxury. It is a daily necessity. Violating neutrality fundamentally violates equal protection under the law, as it gives those with money more power.
—Mr. Jeffrey Angstadt, West Columbia, SC

Would you want the electric or water company to determine who gets priority access to electrical power or water based solely upon the ability to pay more for services? What about the police, fire department and EMS doing the same? No, you most likely would not. Allowing the cable and internet providers to do so is a violation of the public trust and a blatant money grab for no logical reason, other than unadulterated greed. Please keep the internet free from these unwanted and unnecessary regulations.
—Mark Sylvester, ft Myers, FL

You know that the only justification for dismantling net neutrality is to better fill the coffers of the exact people pushing for it's end. Don't let their wallets be more important than the good of the people.
—John Gabel, Madison, WI

Net Neutrality does not stifle free speech. When the companies get to decide who gets what speed, we will see unpopular or lesser known viewpoints invariably stifled by slower speeds to their sites. The internet relies on a wide market of ideas for success. We dont need cable companies deciding which information we have access to.
—Crystal Wojcinski, Hammond, IN

Net Neutrality is critical to ensure that the citizen is able to determine what is best for his or her own lifestyle, and not be forced into one or another service. This kind of freedom allowed the Internet's biggest companies to lure customers, simply by providing better service than their competitors. There is no surer way to avoid customer-harming monopolies than to encourage, and even enforce, competition.
—Moshe Glasser, Fair Lawn, NJ

Please bring back net neutrality. The Internet is an incredibly fertile ground in which ideas that can advance humanity can grow.
—Jason Linch, Vancleave, MS

No one should be forced to have their site traffic slowed just because they cannot afford it. Doing that will kill off a lot of of smaller companies who rely on internet traffic.
—Robert Anderson, Hanover, PA

Don't we have laws against monopolies?
—Ben Sandall, Seattle, WA

Net neutrality is important to me because I don't trust Comcast, Verizon, etc to be an impartial gatekeeper without regulation. Reclassify them as a Title II common carrier today.
—Wesley Brasher, HOKES BLUFF, AL

Right now I am watching a charity marathon online, and the organizers don't need to spend any extra money to ISPs to allow their websites to function. I don't want to see any rules for Internet traffic that would take money away from charitable organizations and give it to already-profitable businesses, and I can't imagine this is the FCC's intent. But that's exactly what will happen.
—Matthew Highcove, Blacksburg, VA

Net neutrality is essential to the continued use of the internet. If companies like Netflix, Hulu, Amazon, Google, Yahoo etc. have to pay more for faster service, who really ends up footing the bill? The people who use those sites. People deserve to enjoy the internet equally across all sites. What's interesting to me, may not interest my neighbor, some of the sites I use may never be used by anyone in my neighborhood but does that mean those sites should be so slow I CANT use them? No one supports getting rid of Net neutrality except the cable companies. If the cable companies are allowed to chose what the public can and can't view, the public will grow disenchanted with the way the internet works, angry at how the cable companies are suddenly dictating who succeeds at making money on the internet, who gets to voice their opinions or who gets to create the next big idea, and the public will eventually slow it's use of the internet in favor of cheaper, more personalized entertainment. The cable companies will use their new power to slow netflix/hulu/youtube as a means to increase the reliance on cable tv shows (which is absolutely riddled with awful fake reality shows). Not only will you lower the balance between cable and the rest of society you will SLOW THE PROGRESS OF ALL AMERICA. Every other nation is already allowed faster speeds because their governments don't answer to the cable companies. If you allow the cable companies to dictate what society is allowed to view (which you will ABSOLUTELY do if you end net neutrality because you'll have already given free reign to the cable companies and they'll use it to increase profits AND NOTHING ELSE), you will prevent small businesses from getting the start they need, force Americans to use certain sites over others simply because they pay the cable company more, and kill the last hope we have as American's to not become complete slaves to corporations. It's awful that this is even an issue as anyone with half a brain can see that giving the cable companies more power and more profit doesn't EVER help anyone. Even the government is left less powerful, if you allow the cable companies to make more money, they're power to influence or bribe more government officials increases. Please take a look at the state of the world and ask yourself if you want to be responsible for starting a downward spiral of servitude or for possibly ruining the internet for everyone. Competition among businesses is the only thing that creates a better system if you take steps to eliminate the challenges presented to the cable companies by netflix/hulu/youtube etc. you will halt any other progress that could be made by those cable companies. The cable companies have chosen to invest in lobbying efforts and advertising lies instead of further steps to reduce cable bills to entice new customers, broadening their service areas, and creating better services or just demanding better tv programming to help them compete with net services. Because of their own choices, refusal to compete, and general disregard for human progress, cable is on it's way out, it's not something the government needs to prevent, it's eventually going to happen, the only thing the cable company is actually necessary for (right now) is the physical cables and routers that connect people to the internet. TV is all online! Even actual television sets will be replaced by large screen mini computers so why even try to save the cable companies when they don't want to make progress? Let them die or be taken over if they can't create something that the public deems worth it. They're spending millions on lobbying for ending net neutrality (something NO ONE wants) when that money should be going to creating a new idea, increasing market service areas or otherwise giving reason for the cable companies to exist. PLEASE think of who you are, why you ever became involved in politics and ask yourself if it was to help the public or to be a pawn for large corporations to buy and sell until a new one comes along.
—Kylie Aipperspach, cedar park, TX

I would prefer my Internet access and speed to not be dependent by whoever is deepest in cable companies' pockets. Corporations have enough power as is, without infringing on my freedom of speech and access to all information.
—Jacek Orzylowski, London,

Net neutrality is freedom for the people. Killing it is killing freedom
—Josh, Midland,

I don't enjoy the most popular shows or online entertainment. If net-neutrality ceases to be the more popular entertainments are better funded and can pay for a better speed while fringe groups will be marginalized. I don't want to see kids begging for money so they can pay to get their YouTube channels attention they should be getting for free. New and talented minor artists will suffer without net-neutrality.
—Katharine Carlson, Seattle, WA

Stop the corporate greed. We've experienced unregulated monopolies before and we know how this works. Let's move beyond appeasing spoilsmen and keep the internet fair for everyone.
—Mr. Alex Mendoza, Prairieville, LA

It's sad that the state of this country's institutions, made to follow the law and protect the rights of citizens, would fall so easily to bribery and lies from corporations. Is it any wonder that the younger generations aim so much hate at both corporations and the government as they see proof that they care nothing for them or their rights?
—Chuck H., Fort Worth, TX

1. Losing net neutrality destroys the viability of the interpersonal forums that are internet sites at local, national, and international levels. 2. Losing net neutrality further weakens the founding principle of equality of opportunity in the U.S. by further widening the information gap between those with the resources to pay fast lane fees and those who can't. 3. The loss of net neutrality would allow Internet Service Providers to censor what we see and hear, not even in the name of the public welfare as the NSA does, but for corporate interests.
—John Austin, Winder, GA

As a creative person whose livelihood comes in part from a personally owned and operated website, it's important that I be allowed to remain on the same footing as any of my larger competitors. I may lack the advertising dollars, name recognition, or branding as my competition, but I enjoy access to the same audience, at the same speed, and that's enough. If my consumers were forced to access my content at a slower speed than my competitors, it would surely be the beginning of the end for my burgeoning business. Internet access needs to remain equal for all consumers, and all content creators. Anything less, is unacceptable.
—Colt Hoskins, Evansville, IN

Because I don't want the fastest broadband access to be dolled out to the richest companies. When Verizon, At&t, and Comcast/TWC have to fund support commities like Broadband for America, the American Consumer Institute, and the Heartland Institute to make themselves look better, then the real problem of net neutrality stems from the greed of these internet access providers.
—Elliot Sanchez, Yuba City, CA

Net Neutrality is important to me and to everyone else because it allows for everyone to have access to the same things. If it ends, only people with money will have won and it would seriously impact the freedom of people. The only people who would benefit is the seriously rich and help to make them even richer than they are. Millions of people work but do not make enough money to pay for a "fast tiered" internet just because companies want to make themselves richer. Please keep the internet neutral and allow access for everyone. Thank you.
—Christy Felty, Portland, OR

Net neutrality makes it a level playing field. I have 3 kids and they use the internet for school projects such has math games, research, and a number of other things. Sure they stream movies and games over it has well. Don't let the cable companies punish kids by restricting the internet. Don't make a mistake keep the internet a level playig field by reclassifying ISP's as common carriers
—Derek Pitkeathly, Hamilton,

If I actually have to explain to you why what you're doing is wrong, money-grubbing, and in a gross violation of the 1st Amendment, then I truly fear for our country. Then again, you all probably used to work for the cable companies or their lobbyists... so I might as well stop wasting my breath because you can't hear what the people actually are saying through the fort you've built from the giant wads of money you've received for pissing on Net Neutrality and everyone else who ISN'T rich.
—Every Reasonable Human Being, Cincinnati, OH

If cable companies can decide the speed of internet pages, they have control over the internet. If they control the internet they control the economy, our education, our entertainment, and our means of communication. But you know, elected official are kind of overrated. CEOs know what's best!
—Adam Farr, Louisville, KY

In the end, the things you consider most important to you don't trump the things I personally consider most important to me, and those are just standard human ideals, pure and simple.
—Christian Villagomez, Winter Park, FL

Dear FCC, I believe that a free and equal internet is only possible under Net Neutrality. I oppose changes to net neutrality because I believe that to allow ISP's to create "fast lanes" will only hurt the internet, the internet's aviablity, and the economy at large.
—Lee Cooper Doyle, Monroe, LA

Net neutrality should be something the government defends, not something it allows companies to pay to circumvent.
—Brian Burke, Oceanside, CA

Private companies that have been granted monopoly status in most municipalities should not be able to encroach on the free speech each user in entitled to. All websites should be equally accessible at the same speed. What if a new technology is discovered that makes the cable network obsolete? Do you think cable companies would allow free access to those website that sell that product if the government didn't set up fair rules to allow competition. Past behavior of the cable companies indicate that they would not willingly provide the same access.
—James Buto, erie, PA

Net neutrality is important to me because it's loss would make the internet much more inefficient, and with internet being easily the most important achievement in the history of humanity, and inefficient, unequal internet would be a huge setback in humanity's greatest achievement. A unneutral internet would also make censure the easier, annd, of course, It would be the underdeveloped countries that already have slower connections the ones who would probably leaved with the shorter end of the stick
—Juan Mangles, Valencia,

Work. Plain and simple. I use certain programs for work and without net neutrality, these sites would slow to a crawl. To keep up they would have to pay fees which in turn would lead to a rise in price to be able to use and that would affect everybody's bottom line. How much more do you think the economy can take?
—Jorge Cruz, PHARR, TX

I don't want the major cable companies shaking down people's websites and holding my web surfing hostage. These greedy people don't care about anything but their bottom line FCC, do you job, protect the people.
—Robert Warwick, North Richland Hills, TX

Dear Commission Members & Chairman of the FCC, My name is Matthew Jones. I am merely a man, that like so many others, use the internet every day. I use it to work. I use it to play. I use it to send emails such as this very one right here, and I use it to watch Netflix and Youtube streaming videos. I am one of the millions of Americans who has seen the slow and steady decline of video speeds from my provider, AT&T. My other download speeds from all other sites have been tested, and retested, and the one thing I can tell you, is that when it comes to Streaming video, it is my opinion that AT&T and the other ISPs in this country have been maliciously, and with malice of forethought, been torquing down video speeds, in order to double dip their hands into the cookie jar, as it were. They seek to not only get money for services paid by customers, which should provide the only source of income for their stated business, but to also extort funds from content providers, seen increasingly as a free lunch to them. Time, and time again over the last few years, we have seen speeds drop across the nation for video services. “Switch to another company!” says the rhetoric. What about me? I have no choice where I live, there is only one provider that reaches my address, and I am locked into a single choice. The only real and total solution is the passing of law or regulation that not only keeps net neutrality intact in “The Last Mile” but at every stage of data delivery across the board; Legislation or regulation that treats the delivery, and speed of delivery of all information equally and the same, regardless of point of origin, and regardless of the greed that wishes to put a stone in the river, only to have you pay to remove it. You know as well as I that capitalism is one of the greatest forces on earth… but you also know that companies, in their own self-preserving, and more to the point, self-profiting interest, fear regulation more than anything else.
—Mr. Matthew Jones, Austin, TX

Dear FCC, Net neutrality is important for not only for consumer's to express themselves, entertain and also research whether a product is good or bad; it is also for finding what is right for them. The internet is a beautiful place where anyone can find anything they can think of, and if it doesn't exist, they can well put it there. Big companies don't want that. Big companies only think of the big price, who would care about the little people when they have enough money to fund the entire U.S? More importantly, in my mind, competitor websites to their cable services, the biggest being YouTube, could potentially go out of business. This could put many many good, talented people out of revenue because they won't be able to get views. These people are actors and comedians. So what they film their own stuff and so what they just talk, millions of people listen and enjoy their work and with that inevitability that YouTube will not be able to get the access it deserves, millions of people will be displaced from their favorite source of entertainment. In addition to this anti competition thing, product placement and reviews will only be shown to their own products and any kind of unfavorable review will be blocked on site. Thank you and I hope you can consider this message
—Scott johnson, Sacramento, CA

ISPs are clearly a common carrier, as the internet is rapidly becoming the most important part of the world's communication network. Not protecting Net Neutrality is not only irresponsible, it undermines the very core of what makes the internet such a valuable communication network.
—Sally Jenkins, Marshfield, MA

Net neutrality is important to me because I enjoy finding new indie artists. Most of the time they barely have the money to keep up a website. If they have to pay more to keep the site running smoothly, they won't last. Please, don't let cable companies monopolize the Internet.
—Aidan Kemm, Albuquerque, NM

Dear FCC, penis, etc.
—Hugh Jazz, Los Angeles, CA

The internet was founded on the free exchange of ideas between groups that otherwise would have been unable to do so. Allowing ISPs to cripple this functionality would have the effect of suppressing free speech, and would destroy many of the smaller groups that exist today.
—Mr. Adam Thayer, Lincoln, NE

I am a student, and the only way i can schedule classes, turn in homework, and find important information on meeting times is by using the internet. My math classes don't even provide the option of turning in paper homework. With the end of net neutrality I fear that the relatively small websites that are essential to my education will become more difficult to access, and the already don't work properly. Once broadband has become an essential part of the public education system it has become a public utility.
—Ethan, jeromesville, OH

I want everybody to have the right to the same speed no matter who they are. We are a f free country.
—Sauk, Channelview, TX

Do something right this time around. Please.
—Ryan Ganjtomari, San Francisco, CA

The internet is a vital international resource. Everyone from schoolkids to governments depends on it to learn, communicate, and grow. Let's not hand the keys to the future over to a bunch of corporations.
—Charlie Cohen, Pittsburgh, PA

Net neutrality is important to me because I believe that a large conglomerate of corporations who's bottom line is directly affected by net neutrality should not be allowed to determine which websites are delivered at a faster speed.
—Paul gonzales, Garden city, MI

I build websites. If mid sized and small companies can't afford the "special" fast connection. They might not even bother with a website and look for other media to advertise (AT&T?). Which takes a lot of work away from website developers and business'. It will hurt our already hurting economy.
—Erin Dolan, San Diego, CA

Ending net neutrality will hamper the growth of the internet. Many websites that people use on a daily basis would have had a much more difficult time starting if the proposed legislation existed years ago. The internet should remain a place where people can have a free and equal voice, it should not be another place where those with money can dictate what is being said and heard.
—Christopher Chinn, Minneapolis, MN

Information shouldn't cost a premium to access. I can't afford to pay high speed premium. I doubt that libraries and the other places that rely heavily upon it would get any sort of benefit from this either.
—Adam, harper woods, MI

Throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Christopher lee West, flagstaff, AZ

The only people that would benefit from ending net neutrality are massive corporations. This is hardly "rule by the people, for the people."
—Wyeth Bedanr, Boston, MA

Ending net neutrality so blatantly benefits large cable companies while hurting individuals. It is ridiculous that so many people should have to demand that the FCC protect consumer's rights, when that is what the FCC should have been doing in the first place.
—Terra, Ojai, CA

What would happen if other businesses started "preferred lanes"? Oh, you want your hamburger now? Now costs an extra dollar, but you can wait 30 minutes if you don't want to pay up. Creating preferred traffic lanes is exactly as silly as charging customers to not have to wait for services that are already available. The net neutrality issue has been framed as a free speech issue. Verizon says it's their freedom of speech as risk. I say it's the individuals who will have to rely on large corporations not restricting their right to free speech for profit that need to be worried.
—Scot Snelling, blacklick, OH

I live in Portland, Oregon in the 97210 zip code. There are exactly three broadband internet service providers providing service to my house. Only one provides download speeds in excess of 6 Mbps, and that is the cable company Comcast. I have no choice as a consumer to which high speed broadband service I purchase. Until most Americans have access to a free market for high speed broadband, careful regulation by the FCC of the types of peering arrangements allowed is necessary to ensure consumer choice.
—Jonathan Pearce, Portland, OR

I believe that Internet Service Providers should be classified as common carriers. If ISP's are allowed to moderate internet speeds I believe all personally owned and small business websites would become all but inaccessible. Also ISP's would be able to all but shut down any website that promotes ideas and policies with which the ISP's disagree, giving them a monopoly on the world's largest and traditionally freest forum.
—Aidan Mackenzie Durbin, Montgomery, WV

Net neutrality is important for a variety of reasons. But the biggest reason is that internet access has become a necessity for a developed nation, not a luxury. America is already way behind other developed nations in internet access. Instead, ISPs need to be classified as common carriers, just like phone companies. Businesses, career searching, banking, all of this is online now. And the end of net neutrality would mean anyone not able to pay extra fees for "fast access" would be all but shut down. This is in addition to the end of such recreational activities as online gaming.
—Michael Craig, hubbard, OH

I believe net neutrality is should exist because if it doesn't then it wouldn't be as creative or fun as it is now. without net neutrality, the ISP providers will control how the commoners use the internet while the rich folks can do whatever they want, it will be more of a luxury for the rich instead of something anyone can use. Please keep net neutrality alive, I don't want the internet to be like the novel "1984". here is a video that should explain some things about net neutrality and why it is useful, please watch it: http://youtu.be/HCUg5A-ZAw0 Thank you.
—Alia, Waveland, MS

Net neutrality is important mainly because it's the last wall between the massively under- regulated legal monopolies known as the cable companies and the nightmare known as allowing a self regulating monopoly. Enforce net neutrality and make those amoral money grubers actually invest in internet infrastructure.
—Tate Bowers, Montclair, NJ

Net neutrality is vital to the continued fair operation of the unique communication medium of the Internet.
—Scott McCaskill, Tampa, FL

What would be the point of all this? Who benefits from 2 tiered internet? The providers. They would be just taking the class divide to a whole new arena. I'm sick of this. FCC, I trust you. Ive doubted you before but you know that we can't let those who decide the rules of the world be just those who have the most money. That crushes the freedom of the world. Please don't let this happen. Take into consiteration all of these comments. Look at how many of us are fighting to save net neutrality. Don't let our fight be in vain.
—Dennis, St.Thomas,

i don't believe you're reading this i don't believe you believe in democracy i don't believe you have the power to change
—Panda, Toronto,

I urge the FCC to protect Net Neutrality by reclassifying broadband service as telecommunications, and internet service providers as common carriers. This is essential in order to maintain the freedoms allowed by the internet. There are no plausible reasons that ISPs would support the tearing down of Net Neutrality other than the vast power and influence that it would give these corporations, and the very favorable effect that it would have on their profits. Both of these inevitable outcomes are obviously harmful to their customers and all consumers of the Internet. For these reasons I categorically oppose any and all motions to abolish or weaken Net Neutrality.
—Ryan Lee, South Lake Tahoe, CA

Dissolving Net Neutrality seems like it could lead to a decline in the innovation of new websites and companies to compete with existing entities. Imagine attempting to start up a new business and finding that, in addition to the fees and headache of what already is in place to get started, you have to add in even more costs just to have your product be seen by others. How much of your time would you give to a company if their site can't load?
—William Tramp, olathe, KS

Dear FCC Net neutrality is important to me because I am an aspiring computer programmer that one day hopes to create a start up. If net neutrality is destroyed then anything I do will start at a disadvantage because I won't have the money to compete with existing companies speed. I've always thought of the physical world as the house of representatives where those who have more people and money have more influence based on that. however the internet is like the senate where everyone gets the same representation regardless. That's why in our government system California has the same number of senators as Rhode island. If it is important to have those two systems in the american legislative branch than it should also be important to keep net neutrality alive I trust you'll make the right choice. Kyle Williams
—kyle Williams, Denver, CO

To Whom It May Concern: As a member of a small community, our choice of ISP is usually limited to one of two or frequently just one (as is the case at my home). This limitation opens the door to price gouging, the same service that I receive at my home costs a third less in the larger city just across the state line. My neighborhood is home to a hospital, assisted living facility and several low-income families as well as two different schools. These are people who need reliable and affordable access to web resources. As a college-student, I find that I have to have internet service in order to complete assignments and stay connected to classmates as well as finding research and employment. Small businesses in my town are subject to the same types of rock-and-hard-place decisions when it comes to internet and phone services. Ultimately, net neutrality supports families, students, social services, and small businesses: all the things that our government should be looking to safeguard. This is what net neutrality means to small communities. Thank you.
—Stephanie Erdman, Niles, MI

Not being able to use whatever sites are desired and instead being forced to use whatever sites companies want to be used would be terrible for everyone outside of those companies.
—James Fredrick, Townsend, MA

All those who are trying to destroy the equality of the Internet for profit can try to hide what they are doing inside of boring negotiations. They can hide it with clever wording. They can even hide it behind a wall of solid bullshit. But despite their efforts, it is not going unnoticed. The knowledge of what companies like Verison and TWC are trying to do to net neutrality has been exposed, and it will stay exposed because of the fact that the Internet is a faceless arena where anyone can be knocked down. If they don't understand that, then the are in for a rude awakening. Are we going to let these billionaires get richer while our Game of Thrones gets slower? Is this yet another way the average Joe gets sucker punched in the wallet? There has to be a point where a line is drawn, and that line is our precious, precious kitten GIF's. So do we watch this happen? HELL NO! This is where we hold them! This is where we fight! This is where THEY! DIE! Remember this day, men. For it will be yours for all time. -Leonidas
—Colin Hamilton, Brooklyn, NY

Please have a backbone and support Net Neutrality.
—Shawn Bodi, Candia, NH

With all due respect you do realize that by abandoning net neutrality you'll allow Verizon & others to slow down the pages of any site thereby stifling any kind of debate or reform they don't like? On a point that may strike closer to home I doubt that politicians will receive much support come election time if they pass an Anti-Net Neutrality bill and to avoid that the F.C.C. are sure to lose a hell of a lot of funding.
—Daragh Twiss, Killorglin,

Net Neutrality is important to me because I value freedom of speech, freedom of expression, the freedom to use the internet to pursue education, business, and any other goal I seek. I value the ability to access any and all websites equally, without the "censor" of the Cable/Internet companies forcing people/companies to pay to have better access through their networks. These companies re out to make more and more profit out of something that is as integral and necessary to modern life as the internet. The airwaves, of which the internet signals are a part, are owned by THE PEOPLE, for use by the PEOPLE. Do not forget this.
—Roberto Torres-Torres, Houston, TX

The internet is the last place where the US is capable of meaningful innovation. We curtail freedom on the web at our own economic peril. As a programmer working on a web app that will *not* fare well in a world where trolls demand tolls to cross bridges online, I hope you make the right decision for all of us and not just for the trolls.
—John Archer, Dallad, TX

Net neutrality is important to me because it protects the American public's right to access information regardless of socioeconomic class.
—Gwen Way, Cedar Park, TX

The internet was born free and must stay free.
—Claire, Seattle, WA

The companies are barely doing their jobs now. As a media professional I need my internet to work and not just fail because these companies have decided that the websites I use don't pay them enough money.
—Jeshaiah Roskens, Groom, TX

Dear FCC, We live in a world that grows ever more connected and vibrant. In the past, world events went unnoticed-- now, thanks to social media, we know what's happening everywhere in the world. We can use the internet for good. We can use it to create amazing works of art that will inspire millions. We can use it to help disaster victims in parts of the world we've never been to, never seen. We can use it to make friends in exciting places and reach new levels of learning and understanding. Net neutrality has shown us a whole, new world. We, as a species, are entering a new Renaissance of information, culture, sharing and growth. Don't take a step backwards. Don't cast us into the dark. The light of knowledge is for everyone. Be the guardian of that light-- future generations will thank you for it.
—Bob, York,

This really shouldn't even be an issue. Any logical, sane person can see that net neutrality is better than allowing megacorporations control of which sites are realistically usable and which aren't. The internet has done more for progress, due to the free and voluntary exchange of information, than any other tool or system in the history of the world. And now that system is being held hostage by the greed and selfishness of our nations policy makers and those that hold power through the almighty dollar. For once, do something because its the right thing to do.
—Robert Schulze, The Woodlands, TX

Net neutrality keeps the internet a level playing field. Without it we will lose the voices of anyone not able to pay. Imagine if your cell phone got better service when you called target but spotty reception when you call your mother.
—Adam Traum, fort myers, FL

The cable companies make many claims about why they should be able to create " fast lanes" on The Internet. All the arguments aside, the cable companies do not own the Internet. the Internet was here before Verizon, so before they go about deciding to tax the peasants on land, shouldn't they be required to conquer that land first? In this analogy the land is Internet, the peasants are the public, the the cable companies are the seedy little cousins to the prince. 12th in line to the throne, but give them a little time and they will have poisoned, knifed, and strangled their way onto that throne. So I call for trial by combat. The C E O s of the cable companies should have to duel it out, hand to hand battle royal were the winner gets to bend over the Congressional imps they been commanding and have their way with their already soiled honor and integrity. I fart in your direction for even considering this B.S. FCC. Honestly you should be ashamed.
—james Tyler jones, norfolk, VA

http://www.salon.com/2014/06/2 3/tune_yards_without_an_open_i nternet_i_couldnt_have_become_ a_musician/
—Christianne Thompson, Toronto,

Please keep net neutrality! Discrimination against websites and users is good for no one except the internet providers themselves!
—Ashley, montpelier, VA

Net neutrality is important to me because I use a lot of programs that are not coded professionally, and I believe that revocation of Net Neutrality would destroy access to many of these useful things, as well as add another layer of costs to anyone wishing to provide any sort of useful information.
—Ryan Grimm, Syracuse, NY

Net neutrality matters to me because it supports the principles of free and unregulated speech.
—Ryan Graczkowski, Raleigh, NC

It is the government's job to regulate industry to keep it from infringing on the rights of the American people, including those that make up smaller corporations. If net neutrality fails it will infringe on the public's right to information and on the rights of small internet-based companies who might be unable to afford a fast connection to their website, despite providing a superior service. Non-profit organizations would be at a severe disadvantage. Allowing selectively difficult access to certain news sites would bias what the user reads. Do not allow monopolies to impede the flow of information.
—Robert Duff, Collinsville, IL

Net Neutrality is extremely important to small businesses. The office I work in is paperless and almost all of our correspondence and contacts with clients rely heavily on fast, reliable internet connections. Without Net Neutrality, our office could be extremely hampered in our operations and our ability to work quickly and efficiently would be in jeopardy.
—Teresa Soto, CORAL SPRINGS, FL

The Internet was at one time an idea of wonder. The possibilities seemed endless, the future was open and allowed for fantastic new ideas. New businesses came from the internet age, broad social change. It was a world-wide forum for everyone, everywhere to come together. Until, of course, the ISPs started imposing, without regulation, rules and subversive code. The internet is not as wonderful as it once was. The potential is not as vast as it use to be. One day, like Gibson's Idoru, there will exist a "Walled City", where people will go for a form of freedom, to a simpler time of internet, it will be the new freespace. Until then, however, why speed up that process by allowing ANYONE to have that much control over people in a shared space? Charging businesses in order to provide what they already provide? It's thuggery. It's, pay me and I'll let you work. What's the point of a business paying taxes and their bills, if they also have to pay a shake down fee? If businesses are charged a personal tax, then they should be protected from this strong-armed bullshit..
—Patrick Jordan, Ponchatoula, LA

As a disabled veteran and small-business owner, I rely on efficient web traffic to help keep a roof over my head and food in my belly.
—Sholom Keller, Cincinnati, OH

I can only reach my best friends online. I do most of my research and work online. I learn new things by just browsing around. Why do cable companies need the right to take all that away?
—Lauren Pifer, Benton, AR

Cable companies have a natural monopoly. This gives them a great deal of power, and it's you guys who are supposed to be a balancing force to that power. Net Neutrality is one of the only weapons in your arsenal. Cable companies have been cheating Americans for years. They lobbied congress to allow them to charge exorbitant frees for their services, because they were going to make an information super highway accessible to all Americans. Here we are, decades later, and much of the country still can't get high speed internet. In France, the average cost of high speed internet is 30 times less than in the US, and their speeds are up to 30 times faster. FRANCE for God's sake. Don't give the cable companies another way to cheat us. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers. High speed internet is a utility, and many many people rely heavily upon it.
—Benjamin Kimberlin, Las Vegas, NV

Enough with the garbage that cable companies are feeding us. The internet is great as is and has always been and should always remain a public resource free of regulation. Cable companies getting rid of net neutrality in no way benefits the consumer and is only going to benefit the company and more specifically the individuals running said company. If net neutrality is lost then clearly you have lost your morals and given in to greed and therefore should not be in a position to make these decisions. I hope you do what is right for the consumer and the public.
—Darren Govan, Barrie,

The internet is one of the most powerful tools ever created by man, it allows people to share opinions and ideas across the globe. And all of that is because of Net Neutrality everyone is equal, everyone has a chance, just like the American Dream. If you end Net Neutrality you hand over the key of the country over to the Internet providers, and suddenly Time Warner is deciding the next president
—Philip, Highland, IN

Net Neutrality is one of the most important things in the world. Any online site should not need to pay extra to run at normal speed. And other site should not get to pay extra to be faster just because they have way more money. Without Net Neutrality, website starts up will slowly die as they have no way afford the web speed needed to compete. Please keep Net Neutrality and don't let cable companies control one of that last equal market places in the world.
—Tim Wilson, Newport, RI

The internet as it stands is not broken and therefore does not need to be fixed. The proposed rules would make ISPs too powerful and would punish its users that rely on them since most users do not have more than a few options. The lack of competition is why ISPs can charge so much for service that's rather unreliable. Giving them the power to take away Net Neutrality would be too much. They'll be able to pick in choose which sites can run at a reasonable speed and force websites to pay a fee to use their so called fast lanes. Internet access should be treated like a public service if we are going to get the full benefit out of it.
—Noel Valle, Louisville, KY

Net neutrality gives all citizens and organizations equal footing on the internet. What ISPs like Verizon and Comcast are trying to accomplish will lead to extortion and censorship of smaller organizations and private individuals who cannot monetarily compete with multi-million dollar corporations. Everyone’s freedom of speech should be protected, each voice should have an equal say. The death of net neutrality will be another example of corporate interests taking precedence over the rights of the American populace.
—Christopher Fabela, Mission Viejo, CA

The internet is perhaps the single most democratic thing in the history of mankind. Without net neutrality it will become a plutocracy.
—Daniel O'Donnell, Raleigh, NC

Because I already get poor enough service from my ISP, I don't need another ISP throttling the website I am dealing with and slowing the process down even more.
—Travis Spikes, El Paso, AR

To Those in the FCC: Net Neutrality is the most important mass communications need of the early 21st century. The United States of America has always attempted to live up to its original ideals of equality for all. By disbanding net neutrality, the FCC would be setting up a new, institutionalized Internet aristocracy; something that was the exact opposite of the letter and spirit of the US Constitution itself. The Founding Fathers were incredibly wary of producing entrenched aristocracies; so much that they banned noble titles (Article I, Section 9, Clause 8, US Constitution). Comcast, Time-Warner, Verizon, and the like should never be nobility. I respectfully urge the FCC to ensure that net neutrality is respected and enforced via effective mechanisms, and that the rules and regulations ensure that no single company, or oligarchy of companies, are allowed to choke the Internet. The Internet is the ultimate expression of free speech. Don't fuck it up.
—Greg Hodgin, Atlanta, GA

With Net Neutrality, everyone has equal access to the same information. Now that the collective knowledge of human existence can be found on the Internet, this is more important than ever. Ending Net Neutrality could potentially be the most egregious act of my lifetime, and I pray that it doesn't come to pass.
—Casady Fletcher, Shawnee, OK

Net neutrality is important to me because, uber-wealthy corporations have an uneven influence in everything. I feel like the internet gives me a chance to be (relatively) free from corporate interest if I want, the suppression of free speech would surely ensue and everyone will be angry and sad. Please preserve net neutrality, don't just hand it off to the highest bidder.
—Kris Buttafoco, San francisco, CA

Hello Tom, Net Neutrality is the very fabric of why the internet is the leading cause of innovation. If you decide to let cable companies run a mafia style business, where the businesses who can pay enough for the fast lanes only get the privilege of using them, is outright treasonous against the public and will not end smoothly. I believe Net Neutrality is one of the key aspects to ensuring progress for human civilization as well as assisting countries around the world. When you take away bandwidth capabilities, you can essentially slow down progress, R & D, and multiple other benefits that come out of being able to rely on a stable, reliable speed for the average user. Please PLEASE rethink your decision...remember the legacy you will leave behind..where do you want to be in history? Regards, Citizen.
—Lemuel Bezares, Sacramento, CA

Allowing megacorporations to control the very pulse of what is, in the modern day, the heart of communication, information and entertainment, is, in a word, asinine. The anti-net-neutrality lobby is all about lining pockets further, to the detriment of any who don't play ball and pony up. To allow Comcast, AT&T, et. al. to control the flow of the internet, in order to - as Verizon formerly said in an ad campaign - "protect their freedom of speech," what happens to the freedoms and abilities of those who are under their thumbs? Whatever the hell they want. NO to fast-lanes, NO to the death of net neutrality!
—Kyle Cox, Lexington, KY

I support many small game studios and if net neutrality was to be done away with, then these small studios would not be able to buy enough bandwidth to remain viable from the ISPs. This would kill innovation in an entire industry.
—Christopher Pitchell, houston, TX

We need to regulate the Internet like public utilities. No matter what Comcast, Verizon, AT&T et. al. promises, once there is a two tiered Internet, their lawyers will take over with to explantation that they are just following the rules. Great example, Comcast interaction with Netflix. Need we say anything more.
—Walter S. Jakielski, Marseilles, IL

Please do not ruin the internet.
—Aris Ganea, Elmhurst, IL

Dear FCC Do not let the cable companies have control of the internet. If real net neutrality is not provided, it will be definitive proof for me that the United States is no longer a nation for the people, but one that has a government more concerned with the interest of massive corporations. Are we a democracy or an oligarchy?
—Michael Lacefield, Selmer, TN

Plain and simple: the internet should belong to the people. It's a basic necessity for life in the 21st century, and allowing cable companies and big corporations to steamroll you on this and screw over the average American would just be another step down the path of a non-representative government, where the federal agencies that exist to protect the citizen are at best laughably incompetent and at worst puppets of faceless corporations.
—Leo Rubiano, Everett, MA

Net neutrality is important to me because it will help to ensure free and equal access to information. By allowing businesses to broker information as a commodity, this country opens the door for not only abuses in the business world, but in the world of human rights as well.
—Joe Russo, Gilbert, AZ

The only people who are against Net Neutrality are the cable companies who stand to make insane amounts of money by overcharging people for what has become a necessary public utility. We wouldn't let some private company dictate our use of water or electricity without some dire circumstance, yet these companies want the right to be able to do it for the simplest of all reasons, greed.
—Richard, Greensboro, NC

Please keep net neutrality. I can't afford what the cable companies would do to my small business if they make me pay for reasonable speed access.
—Zachary Gartrell, Sandston, VA

Net neutrality is important to me as a free American. Don't let corporations take over one of the last places for free speech! Also as a teacher, widespread access to fast internet is extremely important to my classroom.
—Hillary Stacey, Vail, AZ

Letting the companies decide which sites and bandwidth is allocated flies in the face of the First Amendment. The rights of us are important, even if we're not overloaded with money
—Kyle Novich, Oak Harbor, WA

The Internet is an amazing leap forward for humanity in the ways it brings the entire world together and gives anyone with access a voice. The end of Net Neutrality removes the equal footing of the internet and places prioritization in the hands of those who are only interested in how the system can benefit themselves rather than the world at large. This would be a misstep that posterity would look at as a negative tipping point.
—Matt Beard, Vidor, TX

net neutrality is fundamental to first amendment rights, charging for greater access diminish speech to the wealthy, there is quite enough advantages for the rich as it is.please re classify the pipelines as a public utility; creating competition that will benefit the consumer. internet is no longer a luxury but a necessity
—Ronnie Cameron, philadelphia, PA

For as much as people go on about America being a self-starting nation of small businesses, you could have fooled me. Net Neutrality is essential for the continued prosperity of our nation. Penalizing those who cannot afford to pay extra fees is disgusting. I'd say that I was shocked that large companies don't have their customers' best interests at heart, but frankly, this is just one more nail in the coffin. Stop being greedy. Do not limit commerce and information amongst the people. Keep the Internet open!
—Samantha Davis, Palm Beach Gardens, FL

Dear FCC, If TWC was a person, I would have a hate crime conviction. My water company thankfully does not slow down my water flow to a trickle and give my neighbors a torrent (unless I don't pay) why should cable companies do the same because they don't like my website?
—Joshua Young, Glens Falls, NY

I work two jobs. One is my full-time, sickenly low-paid job with no coverage of any sort to support myself. The other is my attempt to create my etsy shop, use crafts and other artwork that sells well on the side. I take commissions, work in larger projects and do something that I love that I must have in addition to my primary job in order to continue paying for rent, gas, bills and food. Vaporizing net neutrality will cripple my funds, bump me out of "poverty" and straight onto the streets. My primary job, even though I work 6 days a week, cannot support me. The job hunt right now is brutal and despite my constant attempts better options simply aren't there at the moment. I have my college degree, I excel in my internships and I work as hard as I can, living with a roommate to split the bills. Even with all of these efforts and more we are struggling. Choking lines to my second job, slowing or severing my ties with my consumer base in favor of larger websites and their enormous wealth will end me. No questions asked. All so cable companies can squeeze millions or billions of dollars in profit. It's absolutely disgusting, not to mention the literal millions of others in my situation. You will be squashing our ability to live to give corporate fat cats more cash that they simply don't need. There is no trickle-down to us, they hoard it at the top and leave the rest of us to starve. And quite frankly, we are pissed. You aren't creating internet fast lanes. You are choking traffic and creating a toll road for the elite.
—Katie Hardash, Lake Forest, CA

Stable, reliable internet access is an intrinsic part of my life and so many others. The rampant exploitation of what is quite possibly one of the greatest works of humankind for profit is one of the most shameful acts by any body in our nation. It's reminiscent of the internet censorship laws of more (apparently) backwards nations, without even the courtesy of some moral reasoning to explain why.
—Joe Phillips, San francisco, CA

Keep net neutrality intact! Don't further extend the cable companies monopoly.
—Matthew Heyn, fort Wayne, IN

The very idea of having to pay a premium does not sound like freedom at all.
—Michelle Hart, Troy, MI

Net neutrality is important to me, as I do the bulk of my class work and research online. If ISPs gain more control to limit my speed an access to information, they will literally be making it more difficult to further my education and better myself.
—Ian Morris, SOUTH OGDEN, UT

Ignoring Net Neutrality of ISPs will give far too much power to an already over powered and under serviced industry. The are businesses that package unnecessary channels, services, and equipment costs onto their consumers (often without consent) through loop holes within the law and as such abuse their customer base. Net neutrality, does not only protect consumers from continued abuses by ISPs but the ever growing and expanding business market place of the internet and allow small business the opportunity to flourish in an economy dominated by large corporate entities. However, the real danger is not in business or streaming services. It lies with information. The majority of U.S. citizens gain their information over the internet, and by removing restrictions over ISPs you will give them the key to the future of the country to mold as they see fit. You will give them the ability to limit access to information they see as conflicting to their self interest or the interests of the highest bidder. Imagine the political and social landscape when only one side of an election is heard because the other candidates couldn't or wouldn't pay the extortion fees for their websites to be free of issue. Buy removing Net Neutrality you will stamp out the average citizens right to free speech in favor of sitting on your perch in a gilded cage.
—Andrew Ryan Gonzales, Oklahoma City, OK

If critics can not speak If money reigns supreme The strong control the weak And the poor can only dream.
—Isaac Lee, Memphis, TN

Keep those disgusting company's filthy fingers off of my neutral internet!
—Elizabeth, Akron, OH

Net Neutrality is the only thing truly protecting both the average citizens freedom of speech and their equality. If you allow the major cable companies to destroy it, the only people who will benefit are the major cable companies. Everyone else, all the average, non CEO citizens (AKA pretty much everyone) will be up a creek without a paddle. It is not right for the provider to determine what content is valuable and what what isn't and to take it a step further and handicap all "non-valuable" (didn't pay through the nose for it) content. If you allow Net Neutrality to fall, all you are promoting is that the average citizen's, the American People's freedoms and opinions aren't worth as much as a big corporation's. As a government by the People and FOR the People, you cannot allow this to happen. You must insist on the reclassification of ISPs as common carriers. Anything else would be destroying the People's freedoms.
—Jennifer Scruggs, Amarillo, TX

I was already forced to pay more for a business connection simply b/c I needed to run an FTP server. My network would get shut down within 10 minutes of starting my server. My ISP would never admit they were doing it but as soon as I paid over twice as much, all my problems went away. I have had similar experiences with video streaming in the past as well. If these are the experiences I have now, what will they be like if there is less regulation on the ISPs? The neutrality of the internet has been one of the biggest driving forces of internet and user expansion. Think if these companies could have all but crippled services and sites they didn't want their users on from the beginning? I doubt that the internet would have turned out anything like it has today. The internet has been the largest and fastest technological revolution in my lifetime (if not of all time) and we need to keep it that way. Allow the services and sites that users choose be the ones that shape the internet, don't let the corporations shape the internet. If you do, we may lose the power and passion behind this wonderful thing.
—Alan Tipton, Three Rivers, MI

Net Neutrality protects the freedom of the people and allows everyone an equal voice. If it is removed then the economy will suffer, new businesses will never get off the ground, and there will be less competition and choice among consumers, which is essentially the root of Capitalism. The power of the people to choose what businesses they buy from and which businesses thrive and outlast others is why America is special. By allowing cable companies to gain such a huge monopoly on the market the FCC will violate the rights of every goddamn citizen in the country, not the other way around. There are people paying money right now to talk about problems that aren't real, aren't important or worthy. Any cable company that pretends the current net neutrality is a problem is trying to fix something that isn't broken and make life worse for the regular old, piss-poor, average joes. Start spending more time listening to actual domestic issues and not rich people whining about how much richer they COULD be if they charged people money for every little thing.
—Ryan McMahon, Clinton, NJ

Net neutrality is how the internet has always been for a reason. Without it, there's nothing stopping companies like Comcast, Verizon and their ilk from charging independent companies and business owners with small websites and even private citizens like us with blogs or other passion project websites hundreds or even thousands of dollars just to have normal loading times.
—Dylan Alcarese, Hoffman Estates, IL

Dear FCC, I believe in equal access. I believe that having an internet where the ability to access content equally helps maintain a balanced view of the world. If allowed, cable companies will gladly blot out any voices that dissent from the highest bidder. Elections will be won and lost based on who can pay the most. Companies will not be able to be started based on the absurdly high price of having a functional website. Maintain Net neutrality.
—Casey Bowen, Pocatello, ID

To lose Net Neutrality would be a step in the direction of a total corporate takeover of this country. If internet service providers are allowed to dictate who gets fast service and who does not, any dissenting opinions could be immediately suppressed, making it impossible for citizens to stop the amazing greed of the current corporate landscape from completely controlling every aspect of American culture. This cannot be allowed to happen in a country that claims to support the individual rights of it's citizens.
—Dustin Ashman, Lancaster, MA

Websites that I frequent would not be able to pay for this "faster speed" and would render them much less enjoyable. It also prevents people from starting businesses online, due to the fact that it is very hard to be competitive when your competitors are much faster than you are. It is not right, and it needs to stop. I support net neutrality, and I support our government. I hope they make the right choice.
—Freddie Paulson, Decorah, IA

Net neutrality protects businesses like Netflix and Hulu that directly compete with big cable companies for viewers. If we allow cable companies to charge more to different organizations, they could possibly charge Netflix, Hulu et al out of business to access reasonable speeds driving up prices at the expense of the customers. With TV viewership and ad revenue plummeting, cable companies stand to gain a lot by slowing the growth of streaming video services.
—Colin Jonathan Kenley, San Diego, CA

Living in a country like Romania, without net neutrality, would anyone here actually get to use the internet and share their works online? I'd be alright, I know English, but a lot of people would lose a window to the world.
—Borchin-Tornoreanu Raoul Emanuel, Timisoara,

There is no reason to require start-up internet companies to pay more when direct customers are paying more for slower speeds than anyone else. In current america there is a lack of options for class-mobility and the internet is one of the last of those resources, rather it be for an animator, a blogger, an elderly womans hobby of making kitten mittens, or even young men and women with ideas that have no outlet, this is our tool for growth and discovery whenever the public school systems or outreach programs fail at their tasks it is possible for children to find something to benefit their lives. Its possible for all those people to become successful with their skills at hand, and its possible to connect to other cultures and keep your mind open, and we shouldn't expect web-sites to pay more for traffic before they even know what kind of exposure they will be receiving. Its precisely the problem with our college system that will be put in place of most of those college students back-up plans, which is the internet, and it would be veering us closer to becoming a communist nation such as China.
—Aaron Michael Raymond Bullock, South Bend, IN

Equal opportunity for all? Ending NN ends this.
—Peter R Paliga, Calumet City, IL

Net neutrality is important because I don't want to be stuck with slow internet just because I can't afford faster. The internet must be open and equal; allowing anything else is wrong. We need net neutrality.
—Justin Landowne, Exeter, NH

The internet without net neutrality would be shell of its former self.
—Charles Monnone, Brooklyn, NY

Because it would be more than a little embarrassing to be overtaken in another field by small African states. Because the cable companies are already making enough money to be able to spend hundreds of millions on lobbying for deregulation instead of infrastructure improvement. Because taking an industry with almost no competition and deregulating it doesn't sound like a good idea to anyone.
—Paul, Pittsburgh, PA

I am appalled that this is even an issue. The lobbying arm of big telecom companies is not who you serve, you serve the people of the USA. At a time when government control is increasingly creeping into our homes, the internet remains one of the few true bastions of the freedom this country was founded upon!
—Joseph Tarantino, Sarasota, FL

Because its the virtual reality, a online reflection of the society and world. Internet itself holds key elements to to globalization of the world. Its spreads knowledge as its spreads services and business. One wouldn't naturally allow a society where only a few are in power of the many. Internet is the people's opportunity to revolt against this without a physical engagement. One can only use his words on internet, and many voices can meet and discuss in neutral environments of their own homes. Only a man of greed, low IQ and lust for power could see a benefit in stealing the internet. You can not and should not put a labor on everything, everything is not for sale, something only a true educated person could see. One that hasn't been educated completely in the school of how to make money. Narrowing and trying to gain control over the internet is not profitable for the world. Internet may generate a lot of weirdness and dark sides of people, but it is also connecting people around the world making their ideas and whatnot evolve to something greater. The internet beholds power beyond measurements as its constantly strives forward and drags the society with it. People can now work together, create awareness, share history and knowledge.. my god a group of dedicated people can now knock down regimes with dictators if they so wished. The internet gives power to the people, it teaches them how to use it for themselves and others. Its a world within a world where the sole lonely person could be free to discover the ends of his horizon. This thing here is a science project in the making, an evolution of virtual thoughts and engagements. Please do not take control over something so amazing in this otherwise grey world we live in. See it from the little mans perspective for just ones, and you will see a big part of the future be created as ours, yours and the next generations will grow with the world as a complete place for everyone. I mean god damn it if we chose to be so damn scared about it in the reality and in our human flesh then at least let us try it virtually.
—Bajs O'mer Bajs, Bronx, NY

The internet is the single greatest forum for the free expression of ideas in the history of our species. This is an undeniable fact. While many would deem that not all ideas should be given equal voice, that is a decision which belongs in the hands of those who read them, NOT those who are most able to pay to have their own ideas granted priority. To suppress Net Neutrality is to suppress the very concept of freedom itself, for the sake of corporations who care about nothing but their own bottom line. While this is an attitude which is admittedly effective in the world of business, the line must be drawn when they attempt to reduce our freedom to express ourselves to yet another commodity to be bought and sold. It is my deepest, sincerest hope that the FCC will not allow a handful of corporations to gain the ability to dictate freedom of expression on their own terms.
—Alexander Callaghan, Melbourne, FL

One group, Broadband for America, told the FCC that they "categorically reject" any attempts to make broadband Internet a public utility, which would subject it to more regulations to make sure the companies play fair, and who wants that? So who's in this group? Well, let's see: the CEO of AT&T, the CEO of Comcast, the president of Cox Communications, the president of the NTCA, and, last but not least, the CEO of Verizon, among others. This group isn't representative of the average American. Any opinion that group shares should note that.
—Louis Demella, Santa Fe, NM

Just like the last 2 times we proved that the people want a free and neutral internet, we still want that... All cable and broadband carriers should be regulated uitilities that are forced to abide by net neutrality.
—John Donovan, LAS VEGAS, NV

You stupid fucks want everything your constituents have don't you?? You have no idea the hell you would be unleashing on yourself FOR THE REST OF YOUR HORRID LIVES if you bring an end to net neutrality. Give the little guys (99% of us) the dirt road and only the dirt road to play on. See how fast we get bored of it and find more pleasurable outlets, such as torching any property you own, destroying your personal life, or maybe we'd REALLY hit you where it hurts, and just skip the web altogether.....there's a pirate for every age, and sometimes they win. Promises aside, do you really want to open the gates to businesses to charge whatever they feel like for a product/service when they have a monopoly on the market....or to charge multiple times for a singular product or service? You'd be looking at the worst recession ever...followed by the swiftest revolution. Those who would police others only have that power as long as we allow them to. Unite enough people in hatred of a person or thing, and NOTHING will stop them
—Donald Ready, sudlersville, MD

I work at a non-profit, and we use our website to provide information and resources to our members. We don't have extra money in the budget to pay extra money just to make sure we can deliver our resources with the same speed as bigger for-profit corporations. For this reason, we MUST keep net neutrality.
—Ashleigh McFadden, Arlington, VA

FCC - you must protect Net Nuetrality for the future of small business! The ISPs don't need to get richer, nor can any corporation be given this kind of arbitrary power!
—Stephen Westhoven, Mount Laurel, NJ

96% of Americans have access to fewer than 2 internet providers--a monopoly to say the least. The abolition of Net Neutrality is, at best, an attack on Americans' freedom of choice, and, at worst, anti-Capitalist.
—Stephen Bands, Baltimore, MD

Net Neutrality protects freedom of speech. Ending net neutrality would mean that those who couldn't pay for their sites to be on the 'fast lane' end up getting little to no web traffic, effectively quashing their ability to use this increasingly prevalent form of communication. This could also interfere with people's abilities to earn a living -it is increasingly common to search & apply for jobs online, especially for those just starting out, and there are also a great number of people who earn their living online. In addition, it has the potential to be flat-out dangerous, preventing people from accessing information that may be medically necessary in a timely fashion. It would also allow them to further suppress any and all competition. We MUST protect Net Neutrality; the proposed rules do not do that, therefore they must be changed.
—Michelle McLaren, Charlotte, NC

Making billionaires billionaire-ier should never take precedence over the common good. I respect and support big businesses. I understand that people had to work hard to make the fortunes they have. But ending Net Neutrality would be tantamount to hoarding every tree in the world and only selling paper to whomever pays the most. It's severely limiting the freedom of speech of the human race. Forcing citizens and businesses to pay more for a service they're already subscribed to is extortion.
—Chris Watson, Cuyahoga Falls, OH

if you take away net neutrality, you basically set us back twenty years. there's so much the internet has done to provide the average person a platform to speak his or her opinion. don't be evil. you're being greedy and evil. leave net neutrality alone. it's the one great thing we've got going for us these days.
—Chris, new orleans, LA

Net Neutrality is important because it means we, the people, still have some sort of a voice. The only people in this country who really have a voice aren't people at all, they're the corporations and more and more we're losing our humanity to these giant entities that have taken over politics, basic needs, and yes, the internet. Without regulation giant companies will be able to control what you see and if there is a dissenting voice, they'll be able to stifle it with no real repercussions. It's ridiculous. Please, keep the net neutral.
—Mr. Benjamin Roesler, minneapolis, MN

everybody should have an equal chance to make their voice heard on the internet
—Stephanie Bingham, Ankeny, IA

The internet is a wealth of free information, learning opportunities, fun, and freedom. It's been a huge boon to me not only as a student but as a thinking individual. In this modern age of vast technological expanse and limitless possibilities, the internet remains a strong tool as a catalogue and guide. If the cable companies were to charge us for public use to gather information and share ideas publically, is that not a fundamental violation of rights that we hold dear for every person on this planet? Please don't let greedy executives tolling large sums of cash on fake groups and lobbyists decide the future of the internet.
—Shane Barner, New Orleans, LA

Dear FCC, Out of curiosity, how ISN'T a broadband carrier a common carrier? How is this not a utility like telephones? Stop being bribed, and do the right thing.
—Abby Johnson, Lansdale, PA

We live in an age where internet is as vital a utility for Americans as a way to express themselves, innovate, access ideas and communicate with others. It is as necessary in the world today as access to clean water, consistent and dependable power and fuel for heating and commuting in order to live in today's society. Allowing a two tiered system will hurt the growth of our nation, stifle innovation from our entrepreneurs, and hamstring those with fewer means.
—Tom Albani, Stow, OH

Don't take away net neutrality. People with lots of money tell the people with not a lot of money (like me) that I have to give them more money for things I enjoy. I don't have cable or satellite, I can only afford internet at home. It's my main source of entertainment when I get home from working a 10 hour shift. If I had to pay more or be forced to use slower speeds, I would probably not have the internet at all. In my case, net neutrality would drive me away from the internet and the things I like, and help no one. Net neutrality needs to happen
—Shaun Taylor, Chicago, IL

Net neutraility is important because at it's core, the internet is knowledge and information. It is the most complete collection of all knowledge mankind has ever assembled, and if you do away with net neutrality, and allow companies like Comcast and Verizon to decide who gets faster and easier access to that wealth of information based on how much money they pay, you are taking away a basic human right. The right to be informed, the right to seek and gain knowledge, and to grow and better yourself as a person. If you do away with net neutrality, you are silently condemning the vast majority to a world where knowledge is locked behind a door that most can't afford to open. You're allowing a handful of individuals to run this, a newly interconnected and digital world. If the proposal is that of a fast lane and slow lane on the metaphorical road that is the internet, doing away with net neutrality will allow Comcast and Verizon to be the bandits on the side of that road, taking what they want from who they want. Please, don't let that happen. Thank you.
—Joe Morrow, Oskaloosa, IA

Allowing ISPs to charge companies for fast loading times is, in spirit, a violation of freedom of speech; you're allowing people to pay for their content to be seen and their opinions to be heard. This is very alarming to those of us who do a lot of our communication online but lack the resources to pay for it. Please, make broadband a public utility.
—Autumn Rogers, Salt Lake City, UT

The preservation of what is left of Net Neutrality (RE: Netflix v Comcast) is incredibly important because the internet has become more than a novelty or diversion. Since it's creation, the internet as a whole has evolved into a multifaceted creature that has more uses than simple entertainment and leisure. It is a primary source of data and research for students of all ages, it provides an invaluable market share for even the smallest of businesses, and it allows socializing and connectivity to anyone across the globe. The internet has become a necessity for most people and yet it is still treated as a luxury. Maintaining, and hopefully, increasing the scope of Net Neutrality is an incredibly important aspect of modern life and one that should not be changes or amended.
—Robert D'Alimonte, Belleville, MI

Besides obvious convenience factors, net neutrality is important to literally every business with a website. Ending it will have severe economic repercussions that we cannot even fathom at this point in time.
—April Gamboa, Whittier, CA

Net Neutrality is an important feature of consumer protection in the modern age and should not be taken apart.
—Sean Rogers, Lucas, TX

Net Neutrality is important to me because of what it is: Neutral. The fact that the FCC chairman wants to implement this clearly idiotic plan to kill Net Neutrality just speaks volumes about how little personal freedoms mean to him, and to the FCC in general. Cable companies DO NOT rule people. Stop acting like they do. It's childish and quite honestly really, REALLY pathetic. You're a pathetic man, Tom Wheeler. At least try to have some dignity and stop this 'plan' you're pushing.
—Aaron, New Castle, IN

Just another form of subversive racism and classism.
—Jamila, mount vernon, NY

I'll keep this short and simple. The free Internet has been around for most of my life. I literally saw it become the incredibly important 'entity' that is today, to our economy, our ability to connect to others and express ourselves, to the development of our world in general. If net neutrality is destroyed, I and many millions, if not billions, of people would not or could not have a use for the net. All to make a handful of people richer or more powerful? No thank you. Protect net neutrality. Make it a public utility!! Also, stop both the Comcast and AT&T mergers.... Even with net neutrality safe, those mergers would still pose a huge threat to the economy and out freedom. Thank you.
—Shaun Kantz, McKees Rocks, PA

Imagine if we divided our nation's highways into "regular" and "livery only" lanes (without widening or otherwise physically adding road space), such that only paid drivers could travel on those lanes. Also, the livery companies have been given full control on how large those lanes were (i.e. how many "regular" lanes get turned into "livery" lanes. What would happen is that those who could afford to hire cars would be able to travel much faster with much less traffic at the expense of those who could not. Each lane converted into "livery only" results in non-livery vehicles being compressed into fewer lanes, resulting in much slower traffic. This is what a loss of net neutrality would mean to the internet. For any given section of internet backbone, there is an absolute maximum amount of traffic that can flow in a given time. (The only way around this is to change the backbone infrastructure.) The only way that an ISP can possible give faster service to one user is to take that service AWAY from EVERY other user. This is not a case of giving some internet users faster, "premiere" service while letting everyone else have "regular" service. If some get faster service, EVERYONE else will have slower service. This benefits no one except for the ISPs and those that can afford the service. The ISPs want to be able to regulate internet flow based on how much they are payed for the "premiere" service. They are not arguing that they want the power to regulate flow based on consumption or need. (In fact, there is much anecdotal evidence that they already do the exact opposite, that the ISPs and cellular companies regularly DECREASE the connection speeds of their highest users to maintain their cost per user. In today's society, a website's success, and thus how much exposure their content (or "speech") is heard, is strongly related to how well the site handles traffic. Sites that are slow to load are often ignored in favor of those that load quickly. This means that without net neutrality, a few select entities (our internet is handled by only a handful of companies) can control who gets heard, and how much, based solely on their wealth. So in addition to giving an unequal share of what should be a public trust to those that can afford it, at the expense of those that cannot , any exploitation of the power that comes with a loss of net neutrality is, pretty much by definition, a violation of SOMEONE's free speech. Most likely, the free speech of the people who MOST NEED THAT PROTECTION.
—Alan Meisler, Somerville, MA

A few months ago, the FCC was falling all over itself to tell us how much in favor of Net Neutrality....and now they're doing a complete 180! God forbid the FCC let anyone see a boob or hear a naughty word, but when money bloated corporations want to take away our free speech and access to an essential utility, well, that's just fine with them! I can't believe that I actually used to think that I lived in a country where the government served the best interests of the people (and not just the people with the biggest bank accounts), but this horrific farce of legislation has once and for all proved me wrong. Thanks a lot, FCC, for so bravely surrendering in the face of evil!
—Evan McCusker, New Market, MD

I want the FCC to classify broadband Access as a Title II telecommunications service. Under the Communications Act, this is like a telephone call, between the people involved, NOT something Internet Service Providers should get involved in. Internet Service Providers are hired to move the information, not mess with it. I support Title II.
—Francis Gallagher, Lansdale, PA

Please don't hand the free and open Internet into the ruinous mitts of telecommunication corporations.
—John Doe, Hometown, NY

Dear FCC. Net Neutrality is very important to me. IF you allow communication companies to dictate which websites are fast and which are slow it will seriously damage free speech in this country. You would effectively give control of the internet to these companies, and if one of them decided they did not like certain websites they could limit its traffic and prevent users from viewing it reasonably. Please do not let them decide who gets to speak out on the internet and who does not. The internet should be a public utility available to all citizens of the US that can be used to promote free speech.
—Dan Burgett, Woodbridge, VA

As a consumer, I really heavily on companies born in Silicon Valley. An end to net neutrality would make it impossible for most internet start-ups to compete with established players or competitors owned by ISPs. This wouldn't just hurt America, it would also hurt people around the world who currently benefit from American innovation. That is why I would urge you to protect net neutrality against profiteering and monopolist cable companies.
—Callum Davis, Edinburgh,

We must protect net neutrality in order to stop these companies from forming a monopoly and forcing out the sites they don't agree with. Would you allow an electric company to charge more for business they don't agree with? Or a water company? It simply doesn't make sense. Even a retail store would be in court quickly if they tried charging more for their products for people they didn't like. The internet is no different. People are still people and businesses are still businesses on the internet.
—Zachary B. Orent, Newmarket, NH

The striking down of Net Neutrality is a moral wrong. It's blatantly putting corporate interests ahead of the interests of the nation, the economy, and the people. Allowing huge corporations to control who gets a reasonable connection speed hampers the free exchange of ideas and harms the free market as the biggest businesses now have yet another tool to shut down the competition. Also of note is that the idea that preventing ISPs from controlling other peoples free speech online is somehow infringing on their free speech is laughable. To put it simply; the death of Net Neutrality is pretty awful for everyone but the few who directly benefit. Do the right thing and preserve a free internet. Thank you.
—Nathan Juntunen, Blaine, MN

The primary reason the Internet has changed the reality of communication in the world is that it has given "the little guy" a voice. As a nation that prides itself on its protection of the right to free speech, the Internet allows nearly anyone the chance to publish their information in a manner that the entire world can find and see it. Once providers of the services that connect us to the Internet have the capability to charge content providers for "fast lanes", that effectively eliminates the ability for those with fewer funds will have the ability to have their voice heard. To preserve our the freedom of expression for all citizens, Net Neutrality must be preserved, and Internet Service Providers (ISPs) must be classified as common carriers.
—Eric C. Willman, Brownsburg, IN

Because ISPs already have virtual monopolies, have reduced investment in improving their own networks, and want to become true monopolies with no responsibilities toward their customers. We saw this during the Ma Bell era, we shouldn't have to go through it again. And we shouldn't kill the potential for innovation just so larger companies can capture more market share and snuff out any potential for competitive markets.
—Matthew Noggle, Chicago, IL

Net Neutrality is the basis for our economic growth. Even though the future is marching in lockstep with out oligarchic masters, we, the people, need a place where the playing field is level and everyone has a fair shot.
—Myra Fishburn, Bowling Green, KY

The start-up business I work for gets the majority of its sales from the internet, and allowing providers to dictate what sites have faster load times would put us at a severe disadvantage compared to many of the large companies we compete with. The function of the internet has become one of major commerce, and I believe it should be treated as a public utility to ensure fair access for everyone.
—Chris, bryan, TX

Net Neutrality is important to me because I run several small websites that I would not be able to run should my internet need to be upgraded to "premium" status. As an independent web developer, I cannot manage this.
—Harrison Lewis, san diego, CA

The web needs to remain free. Don't let net neutrality die.
—Craig McKee, Peach Springs, AZ

The internet is the major platform of free speech in the world today. Allowing companies to control it would be devastating to the American way of life.
—Brian Davis, Medford, OR

Maintain net neutrality! Keep the internet open and equal opportunity for all. Don't let the internet be controlled by providers.
—Kristen Fitzpatrick, Tigard, OR

I have heard your excuse that the abolition of net neutrality would benefit the disabled. As a disabled person, I would like to tell you that your logic is flawed bullshit, and that it's a weak excuse. If you are going to tell us something you do is going to help us, at least make it more believable. Websites that specifically cater to the disabled going faster than the rest will not mean a flying fuck to me, because I don't go to those websites. Who does go to those websites regularly? We do the same things online as everyone else, and by slowing all that down and speeding everything else up, you are hurting us as much as everyone else. Don't even try to pretend it's not so you can line your big fat wallets even more than you already do. At least be honest when you try to fuck us over for profit, or come up with better lies. Also, net neutrality is important. There are many groups out there that are already discriminated against in ways outside of, and on the internet. But, they can all use the internet the same way as everyone else. If you put something into affect to change that, then you may, actually, almost certainly will, end up giving people the ability to discriminate against people in a whole new way, by disallowing them the internet, which, in our modern society, can effectively mean silencing those groups. And I'm not talking about any specific group of people. It could be anyone whom the person in charge of deciding who doesn't get the fast track, or even gets slower that before, has a prejudice against, and everyone is prejudiced against someone, don't even pretend that's not true. Back to the disability thing before, what if the person in control doesn't like disabled people? Do you really think they would give them faster internet? Turn it around. Maybe the control person was disabled, and was bitter at non-disabled people. That person may give everyone else, including you and your family, if you have one, slower internet. That doesn't scare you though. It's slow internet, who cares? Until you are sitting there for hours, trying to do one goddamn thing, and the internet is not supporting it because it is not on the list of important sites. Also, some of the most visited sites are simply comedy sites meant to entertain. The sites can't afford to pay extra to be on the fast track, which means they will all load really slow. This will mean less traffic, because people are impatient, and these sites will go down eventually. And if that was the only thing someone did on- the internet, they will stop paying for it. You also have to think about what a bad idea this could be for you. I know of many people who would protest completely. THEY WOULD STOP BUYING YOUR PRODUCT. YOU WOULD LOSE MONEY. PEOPLE WOULD STOP WATCHING TV AND PLAYING ON THE INTERNET AND MAYBE ACTUALLY GO OUTSIDE FOR ONCE. You know, that may actually be a good idea. Continue on.
—Chance, Florence, AL

America is becoming more and more of a joke to the rest of the world. Giving into lobbyists to abandon net neutrality isn't going to help your 'world leader' status - just make it weaker.
—Matthew Magnus, Grande Cache,

http://www.cracked.com/quick-f ixes/5-absurd-cable-company-ex cuses-killing-internet/ Read this. It's all you need to know about why cable companies are straight up evil and net neutrality needs to be defended at all costs.
—Joe White, Folsom, CA

Let's not start another haves vs. have nots war for no reason than to provide further wealth for those who don't need it. Keep the Internet open and free.
—Dan Darbandi, Brooklyn, NY

Letting internet service providers dictate the speed internet services are delivered based upon how much other corporations, Small businesses, and various others pay them is wrong. Customers already pay ISPs a monthly fee to access the internet, making the various websites the customers are trying to access pay more money so their sites can be accessed at a normal speed by those customers is moronic and the FCC should ensure that never happens
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The reasons why net neutrality is important to me can best be categorized as the following: fear the present trajectory towards telecom oligopoly and the further erosion of democratic society, and fear of the accidental future destruction of the greatest invention of humanity in the last fifty years. The present fear is easily understood by anyone who cares to try (or, indeed, do anything other than bury their heads in the sand). As of 2013, 67% of all Americans have access to two or less internet service providers. Of the ones available to the average citizen, the majority are massive, corporate juggernauts with essentially zero difference from one another in terms of prices, quality of service provided, business structure, or investment in overall broadband capacity from year to year. This, by itself, is not the end of the world. Telecommunications is a naturally monopolistic/oligopolistic market, largely because the infrastructure required to do business properly is cost-prohibitive and provides barriers to market entry. Up until this point, net neutrality has served as an excellent barrier against a positive oligopoly becoming a negative one, by forcing these gigantic corporations to respect the general welfare of those that they provide service for and maintain the commercially (and technologically) nurturing atmosphere which has been a basic attribute of the World Wide Web since its inception. Removing net neutrality laws will allow telecommunications companies to reduce the freedoms associated with both operating and visiting websites, and allow the telecom companies to profit from the channeling of web traffic into a small number of large, popular websites at the expense of smaller websites attempting to grow. Imagine where the world would be today if, eight years ago, MySpace had possessed the ability to pay for faster speeds than Facebook, essentially killing the budding social media site before it had the chance to grow and change society as we know it. The fear for the future, while less likely to be realized or heard, is this: The internet, in its current, neutral form, may well represent the next vital stage in human evolution. In "The Dragons of Eden", by the late Carl Sagan, the topic of human storage of knowledge is discussed. Sagan talks about the fact that human beings surpassed all other animals in the history of the planet by making the jump from storing memories inside the mind (passing information along from generation to generation anecdotally, a flawed and inefficient system at best) to being able to (relatively permanently) store information outside of the human mind via writing. Writing allowed the human race to pass information along to future generations without any significant loss of insight, effectively allowing us to build on the work of our predecessors and further expand the pool of intellectual discovery by giving us a baseline of information larger than our predecessors had. The internet could represent (and, indeed, there is much evidence to suggest that it already does represent) the next stage in human storage of information: it allows us to not just store knowledge outside of our own brains, but also make it readily available to effectively every person on the planet. The internet today is still in its early stages. It is perfectly conceivable to predict that, if it is maintained as is (continuing to promote the growth of ideas and adventurous new businesses), it could eventually grow into an entity which not just gives every person on the planet access to all information, but also makes that information easier to process rapidly, dramatically benefiting the human race by making the growth of information more exponential than linear. Killing net neutrality would also kill this possibility; if a telecom company can decide which websites get which speeds, they will have the ability to basically block websites at their own discretion, for reasons known only to them. They will be able to eliminate the global access to free information, if they so choose. The end of net neutrality will signal the end of real innovation stemming from the internet. For these reasons, I wholeheartedly implore the FCC to rethink ending net neutrality. It is not often that an organization has the ability to vote "Yes" or "No" on the concentration of wealth and power, the freedom to take business risks on a level playing field, or the evolution of our species. The FCC, because of the massive growth in importance of telecommunications over the past thirty years, has been placed in a position to vote on these exact issues. I, as a citizen of the United States and of the world, ask the FCC to vote wisely, and to know that their vote will have huge direct and indirect consequences for the overwhelming majority of the people who their organization was set up to protect in the first place.
—Adam Marchesseault, Burlington, VT

Many cable companies areas already have monopolies in all aspects but name in many areas, including my hometown. They already charge too much for inferior service and offer few if any choices in service. Allowing them freedom to slow down services at their discretion is akin to shakedowns or roadblocks: unless someone pays them extra for something they're already paying for, the service will be slowed or made less efficient. This goes against good capitalistic competition and market functions and and would be disastrous for small businesses, non-profits, news agencies (especially those with whom these ISPs disagree), and average citizens that don't have the money to make their sites part of the "fast lanes" like the already established companies and agencies.
—Walker Reynolds, Bowling Green, OH

I don't want massive corporations artificially inflating the cost of internet access or slowing down sites that I may use. The internet is an amazing medium for everyone to use and benefit from and should be regulated by our government, not be controlled by corporations.
—Michael Moyer, North Canton, OH

Please inforce net neutrality! A free and open internet is more important now then it has ever been. Ending net neutrality will stop innovation and end up hurting end users. Please classify the internet as a public utility!
—David S Thrasher, redwood city, CA

Without Net Neutrality, middle class consumers, such as myself, will be at the mercy of cable companies and internet service providers. We will most definitely be overcharged for "faster" service. Please reconsider and and reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Joe Niemann, Katy, TX

Free flow of information leads to better industry and a stronger nation.
—Matt McKinney, Buda, TX

Mainstream media is already controlled by various corporate interests. The internet is the only truly level playing field we have left. Anyone can find an audience, because everyone's data is equal. Also, our society as a whole is more and more dependent on the internet. Consider looking for a job. More and more postings are only available online. Many companies will only accept an online application. In Wisconsin, you cannot collect unemployment unless you are registered on a state job search board, which means you also need a valid email address with regular access to it. If you allow the cable companies to merge into even larger monopolies and ignore laws meant to protect consumers, then there will never be improvement. There will be vast stretches of the country with no reliable internet, and huge groups of people being exploited and silenced. Without firm, common sense regulations, these companies will have no incentive to innovate. No reason to improve their services. You will be rewarding them for charging more money for less work. We need complete, fair, and improving internet access as a nation. Otherwise we will not only further divide our own citizens between the "haves" and "have nots," we will start falling further and further behind the rest of the developed world.
—Amy Dee, Madison, WI

The internet has already become a utility. It is almost impossible to apply for a job without it, large amounts of businesses use it in order to receive needed services (my gas and electric utility company practically require online requests). Getting rid of Net Neutrality can do nothing but harm the country and the economy. Don't allow it to pass.
—Beau Davis, Paso Robles, CA

Stop selling the American people out to big corporations that are giving you kickbacks. We know that you (Wheeler) are in the pocket of these companies. Classify ISPs as common carriers, do your job and serve the public.
—Jonathan Applegate, Louisville, KY

I am wholeheartedly against the end of Net Neutrality. Our free Internet has been one of the few stable institutions this country has had in close to a decade and the death of it would be a disgrace, as well as yet another blow to our still fragile economy. I think if the major cable companies want to keep their profit margins up, they should provide better service to their customers, instead of steamrolling one of the last great inventions of our society.
—Dean W Spencer, Stockton, MO

FCC, you have got to protect Net Neutrality. The cable companies that are trying to kill it (and let's not sugar-coat, that's what's going on here) aren't interested in technological innovation or making the world a better place. They are interested in gigantic wads of cash, which will ultimately come out of the pockets, not of the companies they want to charge more, but of the customers who pay for those services. What they want is greedy at an almost cartoon-supervillain level. Stop them. Do everyone (except them) a favor and reclassify ISPs as common carriers. It's the right thing to do.
—Jeffrey Eernisse, Houston, TX

We are a country for people by the people, not by faceless corporations. Stop filling your pockets with money from comcast and do your damn jobs. Any other industry/occupation, congress would have been fired a thousand times over for incompetence, negligence, and insubordination. It is the governments job to protect free speech, not to outsource it to corporations.
—Andy Nam, mill creek, WA

I am a college student in California and net neutrality is something of paramount importance to me personally. The internet has come to be an incredible resource to stay up to date on the latest in scientific news, research for any number of projects I have had to work on, and it has been a way to communicate with a world that is increasingly interconnected on a personal level. To allow companies to treat information as a commodity that can be controlled cuts me off either directly or indirectly from not only the source of information but from a large number of personal relationships. If Microsoft and Comcast were to come into conflict and a drop in their speed were to happen at around the same time (much like what happened to Netflix), I could very well be cut off from the ability to maintain personal relationships because of this. This is due to the slow-down affecting the Skype program. Skype relies on stable, relatively fast internet, to maintain calls of any decent size. I have friends who I speak to on a regular basis in Canada, New Zealand, England, and the Netherlands on a regular basis so this stability becomes important. Without this ability I could be left largely unable to talk to them for months at a time because of an argument in a boardroom over costs and profits. There is also the issue that I sometimes need relatively obscure websites for research purposes. A science news site or sites containing information that would aid in the writing of a paper or studying for an exam in physics may not have the ability to pay for the internet fast lane and thus be slowed down. This lessens my own ability to find necessary information in a time not just in the world, but at a time in my life where this information is utterly crucial to long term viability. If net neutrality is broken, ISPs will act as they have done in the past. Evidence points that if these groups can slow down a website during negotiations they most certainly will. If this is allowed, then not only can the companies being slowed be made to hurt, but so too will the lives of those who use services that don't just stream entertainment. It can and will hurt those who use the internet for personal relationships and to aid them in achieving their goals.
—Jameson Miller, Brentwood, CA

We need net neutrality in order to ensure that the internet remains the invaluable educational tool that it is. Obviously regulations are something that we need but allowing the cable companies to charge for more bandwith while throttling those who don't pay is outlandish and a threat to our way of life. Please take into consideration the magnitude of this decision and make the right one and not the one that makes you rich.
—Josh Ross, Middletown, OH

Net neutrality is important because it's exactly what the cable companies don't want. While that may sound sarcastic (and it is), we are talking about corporations who have put their profits before fairness time and time again. These are the same groups who have kept prices high while speeds remain low (on a world scale) through collusion. Now, they are merging to create regionalized monopolies where such things as service and competition are a shrug and a middle finger away. Most importantly, as John Oliver has pointed out, Wheeler is a former lobbyist for Comcast. Is there any greater conflict of interest? Is anyone surprised that he has broached a criminal breach of trust? (For which he should be on trial. He should certainly lose his job. In fact, this should be the moment where the American government realizes what a complete disaster our system of internet is, which in turn should lead to federal investigations and prosecutions for oligopoly.) These people deserve a place in history as traitors. If they are all removed, good riddance.
—Lukas Dahlberg, Portland, OR

Dear FCC, Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers. ISPs say they will be fair and reasonable. They say that the service discrimination will be between a "fast lane" and a "hyper-speed lane" rather than between "fast lane" and a "slow lane." They say they won't show bias to websites on the basis of their concordance with the ISP's views or of their business relations. They say the data caps will be unnoticeable. But lies and loopholes are a firm's favorite way to make money. Don't trust businesses to play by the rules or works toward the common good. There's nothing wrong with admitting a mistake and going back on a decision. It won't make you look stupid; in fact, it takes true wisdom to admit that one was wrong. Please stop ISPs from killing net neutrality.
—Baylee Lewandowski, New Port Richey, FL

Right now, the internet basically works for everyone, with the exception of those who live in countries where their governments practice extensive censorship. In the US, the greatest censorship comes not from the government but from the corporate sector. Why would you hand power over to a group whose motivations are worse than China's when it comes to freedom of the American people as whole? Throw out your rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Mark Steuart, Tacoma, WA

These purposed rules would create online consortium-based monopolies the likes of which have not been seen since the beginnings of the industrial age. This would absolutely crush freedom and innovation, and only serve to line the pockets of companies with a horrid track record in protecting consumers. These new rules cannot be allowed to go into effect.
—Justin McLaughlin, Muskego, WI

Net Neutrality is one of the most important aspects of the internet, along with anonymity and freedom.
—Brian Nash, Jupiter, FL

The internet is a bastion of free speech and information. Not all that speech is good and not all the information is correct but it is out there for anyone to find. Ending Net Neutrality means that only those who can afford it get their information out there. The end of Net Neutrality would essentially censor the internet. This violates the right to free speech and sounds a bit to much like the work of the Thought Police for me.
—JoAna Morin, Corpus Christi, TX

Please leave the internet as it is today. It is the only form of communication that allows everyone to connect in a reasonable fashion at a reasonable cost. Giving internet providers such discriminating power will further push this country and the world toward rebellion of the rich running every thing. Lets leave a small piece of freedom available for all.
—Naoma Hudson, Grain Valley, MO

Net Neutrality to be in place is very important to myself, my community, and my country. I teach at a college and many Internet links that help students are presently only possible because of net neutrality. Students have access to education, are able to access otherwise unaffordable materials, and gain in their knowledge. This education leads to a more informed and educated student who will then become a voter, a consumer, a jury member, and a contributor for all of us.
—Thomas Fuschetto, McAllen, TX

The internet should be treated as a utility like any other, such as water or electricity. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers!
—Matt Yetner, Someville, MA

To whomever reads this, I know I have no power to convince you of my opinion. I don't have any leverage in this conversation, I do not vote for you, I do not pay you, I do not send expensive lobbyists to argue in front of you. I can only beg, and hope you have the empathy to listen. There is already a startling and depressing amount of control given to cable companies over the internet. In many areas, there is only one internet service provider available, allowing them to charge whatever price they want and provide poor customer service. (Perhaps this is why Comcast is a two-time winner of the Worst Company in America contest? http://consumerist.com/2014/04 /08/congratulations-to-comcast - your-2014-worst-company-in-am erica/) These monopolies are allowed to stand because competitors exist... in the next city over. And no, they won't provide you internet, you're out of their service range. Allowing the ISPs to decide which sites will or will not load is an unbelievable outrage. It's a protection racket. It's a violation of free speech, and a stifling of everything the internet stands for. Sites that cannot pay to be in the "fast lane" will be slowed into obscurity. Sites that the ISP does not approve of will be forced to pay. The internet itself is a gathering of every idea, thought, communication, and expression of people all over the world. Please don't kill it for the benefit of a CEO's pockets. I beg you to reconsider, because it's all I can do.
—Elizabeth Schueman, Cheney, WA

This is clearly another "rich get richer, poor get poorer" scenario. The internet is one of the last places where classism doesn't reign. There are still haves and have-nots (those who have internet access and those who don't), but why widen that rift? We should be spreading information more indiscriminately, not less.
—Brian Schwartz, Chino Hills, CA

The lack of regulation in this country is already a complete sham, the only thing saving the human race is the accountability accessed through the internet. If cable companies are allowed to slow or completely shut off traffic then there will be less accountability for the shady activities of corporations, governments, and criminal organizations. It is important that the government regulate the corporations, because when government doesn't regulate business the people suffer. Read any history book about the industrial age and you will see how business, when unregulated, kills people.
—John Gesse, Itasca, IL

Net Neutrality is fair. And the people who do not want it are the people looking to make a huge profit out of it. Cable companies. They are a monopoly that needs to be busted.
—David Hallam, Katy, TX

Watching the FCC muddle its way towards a possible end that only an elite few want and will add no benefit (and probably harm) the vast majority of people is the most daft, easily preventable failures of our government. I am not being hyperbolic here. I am serious. This is a threat to the basic tenets of our society. Additionally, if you compare the services, costs, and investment infrastructure of American internet vs the world, you can see that the United States is- to put it mildly- lacking. Removing Net Neutrality will only hamstring investments and stifle creativity and the ability for new ideas to succeed. This will make it less and less likely that the next big advancement will happen within American shores and continue a creeping process where we will fall more and more behind the rest of the world. Please do the right thing and keep Net Neutrality in place. I am positive that Net Neutrality is something history will look upon the same way we look upon the Renaissance- a step forward to enable the free exchange of ideas. I am begging you, please don't let this end.
—John Crowe, Santa Ana, CA

It means that I can read the websites I enjoy knowing the creators don't have to shill to the isp to not be black listed. More importantly it means that every where in our country will have internet access, I can move for my family, or job without worrying if I'll only have satellite coverage, or dsl with no ports. My mother loves in Morgan hill, a 30-45 minute drive from Apple headquarters in Cupertino and living that exact scenario. Only one option for highspeed internet in dsl and the hub is overloaded, so they call every day hoping someone cancelled their service so they'll have the option to sign up because they have no other option in for their home. Stop letting the companies pretend they aren't hurting people with their behavior, list them as public utilities.
—Krist Wilson, portland, OR

A business should not be able to determine what speech is permitted nor be allowed to prioritize the importance or availability of speech. Disabling net neutrality would permit such a scenario.
—Derek Heiland, redwood city, CA

If we are going to continue to live in a connected world, then the Internet MUST be treated as a utility. I pay way too much and get way too little from my cable provider (Comcast). Please do the job that the American citizens trust you to do and preserve Net Neutrality
—Clifford Winn, Eugene, OR

FCC will you allow this country to stay the Land of the Free, Home of the Brave? Or will we need to add the contingent of depends on what you Pay? You decide. Net Neutrality is important to the equal spread of information across all parties, no matter how big or how small. Don't let us become a society (at least more so a society) where the little guy's voice can't be heard on the tops of the mountains of cash of the rich.
—Matt Fairall, Orangevale, CA

I hope that you will consider the fact that net neutrality is a public good, and that removing its protections will benefit certain individuals unfairly, while harming the ability of others to remain competitive in the marketplace. There seems no good reason to remove this regulation, other than to benefit companies that already constitute the beginnings of a damaging monopoly. Thank you.
—David Wellington, Brooklyn, NY

I don't really like to be bossed around by some huge corporate entities.
—Ben O'Leary, Bridgewater, NJ

This is beyond ridiculous. Net neutrality is something that the american people should be deciding personally. Not Fucking Lobbyist in Washington D.C. who are essentially human goddamn bribes! Stop thinking about yourselves for a moment and for once do the right thing for the american people and leave it alone. We don't want your fancy little fast talking solutions here. And if you are so confident that it is what we need. let the american people vote on it directly.
—KC Burgos, williamsport, PA

Because the ability to access any and all information is what makes the internet so important. Preventing access to information shouldn't happen just because corporations can throw money at the FCC
—Zach Winston, Tucson, AZ

Cable companies already have a monopoly over entertainment. I pay for high speed internet (which is a joke) and I pay for Netflix. Comcast charges Netflix to deliver content to me as well. So now Netflix and me are paying for the same internet. And Comcast gets to earn twice as much. I have never had a cable company give me good service. Since they are monopolies, why would they have to? I thought government was supposed to work for the people, not large corporations. But isn't it always about the almighty dollar to all of you. The merger is a ridiculous idea and net neutrality needs to be preserved. We are a democracy, not a plutocracy. Even though I am beginning to have my doubts.
—Trish Thibodeau, Memphis, TN

American Policy on almost anything affects us north of the 49th in some way. American policy on the internet affects the world. Because of this I have a vested interest in your decisions. We are in an information and entertainment Golden Age. The single greatest factor of this is the internet. As soon as you crack open that door for ISPs to offer better or worse service depending on what people are able to or willing to pay you are threatening that. Putting the profit potential for these already successful companies ahead of the good a Neutral Net provides everyone would only be in the interest of those companies. This is obvious to everyone that is being honest about the situation. Please, please protect this vital aspect of our society and by extension, all of us. Thank you.
—Tom Bradford, Red Deer,

Net Neutrality is important because I value the first amendment. Freedom of speech isn't a suggestion, it's a mandate. The loss of Net Neutrality would permit affluent corporations to suppress the free speech of those less affluent. It's reminiscent of the Supreme Court's deplorable decision in the "Citizen's United" case. It is another example of corporations manipulating our government to suppress the representation of constituents for profit.
—K Black, Long Beach, CA

Dear FCC, Broadcasting companies have enough power over our Cable television. They can tell us what channels we have and don't and raise our price while offering us less. Imagine what they could do with that kind of power on the internet. Censorship is the first thing that comes to mind, jacking up prices for a service that has become totally important for employment, shopping, entertainment, and almost every part of life would give them a degree of control over every individual that is unheard of. Before, I could shut of my cable if I hated their rules, now, I need them because they control the internet. Don't let them have total power over it, please.
—Joseph Gasparro, Parsippany, NJ

Net neutrality is important to me because this country's government is supposed to exist for all it's citizens. When you take away everyone's ability to spread information and ideas, you fundamentally destroy the country it's founded on. America was not created so a non-human entity could line the pockets of it's fucked-up hivemind workers at the expense of everyone else's ability to disseminate and access information. Why do you CEOs think you need more money than any one person could spend in a lifetime? Remember, all of our graves are the same size.
—Neal Thompson, Kirksville, MO

To whom it may concern, The idea that allowing Internet Service Providers (hereby referred to as ISPs) such as Verizon, Comcast, AT&T, Time-Warner, etc. to charge extra for faster accessibility for consumers would be beneficial to the internet or the users of the internet is absolutely ludicrous. The growth of the internet and of the services it provides is linked directly the the freedom of its use. Websites like Twitter, Tumblr and Facebook all started off as inconsequential, little-known companies, and are now incredibly popular. The success of these websites would have been nearly impossibly if they, upon their inception, had been forced to pay the exorbitant fees that the big ISPs are sure to charge. "Surely they could pay those fees now?" one might think, and that assumption would most likely be true. Those website COULD feasibly pay for better accessibility. However, that is merely a result of those particular companies having grown relative large. Small, under-funded websites, personal projects and blogs, start-up companies and just about any other new venture on the internet would be undoubtedly squashed by the sheer weight of the ISPs' demands. Internet users are currently free to determine what they want to spend their time on the internet doing. If net neutrality is ended then we are no longer able to decide how we want to [effectively] spend our time online. Imagine for a moment that big name companies (i.e. Google, Microsoft, Netflix) were paying for better access. Anyone could log on and get to those websites as they might normally do now. Then, after a search on Google or after seeing a link to some other website they try to go somewhere on the internet that isn't paying extra. They'll have to wait. Who knows for how long, considering what the ISPs are currently looking to do (from my personal understanding) is to INTENTIONALLY slow connections. The speed at which we, as consumers, are currently able to access every website on the internet is about as fast as the ISPs are currently able to allow. This proposal, this brilliantly ignorant proposal, would not only undermine what the internet is, but would actually serve to set us back. This isn't about moving forward, regardless of what the people pushing money down everyone's throats say. If anything, this proposal will set us back. We are already on the road to regressing, and I see no alternative but to strike this proposal down. For all of us who have very little power to influence policy, for all of us who wait, hoping and praying that the right decisions get made, please think about the consequences of this proposal. The common consumer would not only see no benefit, and receive only a more segregated internet as compensation. I implore you, beg you, to please reconsider.
—Mason T. Howard, Winter Garden, FL

Net neutrality is incredibly important. Do you really want to have monopolies controlling even more? I don't. Ending net neutrality will kill any hope of getting better. Do you really want to pay $800 for 10Mbit/s? FYI that is a standard package for Mediacom and it still delivers only at around 2Mbit/s. All of Europe has better internet than us. Don't let Europe get us on this ground as well. Help push back the encroaching Oligarchy threatening to send us spiraling into a fate worse than Communism. Don't give the monopoly of cable more power to abuse. Here is some informative links that will help prove points: https://www.youtube.com/watch? v=fpbOEoRrHyU http://www.cracked.com/quick-f ixes/5-absurd-cable-company-ex cuses-killing-internet/
—A concerned citizen, N/A, NY

The Internet is one of the greatest creations of our age. It has enabled the wealth of all human knowledge to be accessed by all as opposed to an elite majority. It allows us unparalleled communicative ease, facilitates the freedom of expression in some of the most oppressive regimes in the world and even lets us see funny cats. This is a boon that should be available to all regardless of social stature and to sully it in such a way to essentially introduce a class hierarchy into it is tantamount to sacrilege. To deny people access to knowledge, the freedom to think for oneself and funny cats is an insult to all people is a disgusting act of nothing more than pure, unbridled avarice. Shame on you.
—Milo Rafferty, Stockton On Tees,

As a freelancer, my work depends on the internet. If costs go up, prices go up, prices that clients may not be willing to pay. The cable companies have battled innovation for too long. If they want to compete, they need to innovate like the rest instead of dumping money on lobbyists and fake citizen groups. They need to develop a new way to bring cable to the masses, the way the people want. But currently, they would rather fight their own customers than innovate and learn to compete differently. All this without mentioning community broadband and their constant efforts to crush it.
—Chris Harper, Savannah, GA

So that I cant get fucked over with my access to the WORLD WIDE WEB like these companies screw us with our wireless telephone internet services. They have no right to dictate something that cannot be a possession of any one individual. Keep the Net Neutral!
—Alexander Paul Medeiros, smith st, MA

Net neutrality should be law and cable/internet corporations should be regulated like a utility because broadcast TV is a much smaller part of where americans get their news and important information. If net neutrality is gone then only the websites that huge corporations believe should be seen will be seen, meaning that money will rule what information is seen so anyone with large amounts of money can lie and no one will know because the voices of truth will be silenced. Internet should be regulated as a utility because the importance of internet is rising everyday, and for a lot of homes internet and cell phones have totally replaced landline phones which have all but disappeared. Please regulate internet as a utility and protect net neutrality for all americans.
—Benjamin Bohan, Battle Creek, MI

I don't want my Internet company in charge of what websites remain functional, based on payment.m
—Erik Lewis, Hamburg, PA

Every single person in America, regardless of political affiliation, race, creed, gender, or class, has more or less unanimously declared net neutrality important to keep. Excluding the CEOs of the companies that stand to benefit the most, of course. You know what the right thing to do is. Don't let the country down. Please.
—Michael Futch, crawfordsville, IN

I am an adjunct writing instructor and a tutor for struggling students. A good portion of my teaching and tutoring is done online, both through an online tutoring service and through my own institution. Access to fast, reliable, and stable Internet is a must for me to be able to reach my students whenever they contact me. I am constantly updating our course web pages, emailing students feedback, grading papers, and myriad other tasks that cannot be accomplished when the Internet is unresponsive. Losing Net Neutrality would damage my students' access to the class pages, hurt their ability to contact me at a moment's notice, and disrupt the learning environment I have tried so hard to create. Please do not do away with Net Neutrality and allow for a two-tier internet service provision. Many students at the community college where I teach are already under heavy disadvantages; don't act further against their education!
—Jennifer Cuddeback Coulter, Waterloo, IA

I support net neutrality because the internet is the current and future means of communication, mankind's greatest invested communication tool. I also want to start my own online retailer, which would provide American jobs, and pay American taxes. However, if Net Neutrality is killed, Comcast, COX, Time Warner, AT&T, Verizon, and others can all tell me I need to pay for "fast lane" access, so their customers can access my website at anything faster than a crawl, so I actually get business. If you think that since my goal is to start a business (and compete with the "big guys") I am not worthy, consider the scenario in which I pay for internet, and my parents (who lives 1000 miles away) have a basic internet service from another provider. Without net neutrality, our ISP's could claim we needed to pay more to be actually able to skype together at a reasonable quality. Global citizens deserve to be able to make websites, use the internet, and communicate on a level playing field- not one stacked in the favor of the behemoths! Please don't break the free internet! Internet is now a UTILITY even if not classified as such. If a phone company charged extra for personal calls instead of just calling corporations, that would be illegal! So why is it legal in the internet? Classify ISP's as common carriers. They are already considered the worst companies in america by orders of magnitude, allowing them to push the government over in order to screw over its citizens is insane and unamerican. Erik Nelson A Colorado Citizen.
—Erik Nelson, Broomfield, CO

Because it's my freedom alright please calm down
—Wyatt Crouse, Farmington, NM

The incentives provided in a free market make people actively compete and pursue their interests. When certain other, established groups start out with preferential treatment it discourages those new players from entering the competition. Having fewer competitors quickly removes much of the incentives, and therefore lowers the introduction of the new perspectives and innovations that make the free market successful in the first place. In short, eliminating net neutrality will create an unhealthy market.
—David Johnson, West Roxbury, MA

If the United States was founded on the belief in Equality, and a civil war, civil rights movement, and many other national tragedies have the defined United States history as one dedicated to preserving and enhancing Equality, then to destroy Net Neutrality is to spit in the face of every decent United States citizen that has fought for Equality and Freedom. If the FCC destroys Net Neutrality, then they are the true domestic terrorists and threat to the American people.
—Jared Long, Elgin, IL

You know its bad when Brazil is showing the US up when it comes to freedom, and protection of Net Neutrality.
—Michael Carter, ORANGE BEACH, AL

We're doomed. Go ahead and get rid of neutrality. There isn't a bright future for us anymore. Freedom reigned and now it is being reigned in. I can think of something every person on the planet would want, but I am not a corporation so I could never get it to everyone. Therefore we care about what the corporations want...but they do not eat...they do not breath...they are not human...and they will sell us the pieces of our once great society as they break it down into easy to swallow morsels until we have cannibalized our greatest achievements. This is why we can't have nice things.
—Andrew, middlesex, NJ

Net neutrality must remain, otherwise it will open the door for ISPs to begin charging websites extra for faster speeds and if the websites don't pay, then the ISPs will be able to slow their speeds to a crawl. Thereby forcing websites to pay more to the ISPs which will force websites like Netflix to charge more for their services. If net neutrality is allowed to die the American people will be the ones suffering, and do you want to be the cause of that?
—Stephen Berry, Columbia, MS

Lobbyists are ruining this country, and large corporations are systemically running roughshod over individuals. The government and it's agencies are supposed to look out for the individuals, so I implore you: please, ensure the continued net neutrality rules, and rid this country of lobbying and corporate interests.
—Joseph Wilson, perryville, AR

Net Neutrality is what made the internet great. It's truly one of the last FREE exchanges of information and we need to keep it that way. Don't let the tellecoms destroy one of mankind's greatest inventions. Because they will. This country has already taken so much of the voice of the people (and given it to corporations). DO NOT LET THEM TAKE THE LAST THING WE HAVE!
—Andy Stockdale, AUBURN, WA

Already my cable and internet prices are steep, and my service substandard. Allowing big corporations to decide which websites are fast and which are not is awful - I'll end up paying even higher prices for even less service, and I'm already getting the short end of the stick. The companies want to protect their massive incomes. I want to protect my measly income. I get paid enough to choose to have internet right now but if things get much more skewed in favor of the companies I'll have to choose to not have internet at all.
—Amanda, Saint Paul, MN

Stop screwing over the American consumer. Protect net neutrality!
—Nathan Conrey, Old Hickory, TN

Net neutrality is important to me because I, along with many others, have read "1984."
—Andrew Ewart, Stanley,

I am a college student who will soon have to pay off loans, get a job, and start a life for myself. The end of net neutrality means the end of a reliable and relatively cheap internet connection for struggling college graduates looking for jobs. Net neutrality is the great equalizer in a world where the divide between rich and poor grows wider each year. I beg you to consider the voice of the people and not just the corporations with political and financial clout. Thank you!
—Olivia Chambliss, Los Angeles, CA

Net Neutrality is important to me because I want to own my own business someday. Likely it will be online and if my established competitors can pay to have faster service on their website I may not be able to compete. Taking away net neutrality sets up another barrier to competition online. Don't destroy the internet. Please.
—Ryan Moore, noblesville, IN

Dear FCC, Out of all the things you should be regulating a keen eye should be focused on Net Neutrality. Giving your faults, such as bleeping God but not damn, I believe that it should be pointed out that you should regulate internet speed. If internet speed was determined by the amount of money a company can shell out then the ability for small businesses to grow is impeded. The creation of businesses would also be impeded. With online shopping fast becoming the norm Net Neutrality helps small businesses reach a larger number of people that they would have difficulty in reaching without the internet. Net Neutrality also ensures that business isn't lost, for these small businesses, because another larger corporation has the means to purchase better speed that the small businesses can not access because of lack of funds. In today's world speed is a necessary, and giving internet providers the ability to charge for faster speeds many small businesses will go under because of slow traffic. Sincerely, A concerned public
—Calib, Richburg, SC

Dear FCC, Net Neutrality is important to me for a lot of reasons, but I'll just give the most important here. We live in world where year after year, we become more immersed in technology. This change, this evolution of our way of life has been completely organic - much like the locomotion engine became the backbone of industry. But these technological advancements highlight the key strength of net neutrality - opportunity. There was no legislation passed to send the best car parts to the car companies able to afford them. Eliminating net neutrality snubs opportunity for internet-related advances, and that is unacceptable. America is the land of opportunity, not the land of corporate monopoly.
—Chris Gruhlke, Sioux Falls, SD

How are you going to let these mega ISPs charge the people even more money for poor service? Our economy is already withered and you want Comcast to continue charging us 100 dollars a month for low speeds? How am I supposed to find a job or check my email for important news if a website provides better service but is bottlenecked by the ISP capping their internet speeds? Net Neutrality is important to me because it keeps a level playing field for competitors, and it allows consumers to have a choice. Having competition allows each ISP to continue advanced research on how to improve their service. Without Net Neutrality, these giant ISPs can charge higher amounts without improving the quality of service. That means that they pocket the money and they will never ever care about their subscribers. Shouldn't that money be spent on internet security infrastructure instead? PLEASE PROTECT NET NEUTRALITY AND TOSS OUT THESE CORPORATE-DRIVEN RULES!
—Khai Van, Frederick, MD

It should be obvious how important net neutrality is to the Internet. Cable companies are currently trying to maximize monetary gains by minimizing investment into the industry, a fact that most of America already knows. We know and we are unhappy. We don't want to see the Internet, arguably the most important invention for information in human history, choked by those with no interest in the well being of their own customers -- even their own country. This is a selfish, dangerous act, and it is not good for America. Thank you, Elliott Mest
—C Elliott Mest, Jersey City, NJ

FCC: Please throw out these ridiculous rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Short-term dollars are not worth it. Don't be the people that allowed net-neutrality to end on your watch.
—Matthew Barber, Everett, WA

To whom it may concern, Though it may seem minor in comparison to the other issues we face, the protection of internet neutrality may be the most important decision we make. The internet, among billions of other technologies, is the most important resource we have to advancing as a human culture. It's already changed everything about how we live, how we work, how we express ourselves, and how we evolve. Allowing ISPs to discriminate against those who cannot afford to pay their rates to share information pr those the ISPs do not approve of nearly assure's an impediment of speech and expression unless it is favorable to ISPs that are already larger and more controlling than necessary. Please, reconsider this choice -- for the future of all America.
—Andrew Lewis Fessler, Raleigh, NC

Dear FCC, America needs to retain net neutrality in order to allow everyone the ability to start a web-based business, as they have in the past, without needed millions in investment to pay for "fast-lanes." Verizon, Comcast, and other are paying hundreds of millions of dollars to create fake interest groups pretending to be against net-neutrality. Pro-Tip: If the lobbying group has the word "America" in it, it's probably funded by billionaires. So what's it gonna be? "We the people?" Or "You the powerful?"
—Keenan Dailey, Waltham, MA

Please see through this offensive attempt by greedy cable companies. Ending net neutrality will negatively impact a huge number of people. The only ones who will benefit are cable company CEOs and stock holders.
—Duke, Los Angeles, CA

there are a seemingly innumerable amount of neckbeards and dungeon dwellers with skills enough to tear down any virtual construct out there. Feel free to sign your own death warrant, but don't say that you "support Net Neutrality".
—Russell Rivet, Toronto,

internet is more than entertainment. it is access to information and knowledge. And no one should determine who will ultimately have more or less access to it.
—Julian Bernal, Toluca, Mexico,

ISPs should be classified ad common carriers. They will abuse the system if net neutrality is erased and no one wants that.
—James, Franklin Square, NY

Because freedom of information isn't a punchline.
—M Ferguson, Worcester, MA

The internet's place as a common (and to many, primary) communication medium means that allowing access restriction is a violation of free speech. Internet service providers own the means of delivery, NOT the content delivered.
—Ben Gunness, Sutton, MA

Net neutrality is important to me because I don't want my right to free speech trampled on by big corporations, just because they have more money and resources.
—Ann Steilberg, Columbus, IN

I think that access to the internet should be free, both upload and download, and hope that it doesn't go the way of cell phone plan rip offs for data. The whole story of the internet including the inventor as well as the ability to share thoughts and educate is very American, please don't make it a story of the dark side of capitalism. Isn't it obvious that AT&T, Comcast, and Verizon ruin everything?
—Gregg Hoffman, Pittsburgh, PA

Net Neutrality is the freedom of the internet. Not that this comment will matter, I'm no fool, I can see clearly that the ISP's will have there way, because sad as it is, in America its not the right voice that is heard, or even the largest, its the one with the most money.
—John-Thomas Neugent, Ozark, MO

As a web developer and Computer Science professor at Binghamton University, I understand the intricacies of the Net Neutrality issue in a bit more detail than the average American. I do and will deal with the consequences of this decision on a daily basis. The free and open internet is responsible for my life today. Neither of my parents were college graduates. With the information I found on the internet, I was able to put myself through school. Without a free and open internet, I would not have been able to get my education. Without a free and open internet, I would not be able to teach effectively. Without a free and open internet, there might as well be no internet at all. The internet has succeeded in leveling playing field for anyone willing to spend a little time researching a problem, regardless of race, economic status, gender, religion, or sexual preference. The only limit to what I can learn is me. Unless, of course, the the ISPs have their way. If they are allowed to destroy Net Neutrality, then they get to decide if I get an education. They get to decide what my students learn. They get to decide how much information will cost me and what I can know. ISPs should be classified as common carriers because, just like no corporation should control the flow of electricity, the flow of water, no corporation should control the flow of information. This is a moment in history where the United States can either choose the right path or make a mistake that will take generations to correct. Please, let's choose the right path.
—Steven Moore, Binghamton, NY

The internet needs to be reclassified as a public utility, similar to phone lines. Anything short of that is merely a pandering attempt at pacification and will not be tolerated.
—Matthew Yoh, Charlottesville, VA

Net Neutrality is important to me since the country was founded on equal opportunities, clearly something that barely exists now in the cable and internet industry. Why give away the rest of that small shred of freedom to big corporations like Comcast, AT&T, or Time Warner Cable? I already have no choice in my internet and cable provider, so why give them more freedom to charge me what they want to so I can watch a simple TV show that I am paying to watch already?
—Lyndsey Gentry, Columbia, SC

Net Neutrality is important to me because I have no other way to communicate with other bipolar people. My online support groups of fellow bipolar patients is as much support as I have in my life. I feel like I'm not alone when I'm able to talk with them. How would I be able to communicate with them when I can't afford a so-called "fast lane"? I want to communicate with my friends without worrying about how bad my internet will be. My girlfriend is long-distance. We Skype every weekend. We have no other means of contact, as neither of us have phones. Internet is important to us to have communication.
—Deyanira Rivera, Colorado Springs, CO

Leave the internet alone. I already have to pay more to get fast enough upload speeds for my college tests, which is ridiculous. Internet providers already slow down their speeds and require you to pay more if you want a faster or better connection. If you allow net neutrality to come to an end, there will be a never ending gouging of consumers by the companies involved, such as has been seen by the TV/Cable providers who are the ones behind this. In this electronic age, internet access is close to a necessity and allowing companies to deliberately slow down traffic in order to charge more will greatly impact those who depend on the internet for school, communication and their livelihood.
—Dawn Larson, Houston, TX

Because allowing corporations to restrict access to knowledge is fundamentally wrong. Anyway they try to dress this up, restrictions to net neutrality do nothing to benefit anyone other than the bottom line of these mega corporations. They are proposing no options that will actually benefit our citizens, or spur on any actual competitiveness within the industry. This will only lead to more isolated communities getting less options, while lowering the bar of everyone's service.
—Luke Buckman, San Diego, CA

Net Neutrality is important to me because it keeps companies from deciding what websites I should visit.
—Charles Micer, Pearl, MS

I'm a Computer Science student, and being that I come from a poorer family, the internet has always been my most invaluable tool for bettering myself and providing a better future for not only me, but my loved ones too. If America's ISP were reclassified as common carriers, it would allow me to continue accessing the myriad of invaluable information and opportunities across the internet; in this way, I could instead forward the little money I'm able to make towards health insurance and basic necessities.
—Ken Greathouse, Bedford, TX

The attacks on net neutrality are a direct attack on American capitalism, strengthening existing monopolies and pseudo-monopolies while preventing new corporations from ever challenging them. Internet access has become a necessity to function in our society much like telephones and electricity; it should be treated as such.
—Bruce Boville, AUSTIN, TX

Making sure that a free, open and equal internet is absolutely vital for the continued progress of our society and also for the safety and stability of our economy and the sake of the very companies trying to end it. After all, you can only do so much to a people before they stop caring about the rules that rig the game against them and start marching towards Verizon and Comcast's headquarters.
—Brad Graves, Youdontneedtoknow, NJ

Corporations should not be allowed to deiced which information should be more expensive to access. Without net neutrality, I would not have been able reach where I am in my education and career.
—Colby Haggerty, Newark, DE

Please do not allow service providers to discriminate against online content and applications. Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Jeremy Baker, NEwbury, OH

Eight reasons why net neutrality is important: 1. Many of the companies lobbying for the destruction of net neutrality have a reputation for lying to the public. They can't be trusted anymore than the boy who cried wolf. 2. Net discrimination can potentially be misused to censor the internet. This must be treated as a fundamental threat to both freedom of speech, and freedom of the press. One could argue that the "censored" pages can still be accessed, at low speeds but I wouldn't consider that a valid excuse, since speed is (at least in my opinion) less important than basic ethnics of fair play. 3. It is unfair for any service provider to discriminate against any party. Period. 4. Without net neutrality, ISP competition will be stifled, even more so than it is now. 5. Net neutrality is essential to the development and promotion of innovative ideas. 6. Without net neutrality, many online business, especially start-up companies, will ultimately fail. 7. Although there may be some truth to the claim that ISPs cannot handle a high amount of future traffic, intentionally slowing down certain websites is not a solution -- rather its the problem these companies claim they're trying to fix. Destroying net neutrality to fix slow internet is like trying to reduce college debt by making higher-interest student loans. 8. Money is not an excus for discrimination. Otherwise, malicous groups such as the Ku Klux Klan would have bought the right to murder innocents in the streets over a centery ago. For these reasons, net neutrality is not only an essential means to ensure everyone plays fair (hence the term "neutrality"), it's also an important aspect of innovation, business, and freedom. I must urge those considering the destruction of neutrality to realize that the losses will outweigh the gains. Net discrimination might benefit some companies, but mostly those have a reputation of anti-competitive, dishonest, or otherwise malicious behavior, which is often directed at their own customers. Net disrimination will allow them to lauch this malicious behavior on a much larger scale than ever. Other parties should not have to suffer for this.
—Tyler Johnson, Orange, CA

Dear greedy vultures, Please go kill yourselves. Hope you get repeatedly raped to death by wasteland marauders, your spouses and children beaten to death and eaten in front of you. After they rape you, they should shit the remains of your spouses and children on you as you slowly bleed out. Suck demon dicks in hell, stay away from net neutrality, and eat shit and die. Fuck you especially Tom Wheeler, you disgusting dingo-fucking troll. Special rape death hopes to Broadband of America members, you tyrannical greedy pieces of human shit! Fuck all of you!
—Fuck You Tom Wheeler You Dingo, Fuckyoubitch, FL

ISPs should be classed as common carriers because the Internet is a public utility. It is the medium to which commerce is increasingly migrating, it is a forum for the exchange of ideas, and it is a platform from which to develop the next steps in virtually every conceivable field that will have an impact on our future. All of that is threatened by an internet that plays favorites in any way other than its own natural, democratic flow. Allowing providers to throttle some sites' bandwidth and open others' up is simply a desperate renewal of a good-ol'-boys system that is antiquated and irrelevant in our increasingly-global society. The US is the "land of the free." The FCC has a unique opportunity, right now, to make the cascading loss of our freedoms falter, perhaps even reverse.
—Christopher Byler, Duluth, MN

I believe that doing away with net neutrality will be actually disastrous to future innovation and have a detrimental effect on our economy. However, more importantly the FCC has a moral obligation to protect the rights of average American citizens and to stand against greedy Internet service providers. Providers who are trying to artificially slow down a service that Americans had paid top dollar for in order to extort money out of websites. They are truly no better then the mob demanding "protection money". As part of the federal government, you work for the American people, and the American people overwhelmingly want strong protections of net neutrality.
—Elizabeth Ross, Cambridge, MA

Without net neutrality, large ISPs will be able to instantly shut down small hosting services, and larger ones will be forced to charge more for their services so that they can ensure that people can actually reach websites that they host. Over time, more and more companies won't want to put up with the costs involved in maintaining a significant online presence, making the internet less useful. I work in credit card processing, and a lot of the time, my job is to help small companies with setting up some sort of online payment system. If net neutrality dies, it won't be long before a significant portion of my job dies with it. This also means that fewer transactions will be processed, something that will be bad for financial institutions as well. The loss of net neutrality will impact industries that aren't even primarily centered around the internet. In the long run, which is absolutely what policy should be designed around, less functionality on the internet is bad for everyone, and will ultimately lead to it being phased out of popular usage. Net neutrality benefits everyone, including the ISPs, even if they're too shortsighted to see it.
—Greg Nieto, Lone Tree, CO

The internet is founded on net neutrality, and is one of the last remaining locations of truly free commerce where someone with little capital can create a business of their own and become quite successful. Removing net neutrality will effectively kill this American dream and set our technological progress back decades.
—Travis Thayer, Santa Barbara, CA

So the cable companies charge more for fast internet to amazon? who pays for that cost, amazon or amazons customer? its not rocket science. And if it happens in america it will certainly happen pretty much everywhere else.
—Ian, liverpool,

I already pay Comcast over $150 each month just to have access to the sports channels my boyfriend loves so much. Allowing giant corporations such as Comcast and Verizon the ability to slow down or speed up the loading time of any webpage to make even more money would violate our rights; if a celebrity can pay extra to have their blog or whatever load faster than any normal schmo's page, no one who wasn't born into the rich and famous lifestyle will gain. It's stupid that there is even a question about what "the people" want on this one. Falling for (or giving into) these corporations games to get even more billions of dollars should be beneath you. Unless, of course, you're already in their pocket. Than nothing anybody says will matter, since they sign your checks. I truly hope that this isn't the case, and that these ridiculous "regulations" will be tossed in the trash where they belong. Freedom to gain the knowledge you need is the biggest advantage we have in today's society, don't hobble it to fatten your purse.
—Hannah deJong, Epping, NH

Dear FCC, Fuck the cable companies. This debate is so unbelievably stupid. Why are we even still arguing about this? Just make the right decision. Please.
—Myles, Bryn Mawr, PA

Net neutrality protects innovation and prevents hidden restriction of my right to free expression. Government is supposed to protect the weak from the strong.
—Michael Noonan, Windsor, CT

Dear FCC, I sure hope you represent the public and not telecomm providers!
—Gary Baribault, Aiken, SC

Because we shouldn't give any company the power to determine what is and isn't seen on the most powerful tool of communication that we have.
—Will B, Wilmington, DE

The cable companies already have monopolies over Internet service, and net neutrality is the only thing stopping them from hiking prices to absurd levels. They are also falsifying supply and demand of data. Advancements in ISP technology are out there but are being blocked by the cable giants.
—Trevor Goodwin, Minneapolis, MN

Net Neutrality is important to me because I don't want my access to the infinite resources that the internet provides to be restricted by corporations who will charge more for the same services they provide. The internet is the first global method of delivering information and the first instance of a global connection for mankind. And cable companies want to sandwich themselves between the people and the internet so that they can make an extra buck. The cable companies' biggest lie is that they are doing this to protect us, the consumers. They only look out for themselves.
—William Wyatt, Mobile, AL

The internet should always remain neutral. Giving big cable companies the right to decide what company gets what bandwidth goes against what the internet stands for in the worse way. They should never be able to charge money to companies to give them preference over others. Please do not allow these companies the right to charge for bandwidth. This goes against the right for free speech by not allowing anyone the same chance to get their website out there.
—Andrew Barry, Parkton, NC

Net Neutrality is important to me as a Dentist because it allows small businesses an even playing field with big businesses who can certainly outspend for increased bandwidth speeds further skewing their market share.
—John Troehler, Louisville, KY

The Internet should remain a place where ideas can be spread and discussed freely, without being forced under the control a few people who will think that they have right to decide who gets access to what. It would be like forcing the inequality of the real world to a place which actually could be used on relatively even terms by anyone.
—Petia Kojouharova, Budapest,

Please don't allow greedy corporations choose who gets to be heard first, and who's voice is slowed
—Nathan, tulsa, OK

In my mind net neutrality is the online version of the first Amendment. This is free speech, where random person's blog has equal access to a reader as would someone like Perez Hilton's (or someone else who has a profitable enough blog to pay for a higher level of service should net neutrality be voted down. I don't see that as a fair system. Large corporations already have the ability to buy their ways into our homes with commercials, don't give them another venue, except this time it's regulated by service providers that are making money for the sole reason that they provide the content.
—Christopher Postma, Leawood, KS

The fact that Comcast cut bandwidth to Netflix until Netflix caved to Comcast's demands is proof positive that they intend to strong-arm independent web services into paying higher fees for lower bandwidth availability. Keep the net neutral.
—Alexander Picasso, Stockton, CA

It is important that my already high priced and very slow internet not go up in price while the speed continues to slow down. I work online everyday, and for years my speeds have slowed to a crawl due to these mega giants merging and destroying competition. We created the internet, yet we have one of the slowest internet speeds in the world. All due to lack of competition. I understand that today money buys politicians unlike anytime in our history, and that politicians will do whatever they have to get that money. But enough is enough.
—Donal Carroll, Mesa, AZ

In the 15 years I've been online, what strikes me most about the Internet is that it is society's only truly even playing field. In it's current state, anyone from a 12 year old in Karachi to a 50 year old in Bangor can access the exact same wealth of information. Furthermore, it provides them both with the same shot at building something wonderful online. The Internet represents the whole entirety of human knowledge, art, and experience. That anyone should feel it is their right to restrict access to this, simply for the sake of squeezing more and more money out of customers, disgusts me. I view it as akin to privatizing a library, then forcing authors to pay premiums to have their books put on the shelves. Beyond that, the readers are already paying, too. Companies like Comcast and AT&T are lying to the FCC, Congress, and We the American People. They have created "citizens groups" that are comprised of precisely zero concerned citizens, and are spending unprecedented amounts of money to win votes. This is not the way our laws ought to be written, it is not the foundation on which our country stands. Net neutrality benefits a small percentage of people (read: wealthy CEOs) while placing a new and cumbersome burden on everyone else. There is a substantial portion of the workforce who supports themselves and their families with online based business and ventures. Allowing these juggernauts to close them out and manipulate their ability to thrive will destroy the fastest growing sector of our economy, and severely curb the creative and productive output of those who do their business online. The Internet has allowed, for the first time in Human history, a totally free forum for the exchange of ideas, goods, and services. It is a shame that this oligarchy of ISPs feels they should have the whole thing to themselves. Please, defend Net Neutrality. Do it for us, the bloggers and the coders. Do it for the web designers, the cat videos, and the gamers. Do it for the musicians, filmmakers, and artists. Do it for the merchants, the craftsmen, the educators. Do it for the researchers, the doctors, the scientists. Do it for the journalists, the schoolchildren, the mothers and fathers and lovers and friends. Do it for yourself.
—Taylor Campbell, Austin, TX

Without net neutrality companies like Netflix and Hulu would have never been allowed to exist. The rise of free to play online games would also suffer. Many are currently funded with micro-transactions which only work because they are cheap. As these online games require significant bandwidth they would also suffer without net neutrality and the increase in the cost of their bandwidth would be passed to micro-transactions which may lead to the end of the free to play industry as well. Without enforced net neutrality there is nothing stopping the internet from becoming the segmented mess which is cable television. All it would take is one ISP signing an exclusive deal with Google to render it unavailable to any without that ISP. This slippery slope could result in a significantly less world-wide version of the web. Finally, a lack of net neutrality could result in certain portions of the internet, such as those which complain about ISPs, from being denied the ability to function (perhaps such a small bandwidth that the site could never load). Thank you for your time. Jeremy
—Jeremy Washington, Lakewood, CO

Because my right to free information should not be hindered by companies looking to make a quick dollar!
—Rebecca Schehr, Columbia, MO

Allowing service providers to regulate speed of access to webpages impinges on freedom of speech. This industry needs regulation to protect consumers, just like telecom. ISP's should be common carriers.
—Nathaniel Borneman, Tempe, AZ

I'd rather not have to spend a small fortune every month just so I won't be banished back to the days of 56k modems and dial up.
—Edward Forsyth, Grand Blanc, MI

The cable providers are an oligarchy. Their representatives have stated publicly that they stay out of others' territories. This removes competition and is a perfect example of how a free market isn't supposed to work. They're just trying to maintain their oligarchy in other areas of media as well. Please don't accept this and ask your coworkers in government to stop accepting bri- "campaign contributions" from these people.
—James McIntyre, Mansfield, TX

The internet provides access to education-- making the internet "fast lane" would insure that the wealthier Americans get better access to education than poorer Americans. This is anathema to everything America stands for. Thank you
—Aviv Rubinstien, Los Angeles, CA

The cable companies run giant monopolies, the internet should not be another feather in their caps.
—Bob Bradfield, Mont Belvieu, TX

Dear FCC, Throw out your current rules and re-classify ISPs as common carriers so they can be regulated. This is the only way to ensure free speech is truly protected and not drowned out by those who can influence the carriers. We are already at the point where almost all information is transmitted via internet and without adequate protection the ISPs will have massive power and control over information dissemination essential to both our democracy and a very large and growing portion of our economy.
—Micah Johnston, Mounds View, MN

"Net Neutrality is the worst thing to happen to the internet ever" (this message has been sponsored by Comcast)
—Will Bartel, Harvest, AL

With how everything else is going in this once grandiose nation, this step was easily predicted to happen and I hope it does... keep pushing the American people and the rich snobs will end up losing, cause money cant buy keeping their middle class and lower class slaves inline forever!
—JK Willis, Blum, TX

If I have to pay a dollar extra on every site I NEED (not want) with my budget I am going to have to switch to eating noodles and water. It is that simple, I can't afford to eat and also use the internet for the things I need to do.
—Jonathan Grant, Elliot Lake,

The internet needs to be a fair, open playing field for everyone, not just for those who can afford to pay more. This proposal is immensely disadvantageous to American citizens. Keep the internet neutral and free.
—Trent Weaver, Nashville, TN

Please keep the internet equal for everyone.
—Justin King, kingsland, TX

Net neutrality has always been a great thing, simply because it allows everyone to use the Internet equally without letting greedy companies like Verizon and comcast force people to pay premiums for sites that shouldn't require it. The only reason corporations like Verizon or at&t are in support of no net neutrality is so that they can take as much extra cash as they want from consumers who need to use a variety of sites which would conveniently be split up amongst all of their "teirs" of websites premium packaging.
—Christian Sohn, columbia, MD

FCC, throw out your rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Patrick Reidy, Columbia, MD

The internet, like television and radio before it, should be preserved in the grand public tradition set out in the Radio Act of 1927, which entrusted broadcasting companies with the public interest, convenience, and necessity. The abolition of the Fairness Act undermined this trust. I implore the FCC to to justice to the spirit of its mission, and save the free net for the American people.
—Connor Walsh, Fairport, NY

No, seriously. Please just stop.
—Jamie, Wesley Chapel, FL

The internet as it currently works is working well and is a haven of free enterprise. Allowing cable companies to remove Net Neutrality would legalize a form of extortion and enforce a monopoly by those same cable companies.
—Mike Woelk, Saskatoon,

Well, the internet is not just an important tool that we, humans, invented and use to this day. It's a scientific achievment, a milestone in the communications history. And the net neutrality is what make possible for anyone to use it, independently of where or when. If we lose it, then the very purpose of the internet (the possibility of interaction with freedom) is lost with it, and this milestone will be gone as we know it. PS: my english sucks btw...
—Jordi Prado, São Paulo,

Net neutrality is important because the internet is important. As important as the internet is to everyone, the worst thing that could possibly happen is control going to greedy corporations that want nothing more than to make more money. Please dont take away our first amendment rights and sell them to these greedy jerks.
—Sarra Dennis, yelm, WA

It is imperative that net neutrality is enforced in the future, as the very thought of giving companies, which are primarily focused on earning money, the power to control the free flow of information is inherently unjust and un-democratic. With this power, not only can the large service providers influence whether information that might be critical of them is widely available, a particularly political leadership might also block or slow information from undesirable sources. Finally, and speaking as a resident of Denmark, it is of huge importance that the United States does not impose unjust laws that undermine liberty and freedom of information. If they do, the rest of the free world will soon succumb to the same corporate and financial tyranny, leaving us all no better off than the worst of the world's reprehensible dictatorships.
—Rune Sebastian Nielsen, Copenhagen,

Net Neutrality ensures everyone has access to a platform for free speech, as our first amendment says we have the right to. NN also ensures that cable companies cannot have a total monopoly on the market. As is, and in the future, if NN is shot down, ISPs could jack up their prices, and jack DOWN their connection speeds all at once. this is unacceptable in any sort of business environment and should not be allowed to happen.
—Joseph Robison, Mount Vernon, WA

Dear FCC, The loss of net neutrality would be a devastating blow to the greatest by produce of the internet: the freedom of information. Under the philosophy of net neutrality, people are allowed to host their ideas and share them for no more then the cost of equipment and power. Organizations such as Wikipedia better the world by providing free access to information for no other reason then the betterment of humanity. The end of net neutrality would bring an end to this age. Its absence gives tools to corporations to stymie and prevent this freedom of information. By the very core laws of economics, these corporations seek only to maximize their profits through whatever means the government will allow them to. There is no room in their plans to offer the public the current freedoms we should have, there is money to be made by restricting people's freedoms and today's corporations will not hesitate to do as such. That is, unless you stop them. Please, do not let the public's freedoms, their rights, be trampled upon by those whose interests are only profit. History teaches us that what is good for the company is not always good for those they serve, and you need not look any further then that Triangle Shirt Company for an excellent example of what happens when companies are left to decide what is best. Please help us, the public, be our voice and our representatives, and prevent this terrible atrocity from happening.
—Joseph Dec, Cedar City, UT

The FCC regulates interstate and international communications with the specific purpose of "Promoting competition, innovation and investment in broadband services and facilities". With this as a key mission statement how you allow individual corporations to dictate how bandwidth gets distributed. If ISP's can impose tiered costs schemes to internet bandwidth usage, they will stifle competition and innovation which is the opposite your mission statement proclaims. In the interest of the vast majority of Americans, we implore you to re-think any decisions that favor large corporations over the population as a whole. Thank you
—Tim DeLand, Royal Palm Beach, FL

Net neutrality is important because the corporations already control enough of our media. Letting the cable companies control the internet would destroy free speech and the capitalist economy. If we say we have a free capitalist economy then without an online presence, smaller businesses will not stand a chance.
—Jason Koenig, san angelo, TX

I don't believe the obvious is necessary to explain why Net Neutrality is important to me. It comes down to discrimination and freedom of expression. It comes down to the fact that cable companies have absolutely no business deciding how bits and bytes of data should be handled over the internet, whether from a local shop or a giant company. It's the same principle as being the troll on the bridge. The only incentive cable companies have to end net neutrality is to make money off of it. That's it; there is absolutely no societal or cultural improvement that comes with ending it. It's common sense; you don't "fix" what already isn't "broken". You don't meddle in affairs where your presence is not necessary. If you preserve net neutrality, you go with democracy and the stance of the majority of this country. If you end it, you go with oligarchy and you have sold yourself out. It would be proof that our country is bought and sold. It would be proof that you are contributing to the problem. Please don't be this person. Don't be the guy who goes down in history as having sacrificed the interests of many for personal gain. I'll say it again: the only arguments for ending net neutrality are selfish arguments. Ending net neutrality hurts many and helps very, very few. We aren't stupid and we know this. Don't do it.
—John, Raleigh, NC

Net neutrality built the internet into what it is today, and should be protected as a basic right. I DO NOT support any move which threatens or weakens net neutrality, and I say this a citizen as well as a business owner.
—Jessi S Clark-White, Veneta, OR

The Internet is the backbone of modern commerce, modern discourse, and modern society. By giving some favored access to this vital resource over others, we are harming our economy, our political discourse, and our society as a whole.
—Jonah Miller, Boulder, CO

Your children, your grandchildren, will judge you on this. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers. It is virtually impossible to live off the grid in this age we have entered. It would be so incredibly stupid to give the power of the flow of information to companies. Just look at what happened to Netflix and extremes these companies will go for money. If these companies were people they'd be in the mob. Seriously.
—Christopher Morrison, Bedford, TX

It is a rare situation in which the voices of the many carry a similar weight to the voices of the few and powerful. This is a shame, because the idea that the voices of the many affect politics is fundamental to our belief in democracy. The Internet, for all its failings, is today a place where anyone can create content, reach a mass audience, and make their voices heard. Women and men anywhere can reach worldwide audiences. And this is the amazing beautiful thing that net neutrality protects. Please, do not allow the voices of powerful and rich broadcasters to squash this wonderful medium that the whole of humanity can currently share and enjoy.
—Caedmon Wilson, Ottawa,

I can barely trust my internet and phone companies to provide the services they advertise properly, I certainly do not trust them to decide which websites and information are worthy of fast-tracking and which should languish. These companies have never enjoyed a reputation for putting the needs of thier own customers first, let alone society. They'd use thier authority to nickel and dime consumers and outright extort content providers and competitors, and on the end no one would be served properly for any money.
—Stefanie Taushanoff, Solon, OH

I stopped using cable companies for internet service over 6 years ago specifically because they provided poor value for their product. Tom Wheeler and his ilk have no interest in restricting monopolistic/cartel behavior on what is becoming the definitive public good of the last 30 years
—Kevin Moran, LA, CA

ISPs should not be allowed to discriminate among their users, only allowing their richer users to enjoy the benefits of fast internet and punishing those who cannot afford such rates with sub-par internet access. Net Neutrality is important to protect ALL users, allowing everyone the same access, regardless of who has deeper pockets.
—Rebekah Van Epps, denver, CO

Dear FCC, I believe that it is in everyone's best interest that the internet remain neutral and unrestricted, with fair and equal access for all.
—Jason G Norman, Mount Airy, NC

The first site the cable companies will slow down is FCC.gov. Good luck getting that back up to speed.
—Owen Butler, Farmington, CT

Net Neutrality affects more than just America and Americans. This is a global society and this is global infrastructure. Allowing ourselves to get bogged down in restrictions removes us from that global society, causing more losses in the long run for everyone. Do you want to be the North Korea of the internet age?
—Peter Smith, London,

The internet was founded to be open, freely sharing information. With the UN delcaring that Internet Access is a basic human right, this shows you how the world views the World Wide Web. America used to be at the frontlines of the internet. Fastest speeds, and leading technology. Now, we have fallen farther down the list. We pay more for less, and now the ISPs want to police it, and tell us what we can see, and how fast we can see it. please stop the ISPs from policing the internet. Reclassify modems, and make sure that the internet becomes available to everyone. Consumers and buisnesses alike.
—Cody Sparks, Clinton, UT

We need Net Neutrality! If you take this away, all of the unemployed will lose the chance to look at cats on their fast internet and will have to go outside and usurp the cable providers from their thrones made of money and tears!
—Craig, Platteville, WI

My kids use the Internet to study and do research. I don't want their access to information to be controlled by corporate greed. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers! Save the future! The Internet is the on-ramp to success--Wheeler's plan will further the divide between haves & have-nots. We should be removing the barrier by making it a public resource, not giving more control to corporate fat cats.
—Maura Walsh, Fairport, NY

A free and open internet is key to our country's position as a center of innovation and technology. To make the changes you propose would destroy that. NO FAST LANES, treat all bits equally.
—Gabriel Giordani, SAN FRANCISCO, CA

It prevents businesses from unfairly making money by taking away a basic principle that the internet stands for: equality. Taking away net neutrality hurts everyone EXCEPT for the cable companies themselves.
—Bryant Scott Heatherly, Mobile, AL

My name is Douglas Allan, and I strongly support net neutrality. I feel that abolishing net neutrality would be a violation of the freedom of speech, as well as a perversion of the core democratic values. As the late philosopher Kant has stated, two of the worst things that you can do to someone is kill them or silence them. This is the latter of the two.
—Douglas Allan, Roseville, MI

Why? What can possibly possess you to make this seem like a just idea? Net Neutrality is true freedom. It is the last bastion of freedom we have in this lobbyist-ran government of ours. Not everyone likes to visit the same websites. If Net Neutrality ceased to exist, how fair would it be to people who have websites, not to make money, but to spread laughter, joy, and/or newsworthy material that our incompetent news sources fail to mention because they are too busy covering the First Lady's fashion? Such bullshit, all in the name of making more money, when you all have more money that you know what to do with. You have to be kidding me. When can enough be enough? When can you be happy with what you have instead of trying to take from the smaller people? Stop acting like thugs who charge business owners extra for "protection." Stop taking from the not rich to make the rich richer. Enough is enough.
—Michael Palermo, Redlands, CA

Competition is always good in economy, and the loss of Net Neutrality will utterly destroy any hope of a start-up website being successful. How can you build a customer base if your website takes 5 minutes to load? We're looking at the monopolization of not only online business, but information. We would be giving big corporations the indiscrimnate power to effecively silence dissenting opinions. The internet is a legal conundrum that we haven't quite figured out, but the loss of Net Neutrality would be an unmitigated disaster of historic proportions. Please don't do this.
—Joshua Goeringer, Modesto, CA

The internet is the modern day haven of free speech, and by allowing service providers to pick and choose which sites are entitled to good service will undermine the institutions of freedom and liberty. Furthermore it will make it near impossible for a small start up company to compete against established giants such as netflix. This will slow the economic growth of interet outlets.
—Mitchell Myrick, Asheville, NC

I'm surprised that anyone with a brain would need an explanation as to why Net Neutrality is important. However, since it appears those running the FCC may not have brains, we have to leave comments about this subject. A neutral net paves the way for information to be exchanged the way it was intended, freely. Anything else is simply a way to assist large corporations with pulling more money from consumers. Do you really think that if the cost to do business online increases that those costs will not be passed on to the consumer? These providers make more than enough money and if they don't enjoy what they do or aren't happy with their bottom line then have them step aside and let someone else perform these services. Don't grant them the freedom to ruin the internet for everyone else.
—Victor Price, Lawton, OK

Cable companies are a monpoly. This needs to stop.
—Adrian Hogan, Woodbridge, VA

Net Neutrality is important because our internet is not a quality product that can charge and average of $70 a month. Giving private companies, who have proven to be irresponsible with doing proper upkeep and improvement on this resource in favor of throwing money and legal documents until naysayers disappear, the power to stagnate a vital part of this countries infrastructure is asinine. The internet is too important of a technology to be hoarded by business men with no understanding of technology or vision. Seriously, if the internet suffers how do you think our economy/gov/military/private sector are going to be able to function? How are you going to run a "paperless system" without reliable pipelines to do so? Make these people responsible for their jobs and responsibility because "making money" isn't it with something this important.
—Keith Ellington, Laramie, WY

I don't want other people to tell me what I can and cannot view in the Internet in a timely manner!!
—Heaven Reinsmith, Carson city, NV

Dear FCC, It's appalling to me that you are even considering abolishing net neutrality. It is clearly a money making scheme by the big cable companies to make more money. Please tell me, how does it benefit the general population when some of their favorite smaller sites now move at a snails pace? Sincerely, A pissed off American
—Chad, Greenfield, WI

Anybody who isn't high up in a cable company doesn't want this. This will stifle innovation and will only provide profits for cable companies while making my experience a million times worse. Seriously, didn't you guys already mess up our cable infrastructure enough by allowing them to be the sole users of their infrastructure and then largely deregulating the industry? Simple put, screw you if you think this is at all beneficial to the American people. If you're going to force us through this, at least be honest and say you're doing it because you're in the pockets of the cable companies.
—Ariel Tirosh, Stamford, CT

As a content writer on the Internet, I rely on a free, neutral, and open web to conduct research and draft pieces on a daily basis. My clients, most of whom are small businesses, rely on this resource to ensure that their message can reach the public, and so they can maintain mutually beneficial relationships with their own customers. An Internet where only major corporations could afford to deliver content would prevent me from being able to research and write for my clients, assuming my clients would even be able to hire me - they'd be unable to reach their customers without bankrupting themselves. Doing away with Net Neutrality would not only disrupt the flow of information and ideas online - it would prove to be an economic disaster for businesses nationwide. Don't create an Internet that benefits a few at the expense of American ingenuity, prosperity, and freedom of speech.
—Seth Berger, Colorado Springs, CO

It is very disappointing to me that I even have to write this letter. I would like to imagine that elected and appointed officials would work harder to foster fair competition, rather than simply pandering to the needs of corporations. Also, I would like to know for sure that there are no dingos in the FCC.
—Wesley Wannemacher, Lima, OH

Dear FCC, I understand that you're trying to protect the interests of private citizens, corporations and the United States government in regards to your regulation of communications through the Internet, radio, TV etc. For the most part, I feel that you're doing a good job. There are certainly areas that need improvement of course, such as confronting large corporations such as Comcast or Time Warner over the effective monopolies that they're running. What I'm contacting you about now though is, of course, the topic of net neutrality. I feel that ending net neutrality would not be in America's best interest or in the interest of anyone except for the previously mentioned large corporations. It would end up being an economic burden on each citizen who is trying to stay competitive in a global economy where we already pay more for inferior service. Furthermore, this would almost certainly negatively impact the quantity of quality information, whether that be for entertainment, learning or for business. So please, as one of the American citizens that you claim to be acting in the name of, maintain net neutrality. Sincerely, Jordan
—Jordan Hiller, Chaska, MN

The internet is a resource everyone should be able to access without limitation. Net Neutrality needs to be protected to ensure fairness within the internet.
—John, Towson, MD

Net neutrality is important so that all have equal access and some not get pivileged simply because of their economic / financial size. To not protect equal access would further increase already growing disparities.
—Jeannie Grussendorf, Decatur, GA

would we allow gas or electric compiney to blindly set there own rates. No because they would be monoply and charge the hell out of us. Why is internet diffrent.
—Evan, Rochester, NY

I can hardly believe this is a discussion. The internet has always been a place of equality in the sense that no one has been allowed to dictate its growth through money. It seems inherently against the internets underlying ethos to allow service providers to dictate our usage.
—John David Brinton, Watermill, NY

For once in human history, everyone with Internet access can explore the same content at the same rate with the same freedoms. To change or remove that freedom in the interest of corporate greed is simply short - sighted and an embarrassment to what was once a democracy. Defend our freedoms, please. We can't, it seems, so it falls to you.
—Nathaniel Cossey, Golconda, IL

Because you are suppose to be working for the greater good of the American people... not corporations.
—Luis Arevalo, Simi Valley, CA

The internet is a great equalizer. Permitting ISPs to decide who gets better bandwith allows them to control whatever message they want to push. This is completely unacceptable. Please do not weaken Net Neutrality.
—Fredrick Davis, Lakewood, OH

The cable companies already have enough market domination to make their services way more expensive than they need to be. On top of that, they provide poor service at best and keep trying to charge even more at every turn for the same service. If we let them take away net neutrality, we'll just be allowing them to make the internet even more difficult for more people to afford and allowing them to control the information flows available.
—Bryce Radke, North Aurora, IL

Dear FCC, Really? You have either the biggest balls in the entire world or no brains in any of your collective heads. Listen to the people...not your wallets.
—Greg Hickey, Eugene, OR

Why would a regulatory commission seek to make cable companies even more powerful and unaccountable?
—Mr. Philip A Christman, Ann Arbor, MI

The internet has the potential to be one of the best things that mankind has ever built. A pool of almost all of our knowledge, a near-instant communication system, and a lower-cost distribution for art (letting independent artists have a real shot at making it) all in one, it binds people together better than anything else has, while also letting them be more informed about more topics than anything else has. Letting access to that beautiful, important resource be restricted and controlled will kill almost all of that, dead. Independent artist? Too bad--you don't have enough of a reputation to distribute your art in the old channels, and now nobody will take the time to load up your art on the site you built to try to get it out anyway. Don't have the money to fund your educational or knowledge-sharing site so it's faster to load it than to physically drive to the library and check out a book on the subject from 20 years ago? Too bad--I guess nobody needed that information, anyway. Have an unpopular opinion and no money to support the site? I suppose your voice will just be drowned out. The opinion of celebrities is so much more important, anyway. Businesses that now have to pay more to keep their sites in order will be passing the cost on to us. Last I checked, we were in a recession; I don't want to have to pay Amazon extra, so that they can pay the Internet providers extra, so that loading rates aren't artificially lowered. Mostly, I'm just angry that something with so much potential to improve the lives of all humans with access is being ruined in the name of profit. We don't let water companies add extra heavy metals to water in poorer areas, and we shouldn't let cable companies choke off the voice of people or organizations who don't happen to be one of the 1%. Keep the internet for mankind.
—H DeCamp, Newbury Park, CA

I speak for freedom. Net neutrality is the only reason I can enjoy the internet at my leisure at this very moment. Many small time sites wouldn't survive this, and nearly every website I get on is a small one. I can speak for everyone when I say that if net neutrality dies, it will kill the internet. The despicable men who push only for money and power at the expense of others are behind this. They want money, and they'll do anything to get it. They argue that what they're doing is for the good of all. Now let me tell you something. What if a man in charge of the country proposed a deal that stated citizens are cared for only if they align themselves with a company that holds a powerful monopoly? Normal people couldn't live under that, the cost of living would be too high. They would die. Just like every 'normal' website if net neutrality falls.
—Andrew Paul Stevens, Mount Vernon, IN

I think everyone knows that enforcing Net Neutrality is the right thing to do. It'd be nice to see government protect the people these days, rather than corporate interests.
—Christopher Moore, Columbus, OH

The internet has changed the way we as a society function, allowing the dissemination of information almost instantly across the world, and allowing access to a vast store of knowledge. From the student studying for an exam or writing a paper to the professional networking with colleagues the internet has reshaped the way people handle the exchange of information. To allow corporations any measure of control over the specific flow of this information would severely degrade the utility of this service and delay or retard the growth of our species and convert a system of universal growth in terms of wealth of information that all human beings with access to the internet enjoy, at least partially, into monetary growth for a select few corporations and the individuals who profit most from them.
—William Moad, los angeles, CA

Honestly, I just really hate cable companies. Neutrality doesn't hurt them so much as prevent them from hurting us. This scandal, however, does hurt them. Please do drag this out in congress as long as possible. I want a turn to twist the knife.
—Adam Long, Wilmington, OH

Can we stop pretending like you don't know for damn sure that every citizen who knows anything about this doesn't strongly oppose it? The only people for this are the Internet Providers themselves. So if you're not interested in the will of the American people, at least have the decency to come out and admit who's interests you're trying to further.
—Michael Werle, Smiths Station, AL

Dear FCC, I need net neutrality because unlike the hyper-rich corporations that are whispering into your ears while sticking money down your pants, I am not in the Fortune 500. The vast majority of other people are, too. Unless you want a rebellion on your hands, I would suggest keeping net neutrality.
—Isaac Thompson, Columbia, MD

Charging more for certain sites and business to use the net effectively will do nothing but allow cable companies to grow larger, while start-up companies that use the internet as a resource will see less growth, less innovation and overall will be totally screwed by the elimination of net neutrality.
—Dabniel Taxy, Highland Park, IL

I am web developer working for a journalism company, so net neutrality is pretty important for my livelihood. Besides that, Comcast, TWC, and Verizon are all pretty notorious for having terrible service and generally treating their customers like an unlimited pile of cash. So to truth them with keeping the Internet's and citizens' best interests in mind is pretty laughable.
—Grant Miiller, Sunnyside, NY

I like to watch original content from creators who have small, independent websites. These authors would most likely be unable to compete with larger websites if the system goes into effect
—Daniel Walter, Silver Spring, MD

Basically, the FCC is considering allowing larger corporations to take more control over the country. This has been a huge problem for the past 50-60 years. Eliminating net neutrality will make the rich richer and do nothing but hurt both the average consumers, as well as startup companies. 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.
—Evan Fisher, Kettering, OH

To pretend these proposed rules to end Net Neutrality are anything else but a power grab by a handful of extremely large and politically powerful corporations that already have a near monopoly on the communications industry is absurd. These rule changes are basically legalized racketeering allowing ISP's to create a problem where there isn't one (slowing down internet connections) while offering a solution in the form of paying them more money. I hope the FCC will do what's right by the American people and that FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler, a former lobbyist for the very industry giants trying to destroy net neutrality, doesn't allow the influence of his former employers to compromise his integrity and responsibilities to his current employers.
—Allen Boyd, Reedsville, PA

Net neutrality allows all Internet entrepreneurs an equal chance at success. The end of net neutrality would result in isp's forcing companies to pay them so that Internet users can get to the website. This is the equivalent of a grocery store owner having to pay a cement company extra money just so it's parking lot wasn't made of shards of broken stone instead of the nice clean asphalt that the wal mart down the way has. It's fundamentally wrong and the ONLY people who benefit from this would be verizon, att, and other large internet providers.
—Joshua Castagnetta, USAF Academy, CO

I believe in Net Neutrality. I am a biochemist, sister, citizen. I have looked into the lobbyists against Net Neutrality and find the key players to be comcast, Verizon, time-Warner, and cox. I want you to think of net neutrality as it compares to Open Source Material. Open Source materials, I hope you know, are programs or code that are made available by the creator for anyone to use. SendMail is an open source code that is the basis of every mail service since ARPAnet. That means if you use gmail, outlook, comcast mail, yahoo, etc to check your email you are using open source material. Think about the scope of that -- if someone hasn't been willing to share, deregulate, and make things common property you might have to pay several hundred dollars to buy a program that codes what you do, for free or cheap, now. Net neutrality doesn't just affect whether a program is made available, it also regulates accessibility to crucial services. What if your ISP decided to slow access to your doctors medical records network because, as a business, it provides less income for the ISP than say, a webcam girl service. This may sound like a strange comparison, because obviously to you the medical access is more important than someone watching a can girl. But you're not looking at this as businesses do. Profit is important, and that's how they build companies, expand job markets, create jobs for citizens... All because they put this small detail (which may not be an obvious choice they I have presented it) above quality of those choices. So not only does removing net neutrality affect OpenSource access, but regulates sites and ISP's about choices we don't know if they have to make yet, and is lobbied against by companies seeking to make the most off of its removal. You have been told by these CEO's that people don't want net neutrality. But you wouldn't ask Walmart to stand up for your rights without actually representing you, would you? Neither do us Internet dwellers. I challenge you to go on Reddit, or Buzzfeed, or Huffington Post to look at the argument on net neutrality from the perspective of us ants. I guarantee you'll find the facts you've been presented by corporations is not the will of the people, just like how everything the government does is not the will of the people. That's why we have elections, debates, and in the end there's always a losing side despite best efforts. Do you want to know how people feel, white-hat Hackers like me, and not just what the people we hand money to say we feel like? Ask us. Make this a public vote, even just a poll, so that you get to see under the hood of this issue. I refuse to hand down a legacy of rigid corporate regulation over the largest repository if information ever conceived, to my children. I hope and pray that it's not the legacy you want to leave, and I'm assuming that as you read this your pockets aren't lined by schmoozy lunches, gifts, or bribes. I'm trusting in you, like the American Public does, that you'll realize the net is international and therefore our companies and social norms don't set the rules. The users, creators of the content, do. Thank you for your time.
—Laura West, Petaluma, CA

Net Neutrality is the keystone of the internet's continued success, both as a medium for discourse and innovation, as well as the continued emphasis of Western values of equality, fair trade, and equal access. Please do not destroy net neutrality. Look at yourselves, and think about all of the ways that the internet has helped you get where you are. Think of all of the ways that it will help your children, and your children's children, reach their goals. We need net neutrality.
—Brent S Mulrooney, Toronto,

Please do not let greed slow down the internet for low income people. I already pay over $70 for slow internet access due to living in a place where there is a cable monopoly. Please do not make it worse by ending Net Neutrality.
—Peggy Noel, Bloomington, IN

Hello, I am constantly in awe by how the major cable companies (Verizon, AT&T, Comcast etc...) are starting to resemble that Saturday morning cartoon villain, and yet still think they are doing good for everyone. I wanted to compose this for you just to let my ramblings fall on the ears of someone who may actually take the time to read it, rather than just complain to the air like I usually do. I've broken this up to hit on several points. 1. The speed: I'm sure everyone remembers the internet back in the nineties. The loud modem screech, the 56k speeds, the atrocious lag.. but it was amazing! I can't think of a time when I wasn't constantly taking up the phone line, leaving family members who wanted to use the phone with a nasty loud surprise when they put their ear to the phone. But that was back then, when the only means to get online were through a phone jack in the back of your computer. Now we have "high speed" digital cable connections. First, what is "high speed" internet speeds nowadays? I can't seem to get a grasp on what cable companies have set the bar for high speed at. Well according to ookla the average american download speed is 25mbps. That's insane! A speed that just 15 years ago would have blown everyone away, is now the average speed of America. So why do I constantly see ads that say "Buy our high speed 15mbps internet!" We just established that 25mbps is the average, so 15mbps should be below average.. So now that companies like comcast want to establish "fast lanes" for high paying customers, i wonder.... what is their definition of fast? And for that matter, their definition of SLOW? This infringement of net neutrality is wide open for interpretation, but in my eyes, they can claim anything is fast as long as people arent aware of what is actually fast. So if anyone is reading this, I would like to educate you really quick on internet speed. 1 bit is a 1 or a 0. An up or down/on or off in a signal. 1 byte is 8 bits. 1 megabit is 1048576 bits. 1 megabyte is 1048576 bytes, or 8388608 bits. So, reasonably 1 megabyte is 8 megabits. Cable companies will NEVER offer you speed in MB/s (megabytes per second) but instead mbps (megabits per second) however, on your computer when you download something, you will see it in MB/s. Got all that? What does this mean? Marketing. And in turn, money. Bigger numbers sound better. That's all for this section, but theres more! 2. Price: What do the major cable companies charge for average speeds? (50mbps) Comcast doesn't offer a package like that, but it's interesting for them! up to 25mbps (Performance) -> $42.95 to $66.95 up to 105mbps (Blast!) ->$58.95 to $76.95 up to150mbps (Extreme 150) -> $114.95 All of these prices are subject to change as well as having the words "up to". They have literally put words down that protect them from actually having to provide you with the service you think you are getting! you could get the "Extreme 150" and recieve 75mbps and they could say, "welp, it does say 'up to'". (This is what prompted me to leave Comcast). They also don't include upload speed in the details. A huge choke point for bandwidth if you don't have a good speed. How about Verizon? (Remember, "Average" is 50mbps) 15/5 Fast 50/25 Faster 75/35 Even Faster 150/65 Super Fast 500/100 The Fastest Well here you see that 15 is STILL called fast. Another example of how there is NO standard of what you can call "fast" so always take it with a grain of salt. Now the prices are region specific here, as well as you can only get FIOS if you are in the FIOS network area. (This network is no longer expanding, thank goodness). I no longer live there, but I used to live in the suburbs of DC and had the Even Faster package. I paid around $80.00 a month. for arguably "Above Average" speed. All of these prices include taxes and fees, including installation fees that depending on where you are can go anywhere from $40 to $200. So why bring all that up? What's the point of this? The companies listed above are Anti-net neutrality and actively lobby in opposition of these stances. Now the question is, how much are you willing to pay to be online? In 2011 the American Census Bureau found that 75% of americans owned a computer and 71% of americans had an internet subscription and that is only households! Think of all the businesses that also require internet connectivity... that's pretty much all of them, not including the ones that pretty much run and operate solely on the internet! Back in 2000, the internet was a privilege, in 2014, it's a necessity. You most likely NEED the internet to function in day to day life, so why would companies like Verizon, comcast, Time Warner, etc, want to start trying to charge MORE money for a necessity? Well that's the question now isn't it? Once you need something, it's easy for the people in control of it to keep increasing the price, because they know you need it, and they know you'll pay. With net neutrality being threatened, they can now make you pay on top of already paying. So back to the question, How much are you willing to pay? Well let's look at Google, which is Very Pro-Net Neutrality. They started rolling out their latest project Google Fiber and entered the ISP world en force. 5/1 Basic -> $0.00/mo + 300$ installation fee. That's FREE internet, granted, it is 10 times slower than average but as long as you pay for installation, you get it for free. 1024/1024 Gigabit -> $70.00 + $0.00 installation fee. Google has shown us that it is possible not to charge people insane amounts of monthly charges to get an INSANELY fast download AND upload speed, and on top of all that, they support net neutrality. 3. Change This is more of a personal opinion, but Google's rollout is going to trigger a lot of changes, especially if and when it gets spread far enough. I hope it does, because it will spur one of two things. Either A: The prices of internet drop like crazy to keep up with Google and they start increasing the speed of their services to compete. Or B: They resort to petty lawsuits and any and all excuses they can come up with to prevent the rollout of Google Fiber. I'm hoping for the Former, but the way the lobbyists have been running things... It'll probably be the latter. FCC, please don't let these Companies walk all over you, please don't let them continue to bleed us dry for services we NEED in today's modern age. Not all of us are stupid, some of us are indeed VERY tech savvy, and will do anything to see this happen. We want a free internet. We want net neutrality. We want fair treatment. I hope you understand, ~Devan

—Devan, San Antonio, TX

Do not allow the cable companies to become our overlords.
—Chris, Colo spgs, CO

As a small business owner, I cannot afford to purchase extra speed or bandwidth to remain competitive with large retail stores. American free market capitalism depends on this type of equality to remain accessible. It is not fair, it is not ethical, and it should stop.
—John Swoboda, Ardmore, OK

net neutrality is the essence of freedom of speech. allowing carriers to decide how fast their service is on a site by site basis would create a ridiculous disparity. imagine going to McDonalds and being told french fries would take 1 hour while big macs would take 5 seconds, simply because the big mac company paid mcdonalds $50 and the french fry company didn't. should we tell the whole world that america is a place where hard work and good ideas mean nothing, only money? shall we tell the world that we no longer have freedom of speech since it was costing our companies (not our people) money?
—Michael Finnigan, arcata, CA

Please do not remove net Neutrality, it's beneficial for everyone if you keep it. America is about freedom right? So why not allow a "free" internet.
—Eric Pfister, Elk Grove Village, IL

Allowing companies to hold rights over what I view and feel is worth viewing on the internet is a biased break of the law. Forcing people or other companies to pay so that ISP's can profit by holding those companies and peoples websites hostage from their consumers/customers and cutting into that companies/persons profits or freedom of speech.
—Tyler Gross, McKenney, VA

Net Neutrality is crucially important to keeping the Internet open for free speech. If net neutrality were to be removed, any service provider can selectively downgrade a connection from a company (or conversely improve a connection for a favorable site). So a company with more money can pay to have the access that should be granted to all but a service provider can allow a company that pays for a fast lane to have a good connection while another company who does not is relegated to a slower connection. This opens up a huge opportunity for abuse which will happen. Plus the companies that are providing the content are already paying for access to the internet with their local service provider. Please do not allow Net Neutrality to go away. It will signal the end of easily accessible free speech - it will go towards free speech of whomever pays the most.
—Rob Wood, Colorado Springs, CO

I run a small business. My advertising is internet based. The fact that I can compete with companies with bottomless pockets is a testament to the American dream. Please keep Net nuetrality.
—Steve Nibbelink, Pleasant Hope, MO

Internet comments are probably the least concern of super rich cable company CEOs, but instead of begging, I say heed warning. This isn't a story of David and Goliath, where the tiny internet people try to stand up to the giant cable companies, but rather of Hercules and the Giants. Do they honestly believe Google, Yahoo, Netflix, Facebook, and other multibillion dollar companies are going to go down without a fight? It smells like a backdraft waiting to happen. The cable companies are basically trying to bully the sleeping giants. Even if they win, the reprecussions will come back to bite them in the ass, and they'll realize their mistake when no one stands by them when Google and other giants sue them for everything done to their knickers. No bad decision is without consequences. Watch.
—Ash L, Buckeye, AZ

I was just out of town recently and looking for parking, I was able to pull up a parking app that quickly found my location and give me a list of nearby overnight garages. Just on convenience alone, the internet has changed how society operates and what it is able to accomplish, finding nearby parking seems like a simple thing, but how long would I have had to drive around looking for garages then going in and finding out if they allow overnight? The emergency case immediately springs to mind as well. If I am in an unknown town and need to find a hospital, if I don't pay the extra fee then do I have to wait for my results while I'm in an emergency situation? Does the same apply to phone calls as well, if I'm on the base payment plan are my calls now lower priority, so I have to wait for people who pay the extra to get off the line? With the availability and use of the internet as it is today, there needs to be an even playing ground, and there needs to be regulations setup to make sure people, customers, the ones paying for everything, are treated fairly and evenly.
—Todd Zupan, Tukwila, WA

If net neutrality is removed, the internet will lose what made it great: it's voice, or rather, the voices of the millions that wish to be heard.
—Glenn Murray, Omaha, NE

The only way to keep the Internet a free market is to not allow a portcullis that can only be opened by money. Without net neutrality there will be no innovation, no incentive to lower prices or improve service. This is ridiculous.
—Halsey Hickman, Huntsville, AL

Simple sanity dictates that Net Neutrality is in the best interests of the common man.
—Robert Sier, Oshkosh, WI

Current trends for American cable and internet companies have been to provide mediocre service for high prices. Economic relief funds and taxpayer support has been given to these companies for no significant gains to the consumer infrastructure. Allowing cable companies to merge into a new "Ma Bell" will not solve these problems and will only incentivize giving consumers less for more. Please do not allow Net Neutrality to fail and give cable/ISP companies the ability to lower service even further for what is effectively economic blackmail.
—Brandon Wood, Madison, AL

Charging the consumer for access is one thing; charging the portals and content providers for premium or elite bandwidth is absurd. The consumer suffers in the end, which is why lobbyists are gathered around this issue, cashing checks from large corporations with already extremely high margins. This is not about connectivity, evolving technology, or the consumer. This is about greed.
—Teresa Rogerson, Tarzana, CA

Net neutrality is inportant to preserve free speech. I do not want cable companies to decide what I can and can't read.
—Sean Petree, philadelphia, PA

Net Neutrality ensures that no discrimination takes place between different sites and that all sites load at equal and fast speeds. I would never want some of my sites to load normally while rest of the important sites to get to crawling speeds if I don't pay extra fees (aside from regular broadband prices). Internet is meant to be equally accessible for EVERYONE. I don't want some stupid and idiotic selfish greedy fools to get more money (They are the CEOs and other top guys at cable companies) while rest of the world who ACTUALLY uses internet suffers because of these douche scumbags! :/ Don't let these bastards get the upper hand and devastate neutrality and in turn, internet itself. Internet is supposed to be a commodity, something to be taken for granted, not an extremely expensive privilege its going to be.
—Shivam, New Delhi,

Dear FCC, As an internet and media consumer, it troubles me that there is any sort of question as to whether or not Net Neutrality is a necessity. It makes sense that the main opponents of it are the major cable/internet providers, and honestly, how often to major corporations have anyone's best interest in mind other than their own? Granted, there is a fine line between maintaining Net Neutrality, and overregulation. It saddens and disappoints me to no end that Congress is so bloated with lobbyist monies that they can't pass a simple bill to ensure the fair treatment of the public by major corporations. To whoever reads this, think of it this way, in 2011, the US Census Bureau reported that 71.7% of households reported "Internet Use In The Home". With the way technology has become integrated into your everyday life, as with many Americans, it is unreasonable to think that Net Neutrality isn't a necessity. Imagine if you will that you run a blog, or a small website for your business, or that you work for a small non-profit that provides web based services. Now imagine that load times on those pages are so slow that no one wants to use them. Your blog fails due to lack of traffic, advertisers don't want to use you, and you've lost what was once a viable source of alternative income. No one wants to order things from your website for the same reasons. You lose your ad traffic, and your can't support your dream, whatever it may be. Your non-profit can't afford the fast lanes because of a small operating budget, and all of a sudden there's another gap in the infrastructure, denying valuable resources to the individuals who desperately need them. This is unacceptable. These are just a few small examples of what Net Neutrality prevents. And though small in the eyes of large corporations like Comcast or Verizon, there would be a devastatingly high impact on numerous groups throughout the country. If Net Neutrality dies, so does a chunk of the American Dream. End of story. Thank you.
—Seth Boegel, Anchorage, AK

Please do not let the lobbying efforts of large cable companies usurp the will of the vast majority of people in the USA. Net neutrality is free speech. It is fundamentally American. The internet is not broken. Please don't break it.
—Ryan Domenick, Pittsburgh, PA

So the FCC is honestly thinking of letting companies *extort internet services (Example: Netflix, Amazon, ect...) and hold their consumers for ransom. All the while not having to provide superior service and have no real competition. Anyone with half a brain knows there will be no fast lane and faster lane; there will only be the fast lane, which would leave it in its current form, and the slower extortion lane. *Definition: Extort - verb, to obtain (something) by force, threats, or other unfair means.
—Michael Moss, Riverside, CA

Free flow of information is critical to innovation, doubly so in an information-based economy. Allowing a select few near-monopoly companies dictate how information is exchanged is bad for the economy, bad for innovation, bad for free speech, and bad for the country.
—Jonathan DeVries, Denver, CO

Net neutrality means that my speech and recreation are just as valuable as anyone's. Please preserve neutrality.
—Zachary Pulley, Frisco, TX

Cable companies like Comcast, AT&T and Verizon are frauds! They skirt the legal definition of lying to spread their garbage anti-net neutrality propaganda! They don't want to create "fast lanes" for internet services, they want to slow average service down and force people to pay more than they already do just to get the same speeds they had before! It's all about GREED and monopolizing the market!
—Justin B, Williamsport, MD

Every advance we've made because of the use of computers and the internet, has been because individuals and companies were allowed to use a medium that wasn't controlled completely by the richest companies. Allowing Comcast, Cox, Verizon, etc to control what should be essentially a public utility to decide who has access to the market is worse than over-regulation because it takes from people who provide a product or service and keeps users from having CHOICE in how they will spend their useful time and money on the internet. The internet THRIVED because of Net Neutrality and those that are against it are only against it because it will make THEM more money and not because it is better for everyone.
—Kevin Huffstetler, Frankfort, KY

Please don't stop human progress in order to pack some cable companies wallets. Terrible customer service, random billing cycles, slow service, bad investments, impossible to negotiate packages and obviously no competition. Seriously, if you're for the people and not corporations than you won't allow these companies to rape our economy
—Amir Hashemi, Randolph, NJ

Net neutrality is vital for the continuation of free speech on the internet. If cable companies are allowed to charge websites for bandwidth rights, said companies will be able to effectively shut out out the voices of low income individuals on the web. This is unacceptable. The internet is vital to modern society, and should not be relegated to the wealthy. Thank you for your time.
—Eric Clark, Russellville, AR

I believe it is the duty of the FCC to protect the interests and free speech of the American people by properly regulating Broadband Internet. To do so please reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Michael Keiderling, new brunswick, NJ

Dear FCC, Net neutrality is a simple, yet important principle, and it deserves to be protected at all costs. Allowing for Internet fast lanes would be a blatant violation of this principle, essentially giving massive corporations control over the Internet and preventing ordinary Americans from starting up the next great website. Fast lanes would kill innovation and competition in Internet business. Don't be fooled by the fake lobbyist organizations that say net neutrality is bad. Those were created by cable companies so they can pretend that the American people are on their side. The reality is that nobody wants fast lanes except for the cable companies. In conclusion, you, the FCC, must not allow for Internet fast lanes. Sincerely, A Concerned Citizen
—Mario Acardi, Brooklyn, NY

Internet providers should not be able to charge more just to go online. We don't charge more to drive a Ford on the same highway as everybody else. This is the same principle.
—Jared Kushner, Philadelphia, PA

Net Neutrality is necessary because it protects the American right of freedom of information. I realize that theres a lot of money being spent to end net neutrality, but that's bull sh*t. Our laws should be based on strong morals, not deep pockets. Also thank you John Oliver
—Ruby Epler, Portsmouth, NH

Dear FCC, I'm an 18 year old girl from Chicago. I have lived with net- neutral internet all my life. This summer, I am working at a research company called Epivax, testing and researching new types and ways of making vaccines. I started at the company last year as an intern, but now I am already a lab technician. I worked hard last year: I came into the lab with one year of biology and no immunology experience. Online, I found out about Khan academy, pubmed, and other multitudes of resources which I used to understand the work I was doing. Next year I will be going to college to be a chemical engineer. I know that I, and others my age depend on the internet as an invaluable resource for education, information, and socialization. Please don't let corporations dictate and filter the most accessible and widely-used resource of an entire country. Yes, corporations have rights, but there seems to be no valid reason for elimination of net neutrality other than monetary gain on the part of the corporations involved. With a resource as valuable as the internet, there should be some measure of regulation. Thank you, Lily.
—Lily, Chicago, IL

Do not ruin the greatest tool for innovation that humanity has ever seen. Don't.
—Doug Scudder, tuscaloosa, AL

Cable companies spend millions to lobby against net neutrality, because ultimately it will result in opportunities for them to profit massively off of the average consumer, as well as kill any competition from independent services that will be unable to pay. This is a blatantly unfair situation where the Cable companies are trying to game the system in their favour. Please stop this.
—Jordan Mc Aran Bourque, St. Constant,

Net neutrality is the most egalitarian model for human communication since the drafting of the First Amendment to the United States Constitution. It guarantees equal access to the internet, the sum total of human knowledge, for everyone: rich or poor, individual or corporation, able-bodied or challenged. That we crafted such a place, such a wondrous device as the internet is among the greatest achievements of mankind, comparable, perhaps, to the development of language itself. That we even contemplate selling our freedoms to corporations, that they might limit those very freedoms to ensure their own profits, is evidence of our most morally reprehensible selves. Net neutrality serves the most fundamental good: access for everyone to everything. It is the great equalizer. It has been the engine of countless economies, the driving force behind an era of unprecedented technological advancement. Eliminating net neutrality and the freedoms it offers brings to an end the tremendous gains and collaborations of the last thirty years, it closes the curtain on the closest a have come to true, international democracy. We must protect net neutrality. We must protect the open internet. To do so is to support the core freedoms of speech, of autonomy, of equality that are most valuable to an effective and successful society. We must protect net neutrality.
—Michael Verona, Mount Pleasant, SC

Dear FCC, I respectfully ask you not to cave to corporate interests and only allow ALL ISPs to treat ALL traffic equally. Please reclassify ALL ISPs as common carriers - this is the correct and fair way to treat these parties on behalf of the American Public and to protect Net Neutrality. Respectfully, Walter Michalski
—Walter Michalski, Tuckahoe, NY

As an online college student, I need the internet to reach my career goals while working fulltime to support myself. I do not have the money to attain High speed internet if this were to happen, especially considering the financial aid debt that I'm headed into just to better my future.Net Neutrality is essential in the modern day world!
—Jacob, rolling meadows, IL

Net neutrality allows independent music from around the world to enrich the lives of all who would partake in it. It opens the door for struggling artists to get a foothold and create art for the audience that treasures that work. Eliminate net neutrality and the arts will suffer.
—Jm, San Diego, CA

Money, that is all the cable companies want and they would do anything to make more of it. That means they will screw over anyone to make a buck. Net Neutrality allows people to be equal in the actual sense of the word. We do not need favoritism on our internet. The internet should be something that we can all share equally. Don't listen to lies from profit seekers. Also all lobbyist are unneeded. Listen to the actual people and do your own homework.http://www.cracked.co m/quick-fixes/5-absurd-cable-c ompany-excuses-killing-interne t/
—Terrence Manion, Kearney, NE

Dear FCC, I don't know why you're confused as to why bet neutrality is important. It's as if you have too many Cox in your mouth. Heh. We need net neutrality because the internet is for everyone, and therefore, everyone should have equal access to it - access not dictated by corporations. Remember, your salary is paid by us. And we vote.
—Jenny R., Plano, TX

Net neutrality would create a controlled scarcity that would demolish the creativity that the web has brought about. This false scarcity would funnel money away from innovation and new websites into the greedy pockets of large ISPs. Without net neutrality, e commerce has become one of the fastest growing marketplaces, a marketplace that rewards individuals for their innovative ideas. Everyone starts on equal footing, knowing they have a very real shot at achieving success. They are rewarded based on the work they do. If you end net neutrality, their will be a drastic change. People with innovative new ideas will be shut down by either not being able to afford paying for faster connections, (this is already limited enough by being able to afford decent servers) or by ISPs deciding to throttle down a connection due to not supporting the ideas or viewing the idea as a threat towards their own bottom line. If you end net neutrality, you utterly destroy this vast market that has brought our economy so much of its recent growth.
—Robert Boyer, Elysian, MN

To date the IN with net neutrality has proved successful. The removel of NN would not be beneficial in the long run, except for a very small minority of already rich businesses, and some opressive governments. It IS obvious net neutrality is in the inerest of the vast majority of people.
—Joe feely, Treorchy,

Please protect Net Neutrality! It is what the internet is supposed to be all about. This is all about greed from the big internet companies! The little guys will end up getting ripped off as it has so often happened in the past when these kinds of decisions go down. Thank you
—John Brown, Memphis, TN

The greatest achievement of our modern society is our ability to quickly communicate. Communication is vital to all citizens of this country, and as demonstrated in Egypt leads to a more humane democratic and free world. Exxon doesn't tell me where I drive my car after I buy gas. GNC doesn't tell me where I can go to workout after I buy vitamins. The city water company does not regulate if I make Tea or Kool Aid. As consumers we have an expectation that ISP's are providing access, not content. ISP's have stepped over the line in the past by forcing our traffic to show their search results (which required some technical knowledge to circumvent). IPS's want to control more than access, they want to control content. Mail couriers do not read my mail the only inspection is for safety. Internet traffic is not dangerous, and the only reason to inspect it is to use that information for marketing and to control the flow of information. The only logical argument they can make is "we want to make more money". Which is fine, but when you have companies that provide utilities to the public at large, there is a reason to have neutrality. We do not allow electricity companies to only black out ethnic neighborhoods, we have an expectation that equality is provided. Net neutrality is about equality, it is about freedom of speech, it is about being in control over our own homes and minds. The only thing I have left to mention is about power. These companies have a lot of it. They could do a great deal of damage to our society and our country, with that power comes a responsibility to use that power in a way that does not harm others. We have seen in the past would indicate that profit is more important than the good of the consumer or the country. This type of thing ran rampant in this country until labor laws prevented companies from abusing its workers. Now they are doing the same thing with customers, and yet because they are so big, and so powerful we have little we can do. Cancelling my cell phone service or ISP does nothing to verizon or comcast. This government regulation is the only thing we as consumers CAN do to modify how these companies act.
—George Harris, Universal City, TX

I don't want some corporation to decide what information is important and what isn't based on whether or not they are getting paid to give me that information. This is a complete perversion of consumer rights.
—William Barlow, Rochester, MN

Internet Service Providers fit the meaning of "common carriers" in all the most important senses. What they are carrying is a clear public good: information. Not just information, but information that can relatively easily be provided by anyone. The internet has made communication between humans far easier for many who otherwise have no ability to broadcast our views on a large scale. The very concept of "common" is what's so important here. In most industries and the regulation thereof, there is a constant tension between wanting to provide goods and services as equitably as possible while working in a world of scarce resources. The internet is a place where the resources aren't scarce. Everyone can create content, rapidly, and the internet can hold it all, and most importantly, users can get to it all. This nonsense about the "slow lane" still being as fast as anyone is currently able to get things anyway is an obviously false promise. As time goes by, content will get larger and larger. If some sites are stuck at a constant speed, even though that speed might by 2014 terms by considered quite fast, in 2030 it will be unbearably slow. It will, for all intents and purposes, be unavailable. The bifurcated system amounts to a government sanction of the spread of ideas only by those that can pay to do it. It is contrary to the progress of the spread of freedom, and patently against the American ideal.
—JC Horvath, Shakopee, MN

because my freedom of speech is more important than cable company's bank accounts
—Zoe, saint john,

Dear Sir or Madam, You have the opportunity (and the duty) to ensure a free and fair internet for everyone. This opportunity will not be available a second time. Please don't mess it up by bowing to the short-sighted interests of a few large corporations. Please protect net neutrality to protect the internet itself.
—Michael Hopkins, Ste Marie,

Net neutrality is important to me as it is the only way to protect my rights and interests as an consumer on the internet. If carriers are unable to charge based on just how much of a threat they feel someone or something is, then consumers have more choices. It will help breed more Netflixes and Amazons and maybe even some Googles. If net neutrality is struck down, then new and innovative businesses will be smothered in their crib by the monolithic Big Brother of internet carriers. Who will rush to replace it with a far less efficient, and far more expensive alternative. And that will kill not only the rights of the consumer to a free internet market, but will stifle any innovation. Leading to ruin. You don't want to be responsible for a less than metaphorical dark age in the market, do you?
—Kyle Benda, Tempe, AZ

Tell the FCC to throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Stacie Marie Grayeski, Fairport, NY

As a college student with a learning disability who uses the internet to improve my math skills using Kahn Academy, learn important programming skills through youtube tutorials, check to make sure my citations and formatting is correct through Purdue Owl, and continue to learn about my personal interests through blogs, I KNOW the lack of net-neutrality will lower my ability to use these resources. Without net neutrality I doubt I ever would have found my favorite blogs that teach me about how to make better costumes and how to make amazing cakes. Internet access should be considered a public utility and thus be subject to stricter regulations. Estonia has better internet connectivity, speeds, and services than the United States. Our broadband infrastructure is already falling behind the times as it is. Don't get rid of net neutrality. Without it small businesses will loose valuable resources in contacting customers, students will loose out on an amazing resource of knowledge, and everyone will loose access to free speech and fair treatment online. Well everyone except companies like Verizon, AT&T, Time Warner Cable, and Comcast.
—Grace Jacobson, Lincoln, NE

Dear FCC, How are you? I hope you're doing well in the ocean of criticism you are rightfully receiving for your proposed rules that would spell the doom of net neutrality. But I must admit, I am terribly biased. I don't appreciate the way you enforce a moral standard on TV, when morality is subjective, which makes certain fundamental aspects of living, like sex and swear words, perceived as inherently negative, and can have the unfortunate consequence of making people who enjoy such things (or anything else that is considered as a taboo subject) out to be irresponsible or even wholly negative. Of course, I tend to over think things, and I could very well be possibly making a connection that doesn't exist. However, I know for a fact that I am not overreacting or over thinking when I tell you that the issue of net neutrality is a serious one, and the decision that you make will be an important one. In the recent years we've had problems with the NSA, with corporations claiming to deserve the same rights as people, and a plethora of other issues that see, either from a corporate or government position, that the rights of the individual person are essentially being mocked and viewed as inconsequential. Something that can be thrown out because... well, I couldn't really tell you why, I was never asked. I don't know if it's because the corporations want to make more and more money while the government wants more and more control, if the two are treating humanity like garbage because they're too lazy or self-centered to inconvenience themselves by treating individuals as individuals with rights as individuals, or if it's just the nature of humanity to try and take as much power away from those beneath you as possible. Regardless of the reason, I'm sure you can see how frustrating all these issues are. It's gotten to the point where whenever enough people get to a certain level of frustration, they start to protest, which they are in the right to do, only for each one to be disrupted by the police. Some are brutalized, some are killed, but all of them have their rights infringed upon. I know that you weren't involved in those cases. You don't make the rules that see every electronic correspondence monitored, you don't make the rules that say every person faces the government equivalent of sexual harassment before allowed to be boarded for a flight, and you don't tell the police to harm innocent citizens doing what they have explicit permission to do, thanks to our founding fathers who had provisions written out so that we could specifically defend our rights to do the things we have permission to do. But you do have the authority to crush any proposed rules that you may have come up with, forget about the any plan to discriminate against certain citizens, and for once, do something that doesn't unfairly benefit the wealthy over everyone else. I know you're not a fan of strong language, but people want net neutrality, even if corporate interests don't, but are you really going to listen to the corporate interests? The ones who fight against any sort of progress that threatens cashflow? It would be in your best interests not to, because you are representatives of a system of government that is supposed to be by the people and for the people, not by profits and for profits. If you really claim to be in support of democracy, then it's about time you fucking act like it.
—Jake Shepard, Indianapolis, IN

If we fold under the pressure of large corporations then we are undermining the strength of our capitalist system. By allowing companies, not the people, to decide laws, and through that, demand, we give companies extreme amounts of power. With that power the companies can force unfavorable transactions with its customers, leading to a worse economy and setting the precedent for companies to gain power and money through power and money instead of providing consumers with the products they want to buy. Don't let Comcast, Verizon, or AT&T bully you into thinking the people want Net Neutrality abolished.
—Ethan Bratko, San Jose, CA

Innovation born of or with the aid of the net is imperative for the future of economics. Established businesses should not be given yet another tool to impair the progress of new companies. Throwing money at a problem never solves problems as fast as an open discussion.
—Max Vegborn, VEGBY,

Because cable is evil? No, just kidding, but seriously if companies are allowed to force websites to pay for accessibility it will really hurt any small, independent groups or individuals using the internet, and that really sucks. Please don't :)
—Daniel Comeau, Las vegas, MS

Net Neutrality is the only thing keeping our online freedom of speech free. If one company can pay to be heard while another is forced to concede to the "slow lane" service then their free speech is being limited unfairly.
—Chris Graham, Southampton, MA

Net neutrality is important to any small online business to keep the biggest ones from gaining monopoly. If you like to make certain purchases from small internet companies because you like their stuff specifically, it's possible that they may not be able to afford an internet "fast lane" for their site. This can make these small businesses lose customers, as impatient people get tired of waiting for the site to load and go to a site that has a "fast lane", usually settling for a product that isn't exactly what they want. Loss of net neutrality is also a problem for people who make no profit off of their website. Some of my favorite websites are the quirky, off-the-beaten-path sites that would suffer the most from these "fast lanes" because the webmasters probably can't afford one. This doesn't just affect companies, this affects every single person who uses the internet, for any reason.
—Janelle, Las Vegas, NV

It would hopefully stop ISPs like Verizon from throttling the speed I pay for (my bandwidth) down to whatever they feel like allowing, so as to allow those who can afford to pay more money to actually get the speed I pay for and which I should get but generally do not get.
—Michael Trahar, Framingham, MA

I am a disabled person who works from home. Ending net neutrality would severely negatively impact my ability to earn a living and support myself
—Brian Caldirola, Los Angeles, CA

Without net neutrality, the ability to have good internet speeds in my private home without having to pay ridiculous fees, I lose not only one of my only sources of de-stressing and being creative through writing and artwork, but also many connections to dear friends across the world. This concept of ending net neutrality is backwards, insulting to the public and greedy as corporations come.
—Kira Weatherby, Dartmouth,

I support the concept of "Net Neutrality" in its purest form. The internet simply will not work as it was intended, and as it has traditionally existed, if service providers are able to charge for priority access to customers that are already paying for bandwidth we are not receiving. As a Netflix user and an IT specialist, I have watched the ongoing battle between services and internet providers with great interest. Netflix has simply been blackmailed, and is only the first target of what will presumably be many if net neutrality is not handled correctly. Netflix has had a longstanding offer to provide systems at no charge, which dramatically reduce the amount of data required on an ISP's network, and instead of working with the company on this matter, ISP's have demanded cash payments for interconnection. Netflix is just the tip of the iceberg. What happens if net neutrality falls, and a merged Time Warner/Comcast demands a 1% fee from Amazon's sales to customers on its network? Imagine Verizon requiring streaming music companies to pay fees in order to be carried at all over the cellular network. We currently have a system where most consumers have little choice in internet service providers. As an example, I have two options - Frontier DSL that tops out at 6 megabits per second, of Charter cable that offers up to 60 (but often lately delivers less than 10). Thanks to local franchise agreements, I have no other alternatives. The consumer has no choice here, so if these cable and telephone companies are allowed to continue along a path of charging for both ends of a connection and prices rise, we're all screwed. There will be no recourse for the public. We cannot boycott these companies because we have no alternatives. Codify net neutrality. Consider "common carrier" status for ISP's, or you're going to kill the Internet.
—Joshua Johnston, Carson City, NV

Without net neutrality companies will be able to double dip in profits as most providers charge on a tired basis anyway. If I am paying for say 7 megs I should be able to receive any website capable of that speed. It sounds to me like these companies want to charge you coming and going.
—Tristan ayres, pataskala, OH

Without net neutrality, the future of the internet and all the great technological advances that depend on it will be ruined.
—Adam Tommasi, Marlborough, CT

As I am considering opening my own clinic, net neutrality is important to me from a small business perspective. The current proposed rules would devastate my ability to complete with larger companies in my field. I am frankly shocked to see these proposed rules come out of the FCC. Companies should not have an option to pay for fast lanes. They should not be able to purchase dedicated connections to ISPs or dedicated servers inside the ISP. With the increase in emergence of new technologies, increased regulation to protect consumers is needed more than ever. Providers will not police themselves, and failure to increase regulations and oversight will lead to congress replacing the FCC with something even less effective.
—Patrick Brennan, Wheaton, IL

Allowing cable companies to decide the accessibility of websites will ensure that anyone who refuses or is unable to pay the premium or holds an unfavorable opinion remains unheard. There are no arguments in favor that trump the obvious violation of our right to free speech.
—Marcie Vermillion, Laurel, MD

The internet is one of the last few places where people can express ideas and access information freely, regardless of location, class, or ideas. We must protect Net Neutrality!
—James Robert Wood, Denver, CO

The cable companies are just trying to run competitors like Netflix out of business. Theirs is a failed business model because they charge $100 a month so their customers can watch the 2 channels that carry the shows they want to watch. Now that a more reasonable alternative has come about (watch anything you want, any time, for 15% the cost) they're lobbying to pass legislation that is obviously going to kill their competition. Instead of helping out these guys, how about you let the market decide and let these outdated business models fail like they should. Why are you helping the cable companies anyway? They have all agreed to give universally bad service to their customers at a premium rate because there's simply no alternative available. I would switch from Charter and AT&T in a second if there was a competitor that offered better service at a better price. This behavior isn't classified as a monopoly so the antitrust laws from 1890 can't touch it, but this business practice stinks and I resent any laws passed that will help them out.
—Cody Munger, Reno, NV

Internet freedom and net neutrality is far more important to the future of society than lining the pockets of greedy corporations.
—Will Dabobalore, Blanchard, LA

reclassifying ISPs as common carriers is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality, thereby protecting and benefiting consumers and content creators.
—Monica Underwood, New Port Richey, FL

We have the opportunity to truly enhance our democracy with the greatest technology invention since the printing press. Don't sell our future to Wall Street (again).
—Joey McNamara, Zachary, LA

Give the people what they want and get a god-damned spine! Stand up to corporate greed and give these companies a middle-finger with some Title II regulation! The internet belongs to the people!
—Wesley Maxey, Hillsboro, OR

Net neutrality is vital to competition. Without net neutrality, internet start ups would not be able to effectively compete with established brands, which would effectively kill America as a center of innovation. Net neutrality allows me to chose the content I want, rather than have a corporation chose for me based on its financial interest. As Comcast's throttling of Netflix's bandwidth during negotiations shows, ISPs are not interested in creating a fast lane so much as bringing the internet to a crawl unless their ransom demands are met. I do not object to corporations making a profit, but ISPs such as Comcast, TimeWarner, and Verizon have decreased their investment in broadband capacity over the past several years. Average broadband speeds in the US lag behind those in other countries in large part because of this lack of investment and because these companies refuse to roll out faster services. I am a historian and my research requires a fast internet connection. Please don't allow terrible companies ruin the greatest store of knowledge in the history of humanity. Please maintain net neutrality.
—Craig Nelson, Columbus, OH

The internet is a public utility and should be treated as such. It would be an embarrassment to let a few horrible company further abuse our nation just for money. Net Neutrality is a MUST for the success of America as well as small and start-up businesses. ISPs should be reclassified as common carrier and should NOT receive and special privileges. Tom Wheeler should be ashamed for trying to push through such a horribly anti-American idea.
—Del Pullen, Dallas, TX

As a software developer for mobile applications, Net Neutrality is important for my business.
—Mr. Charles Hunter, Blue Springs, MO

Don't take away net neutrality, You're killing small business and might mess with my porn access!
—John Doe, Beverly hillz, CA

FCC, Opposing Net Neutrality obstructs the evolution of technology and prevents a citizen from using their right to free speech. By opposing it you are clearly bottlenecking the intellectual progress of mankind for your own small benefit. It's disgusting and obvious. Passing laws against Net Neutrality, in clear violation of every citizen's wants and needs, illustrates just how little respect you have for the American people.
—Lee Fowler, Tallahassee, FL

I am of the opinion that closed internet is going to be a form of stifling free speech in the interest of making extra money. Please don't allow this to happen.
—Mr. Austen Silver, Austin, TX

Net Neutrality is important because without it companies, and not individuals, will have the ability to chose what types and how much information is relayed to the public. The internet offers everyone with a computer and the ability to walk to the nearest free wifi hotspot to upload their thoughts and ideas to the world to be ingested and understood. While this has led to a lot of terrible ideas being broadcast it also allows for some people without a voice to have one that has changed lives. If companies chose what websites and who gets faster connection, and therefore more viewership, corporations will have the ability to slow to the point of stopping people from spreading their ideas if they are counter-company. The internet truly is the last bastion of free mass media. As a Journalist and an American we must keep the internet free and open for all. Please keep net neutrality.
—Christopher Stephens, Franklin, IN

I am for Net Neutrality. To do otherwise would endanger free speech and damage internet commerce.
—Barry Bowen, memphis, TN

Plain and simple, without net neutrality, we will not be able to prevent rampant abuse of pricing based bandwidth allocations. You cannot honestly believe that if you hand over that kind of power to a corporation, they would use it responsibly. If that were NOT the case, why are there regulations on basic utilities?
—Jason Doyle, Mount Vernon, OH

Dear FCC: Please regulate ISPs in a way that guarantees net neutrality. A free and open internet is an important tool for people starting small businesses, and small businesses are the greatest standard of living improving engine of the American economy. A free and open internet also promotes free speech, and the corollary to free speech, the right to listen to what is available. Democracy thrives when diversity of opinion is sufficient to allow fair competition in the marketplace of ideas, and ISPs charging more money for higher speed will ensure that the wealthy have their ideas heard while others are silenced. Please keep the internet neutral; it's what Ben Franklin would have wanted.
—Peter Tormala, Lawrence, KS

More aand more things are on the internet, job appliactions, legal documents, emergency information from the government, and other important things. We cannot allow private companies to limit our access to these things. This country isn't for the cable companies by the cable companies. It's for the people by the people. I find it hard to understand why on earth you would think about striking down net neutrality other than that you are on the take. so go and do your job and save net neutrality
—Alec M. Hachman, Billerica, MA

Without Net Neutrality internet companies will only exploit and slow down websites they don't agree with, our progress on the digital front will be crushed if the ISPs get their way.
—Eric Miller, Mason City, IA

Look, there's a reason the cable companies and Telecoms get rated literally the worst corporations in America every year. They already have us up a creek because of their regional exclusivity deals. They run a monopoly and our only recourse for consumer protection is the FCC. We need Net Neutrality because they will kill the only consistent force for good over the last two decades.
—David Trethewey, Hillsborough, NJ

Why is net neutrality important to me? Well, the majority of the sites I visit are probably going to be the ones that get slowed to a halt. Clearly, the only reason that it's actually being pushed FOR and not against, is so the cable companies scrape in even more money, devouring every cent and shitting out the remains on the rest of us. Let us keep our neutrality on the net, for all that is holy and rational.
—Jayson Frankrone, Salem, IL

Please help to keep creativity alive with an open internet.
—Tyler, waltham, MA

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.
—Mr. Christopher Rubinich, Maspeth, NY

The elimination of Net Neutrality is only designed to make the already rich richer while ensuring no future entrepreneurs will have the capital to fairly compete on the Internet market all at the expense of the "99%". Yes, Net Neutrality means more regulations. We need regulations because capitalism and a "free market" alone do not protect the interests of the many. Without these regulations industry tycoons will simply ride roughshod over anyone poorer then them without a care for the sake of short term gain.We need Net Neutrality.
—Ryan Lorek, Shaker Heights, OH

Dear FCC: I am a full-time volunteer, just graduated college in 2013, and my job is one I was placed at through a social justice program focusing on the education of at-risk youth. I now work at a small school where I am a technology coordinator and academic mentor. It is my privilege and joy to teach kids as young as four years old how to utilize amazing pieces of technology in the classroom. An important part of this process, naturally, includes the usage of the internet. These kids use the internet literally every day for constructive, creative projects. Knowing this, I am alarmed to know that large companies are lobbying the government to curtail the internet's neutrality. I do not believe it is fair, nor logical, to let a corporation dictate my interests and internet use. I do not think it is fair to dictate the interests and usage of my students either. How does the greed of a corporation take precedence over my students' right to go on the sites they need and enjoy every day? How can you decide that a student's rights is less than that of a faceless company that is literally driven by a desire to better themselves at the cost of everything and anyone around them? Please do the right thing, the HUMAN thing, and uphold net neutrality.
—Chelsea Stevenson, Santa Clarita, CA

Ever heard of shadow run? Their trying to pull of some mega corp evil shadow run tier stuff. Please Jesus Christ we need net neutrality.
—Lee Harvey, Ann Arbor, MI

From the heart of Silicon Valley where I live; working at tech companies and aspiring to be a more productive citizen, Net Neutrality is something that should not be touched. I am certain there are thousands of reasons; but foremost I want to point out that this will hurt business. There is no clear cut winner here besides the companies that host the service; everyone else loses here. As if the cable companies weren't making enough money as is; they want to have the right to charge more and give less. I have had my issues with cable companies as a single consumer; and it gets more difficult each year but it is a necessity of our modern world to have an internet connection. To dictate how fast our speeds are, and what prices a company is meant to pay is to give the power of the internet to cable companies. While they are providing us a service (which we pay for), they also do not own the internet. They own the cable lines, they own the ability to connect the world, they do not own the idea or future of the internet. Stop and think what this means for future generations; when the greatest most significant creation of mankind "The Internet" was subjected to rules, regulations, censorship, and stolen from them before they had a chance to know its potential. The older generation may not understand in full what this means; but as a citizen I can learn any piece of information I want from the internet, apply for any job, take part in community projects, and generally use this tool to an advantage to progress humanity. Striking regulations on Net Neutrality is the opposite of a progressive humanity, it is slowing us down and giving cable companies the ability to dictate what we use and to extort businesses. This is so mind-numbing for me to understand how this wasn't shot down the moment it was brought up; that Net Neutrality is a must have, and imposing regulations on prices, speeds, and accessibility has no positive gains. Please think about what you are doing to the future generations, the current, and how your choices will affect humanity as a whole. This is larger than money, this is the greatest achievement and creation of mankind do not diminish it for greed. One Last Note: There are larger repercussions if Net Neutrality is changed; even if you refuse to consider the positives, think of the vast amount of negatives. In society, to the layman, and even to you. There is a huge downfall waiting should Net Neutrality be changed in favor of Corporations rather than the people.
—Danny Kovacs, Sunnyvale, CA

As a teacher, it is essential for my classes to be able to access the internet at fast speeds--and as a struggling district, purchasing 'fast lane' internet services for a district would require massive budge cuts, including many teachers.
—Travis McMahan, Okemah, OK

Hi FCC, Please keep the Internet how it is. I need net neutrality to surf my not-so-popular websites in a timely fashion. Also, if you give in to big business then I'll hulk out. I swear to god. Thanks for your time, Lou Ferrigno.
—Hulksmash, Reno, NV

Net Neutrality should be preserved and reinforced. The internet is as foundational to our modern society as highways and the town-square of old. To allow companies to prefer access based on rates is akin to only allowing paying corporations ability to hold a town meeting.
—Adam Bower, beaverton, OR

The end of net neutrality will create a larger divide between upper and lower classes, and shrink the middle class. Without unfettered access to the Internet, we put a price on information. The Internet is the greatest technological advance of our era. It has survived and thrived for nearly half a century while remaining neutral. The Internet providers are in no need for extra help financially. Please do not allow them to deprive our citizens the right to information.
—Patrick Timon, Clinton, PA

the ardent support of net neutrality is important because it maintains the reason the internet was created and allowed public access, the unrestrained access to information. if net neutrality is shot down or restricted the damage done to peoples freedoms to access global information would be insurmountable in the devastating repercussions to humanity and our social evolution as a species. as it stands now 'bought information', as in information that was specifically purchased to expound false ideations is already too widespread, with the loss of regulations allowing equal internet performance capabilities a vast chasm will form between those with something to say and those who paid to say it. regulations are the last thing stopping us from recklessly doing whatever we want, typically the pursuit of ever increasing profits, regardless of global impact. never has the loss of regulations served a benefit to the industries they support, other recent instances where de-regulation (housing, banking, etc) has occurred has been met with huge profits but inevitable and equal heartache for those who rely on those industries for their continued standard of living. similar to the housing boom and bust of recent years past, the loss of net neutrality would see huge swaths of internet countryside pushed off their properties to be liquidated to line the pockets of a few people who don't even care about the continued prosperity of the industry they supposedly preside over. for a moment lets assume net neutrality is removed and the new standard 'infinite paying' business model is adopted, what then? first off, there is only a finite amount of money in the system and we can't keep paying everything we have for everything we need, that's a recipe for a broken system, and we are that system. similarly, there is a finite amount of performance capability of the internet and if those who would pay for better performance are allowed to do so, that increase in performance must come at the expense of someone else's ability to do the same. those who don't or are otherwise unable to pay to stay competitive will lose their ability to stay operational. their voices will fade and the voices of those who only seek to empty our wallets will continue to grow to a deafening singularity. they will be in a position, beyond rebuke, where they can monopolize content, set prices and ultimately destroy the competitive free market and consume all like the black hole they are. what's next, restricting farmers access to the sun and only those who pay more will get more sunlight to grow their crops, regardless of the fact we all need to eat. don't allow net neutrality to be abolished.
—Stephen Parker, london,

The simple fact that you are considering killing net neutrality is abhorring. This has the ability to completely stifle small businesses and innovation that can't afford to pay to compete for bandwidth versus the megoliths like Google, Netflix, etc (all of whom are for net neutrality btw). We will be subjected to an Internet only our ISPs want us to see. Comcast, who owns NBC and Universal, may choose to allow their companies websites' to be fast while slowing competitors sites to a crawl, like Paramount, Disney, Fox, ABC, CBS, etc. This is going to cause corporate trusts of epic proportions.
—Daniel McNeese, Columbus, OH

The FCC needs to reclassify internet providers as public utilities with all the restrictions and regulations that guarantees as cable companies can't be trusted to wipe their asses let alone watch out for the well being of citizens if there is an extra dollar in it for them. Oh let's be honest: 1/100 of a cent in it for them. We've seen this same bs from them for decades now using legislation and public funds to build infrastructure they never deliver on but heck, if they aren't going to keep the money! They even classify themselves as title II at state level if it benefits them. Pull the plug on this massive douchebaggery and give them all the Title II they can handle.
—Michael Wells, Austin, TX

Net Neutrality is the backbone of the successful integration of the internet into our daily lives. Eat a million dicks, Verizon.
—Parker T. Morganson, Mesa, AZ

Even the UN has listed internet access as a basic human right....so why would we allow companies to regulate basic rights in such a way? This is allowing blatant bribery to be the norm instead of a hidden agenda.
—Julie Harvell, Bedford, TX

It protects freedom of speech.
—Braden Tisdale, Auburn, AL

A free and open Internet brings joy and happiness to all of the US Citizens with widespread communications brings people together coast to coast. Public utility is something everyone uses and our people cannot be forced to pay for their service to be limited. Imagine a certain article which paints a service organization in a bad light wgich brings truth and can affect their stock prices and market value suddenly crashed. It would be made in accessable which is hardly reasonable. This is the worlds newspaper. It is our public library and our sunday comic strip. I implore law to maintain internet neutrality. Afterall life can be boring without a little chaos.
—Alexander Kain Cantrell, Katy, TX

My internet provider shouldn't be able to tell me where I can go, who I can talk to, and at what speed I can do it on the internet. That is a violation of my right to free speech. They can argue that I have the right to pick a different provider if I don't like their policies, but in reality this is a convenient fiction. Most areas only have 1 or 2 options for high speed internet access.
—Gregory Funke, Monroe, OH

To prevent the further monopolization of major internet titans. To allow smaller websites to rise up without increased financial challenge. This prevents biased media and allows for an objective and few market. Capitalism is good. Unbridled capitalism is a dictatorship.
—Mike Cleary, Chicago, IL

Net neutrality is the only way to ensure the free speech and free commerce of american citizens in the digital age. If large cable conglomerates are allowed to slow down broadband connections except for those who pay an extra fee, they gain de facto ability to regulate and control the internet, making sites whose speech, both political and commercial, and commerce they agree with accessible, and virtually eliminating those sites they disagree with by making access to those sites nearly impossible. Imagine if they were against political candidates you advocated, endorsed, or supported. Imagine if your business was attempting to engage in commerce online, and using social media and their site for marketing. Now imagine the cable conglomerates didn't want your company to succeed, either due to competition or other reasons. The entire wealth of human knowledge resides on the web. A large part of our commerce occurs on the web, and it increases each year. Banking occurs online. Business marketing and customer outreach. Religious outreach. Political and social activism. The list goes on and on. Do we really want ANY corporation to dictate which of these things are accessible to us? It's ridiculous to even ponder putting corporate greed over the rights of the people. The FCC needs to protect net neutrality and not allow corporations this kind of control over the citizens, business, politics, and the enlightenment and education of the human race.
—Sean Heimbuch, Menominee, MI

Cable companies are already giant, rich monopolistic companies and the end of net neutrality is strictly for profit and gain for those companies and screwing over consumers and businesses in the process.
—Wendi Mote, Leander, TX

The internet has allowed small businesses to flourish because of net neutrality and equal access to all websites. Please don't allow internet service providers to dictate the speed of individual websites based on how much a given website is willing to pay.
—Josh Mullins, Charleston, WV

Dear FCC, I am a frequent user of the internet. Not anyone particular site or genre of sites, nor am I particularly wealthy. Only through the neutrality of the internet am I able to not just entertain myself - as that is not the reason for internet - but to learn for the sake of my classes that I might actually have a reasonable chance to pass, seeing as I lack other resources or abilities that allow me to connect with teachers and information databases at even a fraction of the capacity currently available to me. Considering I'm too young to easily reach areas where I could avail myself to these resources, lack the wealth to request such resources more easily, and live in an area where I would otherwise be cut off from the only feasible way to communicate with family, friends, and teachers, I'm afraid I have no other course of action but to make my voice heard in protest of your desire to end net neutrality.
—Mr. Kristoffer Trest, Oxford, MS

Because the Internet must remain free.
—Dylan M. Robinson, Grandview Heights, OH

As an independent game developer, it is important to me that my content is seen by as many people as possible, and I don't have the funds to pay increased fees for streaming and hosting content. As a browser, I want to support content providers that I like, not content providers that pay me to like them. ISPs get my money either way.
—Alec Sullivan, Brooklyn, NY

I think you should stop listening to some of the richest men in america and try to listen to more average population. Net neutrality needs to stay in place and if anything be strengthened.
—Michael C Clary, Tyler, TX

I own a small business and I can not afford some type of surcharge and that could potentially mean I lose business if I don't get it, thereby forcing me to get it, and lowering my bottom line, like a tax on my company.
—Thomas Koulakjian III, Germantown, MD

Standing in the eyes of history as we are, I have to wonder how people who advocate for the end of net neutrality justify themselves. Is it really just about the money? I mean, do they sit around thinking to themselves, "Well, the free exchange of ideas and explosive encouragement of originality and and creativity are all well and good, but damn it, I REALLY like money?" There's a higher cause at stake here than a bottom line. This isn't about corporations, or profit margins, or Mr. Wheeler's annual bonus. This is about our future, as a people. This is about what ideals we choose to stand for, and which ones we decide are expendable. This is about creating an environment where everyone has an equal opportunity, an equal voice, and a chance to let their ideas succeed or fail by their own merit - and NOT just the depths of their owners' pockets. You have asked the internet to speak. I believe you have your answer.
—Stephen Ryther, Richmond, VA

I live in the capitol city of the United States of America. In the building that I live in - which happens to be in one of the nicer quiet neighborhoods in the city I have two options for Internet service. Neither of which gets internet speeds above 3 mbps. It's evident to me that internet companies have an unhealthy monopoly and the FCC should really be spending their time trying to break down these giant corporations so that we can resume some semblance of competition which would promote better internet resources for everyone - which benefits the economy by allowing young people to better access the vast information available on the world wide web.
—Lindsey, Washington, DC

We need to keep speech and information free and equal. By allowing companies to control speeds we would enable the restriction of personal freedom for the American public and take away our right to both the pursuit of happiness and more importantly information. No company should have the right to choose who can and who can't access information in the 21st century. We are not China and we should not be taking steps to follow in their path.
—Chris Fedor, Round Rock, TX

The internet is the greatest advancement in human communication in the history of our species; handing control over what gets heard and what doesn't to cable corporations is handing them control of our future. Censorship and control of the people's right to free speech on this massive international platform is wrong, regardless of who is behind it. In today's world, free speech is freest on the internet; keep it that way in tomorrow's world. I do not support the rules that the FCC has proposed; a two-tier system for the internet is inherently unfair, and the cable companies supporting this system have already shown that they have every intention of exploiting their advantage to gouge profit from tech companies, at the expense of squashing the speech of anyone without deep pockets. It is wrong.
—Charles Rath, Ramona, CA

Net Neutrality is vital. Most small startups wouldn't be able to get their foot in the door if the internet became biased towards people with money being allowed to buy superior speed/bandwidth to others. Think about how Google, Facebook and Ebay would have fared had they had to pay for priority to stand equal when they began! There's no way they would have become the key places on the internet that they are now if they'd had to pay for faster/better internet from the start. Think of how many jobs have been created because these people were able to stand equally and grow! The telecoms companies providing internet are only interested in profit for their shareholders/CEO's. They seem to little care about fairness or equality as evidenced by their strong opposition to neutrality. They also seem to be misleading a lot of people with false figures and made up/skewed statistics, evidence of which can be found on a large number of websites out there. If the Internet is to survive as a resource everyone in the world can use, it needs to be equal. It's possibly the only resource in the world that allows people to find information, improve their knowledge and create with equal opportunity. The Internet, possibly Americas most valuable contribution to the world, should be equal for everyone.
—Jazz Hyde, Bridport,

For many people, the Internet is the only way they can stay in contact with family and lived ones.
—Jonah Miller, St. John's,

Basically anything that is a net positive for ISP's is a huge blow to everyone in america. They are already in a state of basically absolute power in MANY places around the world. I live in seattle, a hugely technological area, I had non functional internet for 11 months, and there was nothing I could do about it because no other providers would bring internet to my house. This is not out in the boondocks, this in the middle of a big city, and the story is the same all over. Of course that's just how terrible they are in general. for Net Neutrality specifically it's incredibly important that all data is treated equally, whether it's an incredibly popular site that everyones on, a new start up site, a site decrying the evils of ISP's, or a site that's shouting their glory.
—Alex Green, seattle, WA

Why should cable companies be allowed to violate our 1st amendment rights? It is disgusting that you think this is okay. The chairman of the FCC should resign for even considering this legislation.
—Stephen Papia, Buffalo, NY

The internet is possibly the best means of providing a voice to the voiceless in the history of mankind. It is the only venue where the minority opinion can not only exist, but it can flourish. And the fastest way to change all that is to eliminate net neutrality rules, and allow corporations to dictate choose winners and losers online. Please reconsider your internet rules, and continue to allow success online be based on merit rather than wealth. Thanks you.
—Henry Wyatt, Juneau, AK

Net neutrality allows for small business to work alongside bigger businesses, making money and giving consumers multiple options to choose from. Without net neutrality, these bigger online presences will over shadow and over power the smaller startups, effectively killing smaller businesses and their websites. In short, net neutrality protects the free market from a few wealthy corporations that don't want an even playing field.
—William A Pommerening, Arlington, VA

Protect net neutrality. Cable companies need to be restricted. You are a Dingo.
—Steve Cross, Charlotte, NC

Because a lack of net nutrality undermines the right to free speech.
—Jolene Lujan, Socorro, NM

Do not support anti-net neutrality laws. In fact remove them completely. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Tom, Kansas City, MO

The internet is rapidly becoming an integral part of the democratic process, and should be open to all individuals to ensure our right to free speech.
—Noah Weiner, Olympia, WA

It is against the purpose of the internet for any one person or corporation to have a faster speed. The internet was intended to be a place where everyone is treated freely and equally, but if you allow internet providers like AT&T, Comcast, and Verizon the chance to dictate who gets the "fast lane" and who gets the slow lane, almost everyone who is not famous or rich will be forced onto slow internet..and for what reason, exactly? The internet is a medium for EVERYONE, regardless of who they are, to be able to express themselves and get equal treatment. It would be a very dark day indeed for the internet to ever be stripped away of its integrity and equality.
—Melanie Dodds, Bridgewater, NJ

Net Neutrality protects small business and private journalism web interests. I thought you guys liked small business.
—Austin Andrews, Orono, ME

Dear FCC, The end of net neutrality means the end of the golden age of information. The internet was created as a resource for information and communications and allowing these corporations to try and monopolize "fast lanes" means they control (and will probably defile) this extremely important asset to mankind. This idea spits in the eye of those who developed and worked tirelessly to improve the technology we utilize everyday. Please put a stop to the idea of forfeiting net neutrality just so these guys can make an even more obscene amount of money. This is a critical moment in human history and I think we'd all like to come out on the other side feeling good about the result. Thanks for your time, Al
—Alessandro Castelli, Merced, CA

Because im pretty good at fucking myself currently , don't need any help thanks.
—Matthew M Radatz, brighton, CO

Net Neutrality is important because without it, there would be discrimination. For example, huge corporations would have the money to pay internet service providers for a fast lane to the internet and smaller companies or start-ups would not have the money to pay to any internet service provider for a fast lane to the internet. Therefore, the only way to resolve this issue is for the FCC to reclassify Internet Service Providers (ISPs) as Title II common carriers. We should not be having this discussion at all. We all receive our information from the internet and there should be no discrimination.
—Carolyn Camputaro, Tucson, AZ

From me to you on behalf of all Americans: the FCC must throw out these new rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Net Neutrality is not absolute - Google, Netflix, and others already keep servers inside cable companies, but this is unavoidable, fair, and a benefit to consumers. Without this, we could not stream 1980x1080 HD movies to our TVs. There are simply so many people piling on these sites that they need extra infrastructure to provide their product. But aside from ideally placed hardware, the setup provides equality and neutrality. We don’t want AT&T and others to impose a tax and to treat those who pay a tax better than others. Protect Net Neutrality.
—Cody Race, Boise, ID

The internet should not be restricted in anyway, especially not by these ISP who only do it so they can have a bigger paycheck.
—Miguel Rodriguez, Maypearl, TX

Net Neutrality is the most basic tenant of the Internet. It is that which gives the Internet its power. Removing it, changing it, weakens the internet and thus it weakens humanity n
—Nathaniel R Bruce, Ridgecrest, CA

Dear Sir or Madam, We claim to be the land of the free and yet that freedom is currently at stake - on a battleground that didn't exist when our forefathers founded our country. The internet is a place that doesn't judge, prefer, censor... it's a place of freedom with all the good and bad things that come with it. It's up to you to preserve this freedom and let us keep net neutrality. The freedom of information is one of the most important resources of our time. Don't let it be taken away by companies, people, or the government itself. Sincerely, Alex M. Lehmann
—Alex M. Lehmann, Valencia, CA

Net neutrality is important to me because it is about as American an idea can be. Complete and equal freedom of expression and distribution of that information is so beautiful it brings a tear to my eye. It irritates me to no end to hear cable companies argue for a "fast-lane" when Americans already pay a premium for their sub-par internet service when compared to other developed countries. Striking down net-neutrality only allows cable companies to hamstring whomever they feel, whenever they feel like it. The internet is an ever-growing educational resource and needs to be equally available to everyone so that society can continue to grow.
—Nick Regenold, Memphis, TN

Net neutrality is essential to protecting free speech in America. Corporations (like cable companies, and ISP's should not be allowed to give preferential treatment to content with deeper pockets. Please do the right thing and protect the people on this most important topic.
—Nicholas Iovino, Chicago, IL

Net neutrality is important because net media are the primary form of media used in the country. Having the content of such media controlled by corporate interests serves no one but the interested corporations.
—Emily Herbst, Austin, TX

So the cable companies want to be able to control the speed of the internet. Who exactly thinks this is a good idea? Sure lets just hand over complete control of the their primary income source to the company with absolutely no regulation, I'm sure they wouldn't jack up the prices to stimulate their profit margins, that's crazy talk. Just like those wonderful banks who collapsed the economy in the pursuit of profit. Or BP who created an environmental disaster with sub par cheap construction. I have been hearing a certain phrase a lot lately, "Corporations are people", and you would certainly believe it with things like freedom of speech in the form of unlimited spending in politics. Well I wish they were people, real actual flesh and blood people, because if they were they could be punished for their crimes. It might seem like I have gotten off topic, but that is not the case. Corporations screw up, a lot, and why should they not? After all a corporation is nothing but a collective of people, and people are imperfect flawed creatures. Even with the best of intentions people still screw up. That is why regulation exists in the first place. Individuals are subjected to the law, we can't just do whatever we want, so why should corporations think they are able to police themselves? Every time something like this has been allowed to happen it has inevitability led to disaster. Besides corporate regulation allows for the best thing in business, competition. Look at netflix it has become one of the top (if not the primary) places to watch your favorite tv shows. Instead of having cable and watching these shows on the television and sitting through commercials. We can instead pay a monthly subscription fee and watch these shows at our own pace without commercials. Competition makes business better because it forces the companies to make better products, to give better service, in short it means that we (the people who buy these products) are given a fair trade for our hard earned money. The internet is the primary source for this business competition. It allows little businesses to compete with the larger ones. These companies have a fair chance of success because of the internet. The internet with all of its flaws allows for this because of its impartiality. And now the companies that make this possible want to control the speed of it. If you hand it over them, you can kiss a fair and balanced business world goodbye. The corporate giants that exist today will be able to afford the new cost for better access, but what about the little guy? They wont to be able to afford it. Its like running a race except that a majority of the runners have had their feet taped together. Its was one of the founding principles in this country, fairness. Everyone has fair chance, not a guarantee, but at least they have a chance. If you let the cable companies have control we will never get a new youtube, google, netflix, amazon, etc. Even more important than that fairness that america was founded will just become another lie. Maybe this isn't important to the people in Washington, maybe they think small businesses can take care of themselves. Fine than I still have one more group to advocate for, Us the american citizens. For us the internet is more than some entertainment tool, its an aspect of our everyday lives. For some its crucial to their jobs. For others its a form a creativity, expressing themselves to the world that they may have no other outlet for. For others its a way to connect to family over things like facebook and skype. For some its a chance at love with people connecting with others that they would have never had a chance to meet thanks to the internet. For others a way to learn, with millions of students who take online courses. All these groups and more depend on the internet. I want to repeat that again, its not that they like or want the internet, they need it they DEPEND on it. For all those groups I named up there and the others I have not, I am asking, no I am begging please do whatever it takes to ensure that net neutrality thrives.
—Justin Holliman, lehigh acres, FL

I'm sitting here, with excellent broadband connection, which I use to communicate with my friends, study, look for information, and, quite frankly, masturbate to pornography. What the ISP's of America are trying to do to their own country is nothing short of disgusting - as my pornography; but while I jerk it for myself and clean my own goddamn boxers, they spread that splooge all over their own consumers. Where's their compassion? Humanity? How the FUCK would great internet connection at reasonable prices be anything but great for them? Not increasing annual profits at quite the same pace is, if anything an insurance for stability, and to be quite honest, had I enough financial backing to start such a company myself, I'd go for as great connection as managable, at excellent prices; those fuckers wouldn't stand a chance. Greeting from Sweden, a country where even our most dickish ISP's charged a maximum of around $60 for 100mb/s five years ago, and provide even faster connection now.
—Sam, Stockholm,

I legitimately cannot think of a better way for the already fantastically wealthy CEOs of some of the biggest companies in the world to infringe on the rights of everyday, honest Americans. Ending net neutrality utterly tramples on the rights of the people in order to make extra money for a very small people who have time and time again chosen to react to bigger profits by lining their pockets and exploiting the middle class. If the UN can declare internet access a human rights issue, I don't understand how there can even be an argument that access should be limited to those who are able to pay extra for it. The voice of the common people should not be limited simply because they lack the millions to bribe these companies to gain extra access to a basic service.
—Jon McCurdy, Milton, MA

Net Neutrality is vital the US. An Internet connection is no longer a luxury; easy access to data of all kinds is important. No private company should be allowed to decide what data I can access and the speed I can access it at.
—Michael Spencer, Lebanon, PA

Because it should be like a public utility, as there are so many people who rely on it for their work. Someone needs to keep the megacorporations in check.
—Stephanie Brock, Sanford, ME

Information is key to our vibrant democracy. Slowing down the speeds of any websites slows down the cogs of democracy.
—Sarah Iverson, Austin, TX

The internet is the modern, superman version of libraries, allowing poorer people access to now unlimited information. If you want to remain viable earning companies and corps I think allowing people to subscribe to cable channels like magazines. No one from my generation pays for cable because we want the few things that interest us enough to waste time watching them, not 600 channels of high def option paralysis
—Er, Slayton, MN

Net Neutrality is important to me because the internet is a place where everyone is equal, and that's fantastic. It doesn't matter if you're poor, or rich, or famous, or just some schmuck-- your voice has a chance to be heard. If we allow cable companies to charge websites more for fast internet, the poor and non-famous people (people like me) will have slower websites, and that equality will be gone. It's not fair. It's not fair that in America, if you're born rich you will keep getting richer, and that if you weren't, life will keep getting harder. At least right now, the internet is free from that poison. The loss of net neutrality threatens to take that away, and yet another thing will be ruined by the ever-growing monster that is corporate greed.
—Stacey Sasscer, Charlotte, NC

Cable companies can't be trusted. If they're willing to lie, cheat and steal their way to more money by investing in fake "Consumer groups" and speak for the people, they could actually use that money to invest in their infrastructure or paying every employee a living wage.
—Mr. PJ Anderson, Clinton, CT

Net neutrality Is essential to this new digital world, you cannot let the cable companies undue what is a perfect system. let's not forget what the Internet was in the first place it was designed to let users interact and share information in an environment that is free and open to do so. By eliminating net neutrality you are curbing free speech as well as giving those companies who already hold monopolies to grow even more powerful. It is a dangerous slope that you do not want to slide on...
—Steve, Leamington,

Believe it or not, the internet is used as a utility by the majority of Americans already. The widespread use of information for all people has had a beneficial effect on society at large. Despite the public perception of just wasting time looking at cat videos, the available access to any form of education, entertainment, and expressions of free speech has garnered positive results when it comes to foreign relations, creative production of ideas, improved education of even the more poverty stricken neighborhoods through public libraries, and a more informed populace. The younger generations, ones with more experience and readiness to the internet, have shown to be more tolerant and accepting of dissenting ideas. Demographic polls often show that more younger people are also more benevolent through the use of social media when it comes to charity or support. The internet has also indirectly provided many people the skills they could use in the real world through the use of gaming and/or blogging (i.e. managing a World of Warcraft Guild translates well to managing a business). People are more informed about the world at large now through feeds and sharing through social media. There are multiple websites that are dedicated to filtering through shared information to provide accuracy to the public. All of this is just a small portion of all the good the internet has done. The ISPs want all of that put at risk just so they could earn a short-term profit. The only thing they're offering in return are faster load times for those select websites that are able to pay for it. All this means is that there is already an artificial restriction occurring with all services if they can make the claim that any site could be faster now. What I and many other people have predicted will happen if Net Neutrality is shot down is that new and less financially stable websites will die down. Any variety for the ISPs already existing customer base will be limited, and the internet as a whole will eventually become an oligarchy, at best. And this is removing the possibility of the ISPs themselves owning their own series of websites with rival sites of their own. Comcast owns NBC. Would it really surprise anyone if suddenly the site for ABC slowed to a crawl? Also, keep in mind that it's only the ISPs that are desiring the removal of Net Neutrality. Nobody without serious ties to Comcast, Cox, Verizon, or AT&T is actually pushing for this. And these companies have the money to push other dissenting opinions away, just like what Net Neutrality is supposed to prevent. Just because you have more money doesn't mean you can just buy votes or silence your opposition. This has turned into a very lengthy letter, but I just hope that someone has read some of it and brings it up to anyone with influence. I understand that a company's intent is to make a profit through providing a service, but to diminish that service by abusing your customer's reliance on it and shaking down websites just so they don't get artificially slowed down is just low.
—Kyle Clark, Tucson, AZ

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Adam Ross, Las Vegas, NV

Because it let's everyone be heard with just a few minutes of effort.
—Steven Brunner, Huntingtown, MD

Net neutrality is important to me because freedom of speech is important to me. How else can one speak truth to power if a few powerful people decide what anyone can or cannot see on the internet?
—Seanna Hunt, Silver Spring, MD

If the net retains neutrality, the potential for communication and community is endless. By taking that away - you take away the chance for the world benefitting from globalization and increase the division between classes. That division is already wide enough.
—Maya White, Lake Oswego, OR

Net neutrality is important to me because I don't feel I should have to pay to have faster pages. All it will help is the cable companies, and in turn have all of us who disagree with net neutrality stop using the internet.
—Ashleigh, ford, VA

Dear FCC, I practically grew up on the internet. From the day my parents brought home our first computer, I was hooked. So much knowledge, and so many games to play when I was bored. I wasn't allowed to buy anything online, but I didn't mind that, the free stuff had to have advertisers and views, so it was usually quite nice. In time, I began to rely on my internet as a major source of all my information. Basic economics, sociology and psychology, technology and news... it was wonderful. I learned how to distinguish between the fake and biased, and realized that this internet was a beautiful thing. Stupid at times, but hey, it's people. For this reason, among others, I have come to cherish my internet. Here I can speak to people I would otherwise never know, access information on almost anything I can think of, and find things for sale that I would never have dreamed existed (gravity-powered lights, ferrofluids, etc.). I don't want to lose that. Please let us have equal access to equal sites. If growing up I had only been able to access sites that paid for decent access, I would never have known about all of this. My world while I was sick or otherwise stuck at home with nobody else my age to talk to, my teacher when I had no school (or the teachers were bad), my friend when the other children mocked me. Please help protect this creation. For the sake of it's inhabitants, all those who make livings off of it, the children who can use parts of it to learn or play when they can't otherwise...for us.
—Brittany VanTassel, Digby,

As someone intending to get a start in the game industry, I need to have my own blog, or outright website, on the internet, to house my portfolio and basically act as my resume, cover letter, and references all in one package for potential hires. And by striking down Net Neutrality, you would cause my site to plummet in speed, discouraging any company from wanting to take the time to do the half hour loading unheard of since the 1990's. By striking down Net Neutrality, you would be costing myself, so many others like me, our jobs.
—Spencer Williams, Victoria,

The internet should be free for all to use. We already have the 1% issue going on how do you think people will react if you kill net neutrality? The internet is the one last place where everyone is equal. If you kill net neutrality then you are letting big business win. We might as well be a Communist country if that happens but with Verizon and At&t instead of a dictator. I do not want to pay more for worst service than what I do now. If you give into their demands now there will be no stopping them. They will ask for more money and more restrictions from people like me till they are the ones controlling the internet and how we use it. We will end up with the kind of fake restricted internet China has come to use with their people. Let America and its internet stay free! Free internet for all!
—April, Arlington, VA

Keep Net Neutrality. Fair and free internet for all. Throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Alan J. Cooper, Sherman Oaks, CA

Because it is the only thing giving us some measure of freedom and equity. The internet is the only place we can all enjoy content and service relatively freely. We don't need more restrictions disguised as "features" by a bunch of greedy individuals whose sole job is to rip people off their money. The only thing they should be regulating and keeping a close eye on is cable companies themselves. which as we know, are already encroached in the highest echelons of US government.
—Xavier Barrios, Mexico,

Free and open access to ideas is what makes the Internet a revolution. It makes someone's website about cat pictures and one made by Nike the same, it's the truest form of a level playing field. Allowing companies to throttle bandwith to people that don't pay them a ransom destroys that. Especially when there's already a lack of competition leading to the U.S. having some of the worst network infrastructure and speeds in the developed world.
—Ian Williams, Brownsville, PA

Net neutrality is important to me as the Internet isn't just a way for people with servers to make money it is a catalyst for free speach communication fun and general good will, and frankly I feel that a internet where some people are given priority goes against the fundamentals of the internet. I would also like to put a quote by Tim Berners lee a major figure in the creation of the internet "this is for everyone" -Sincerely an average internet user
—Average internet user, London,

Because without net neutrality I won't have the unfettered access to the internet that is needed for my schooling or my pornography habit. It will raise the prices of everything from schools charging more tuition to cover their costs for a "fast lane" to our favorite shopping going up in price for the same. This goes against the very foundation of what makes the internet awesome, Those companies are some of the worst rated in terms of satisfaction, why would we even entertain their ideas. We need common carriers. For once in our history I would like the federal government to make the right decision.
—David Murray, Nampa, ID

Abolishing net neutrality will do nothing to help the American public. They only people who will benefit are the cable companies. Allowing the cable companies to charge more for a 'fast lane' in internet traffic would be like allowing electric companies to charge extra so your can power your entire home instead of just the first floor.
—Carl A. Schulz IV, Somerville, NJ

Net neutrality is the only way new internet businesses are going to be able to get started. Cable companies shouldn't be allowed to ruin ita for the same reason that phone companies can't extort extra money out of businesses by threatening to make their customers wait an extra 10 minutes to connect unless the businesses pay up.
—Adam Littman, Lake Balboa, CA

If America is truly about Freedom--of religion, of personal choice, of voice, of speech, of interest--then Net Neutrality is what is needed to keep the internet as a representation of everything citizens love and fight to maintain in the United States. Don't fall once more to lies from corporations. Don't pretend you (FCC) are not smart enough to see the false realities they (ATT, Verizon, Time Warner) are presenting. Don't take their bribes, be they monetary or complimentary America is built on the citizens, not the corporations--leave the internet to the citizens, to the free thinkers and to the innovators. For just once in this countries last fifty years act on motivations that are good for the country and its citizens not good for your wallets. I assure you they are not the same thing.
—Joseph Ackerman, SAINT LOUIS, MO

I'm on a fixed income and cannot afford a higher price just to have access to slightly faster internet. Please explain how a two tier system benefits me if I am stuck on the lower tier. Seems to me it would be similar to sitting in the cheap seats drinking stale ware beer at a Giants game and being able to look up at the VIP's in their boxes drinking scotch. A two tier system doesn't benefit me it only benefits cable companies bent and squeezing out what little money the public has left in their pockets. If you can change my mind using logic instead of lies, smoke or mirrors I will buy you dinner.
—Adam Taylor, London,

Continuing to allow internet providers the capability to selectively choose to charge companies a fee for connectivity that the consumer has already paid for will only cause our internet infrastructure to fall further and further behind other developed countries. We have already seen a very distinct attempt at utilizing their local monopolies to edge out a direct competitor - Netflix. Netflix directly conflicts with the interest of both Comcast and Verizon. Comcast significantly reduced Netflix's bandwidth, and paying customers were subjected to significantly diminished speeds for Netflix only - even though they had PAID for faster speeds. Comcast had the bandwidth to support it, as evidenced by the immediate response in streaming quality when Netflix did finally pay Comcast. This is absolutely, 100% the definition of a monopoly. This should be illegal. I propose that the FCC classify internet service under Title II, effectively ending net neutrality. They need to also look at Title II and ensure that it does not allow for violations of net neutrality at ANY stage of the transfer of data between the internet provider's paying customer and the website the customer is trying to reach.
—Aaron Chmelik, Cottage Grove, MN

Please work to protect Net Neutrality. I believe that ISPs should be reclassified as common carriers. The unrestrained freedom of the internet is too important to our society and culture for us to sacrifice it to a few corporations. Please keep the Internet neutral.
—Andrew Wickwire, Junction City, OR

I maintain a few small businesses which heavily rely on their websites. Being small, this attack on Net Neutrality could spell the end of our ability to function.
—Marten vanZwietering, Grand Island, NY

Any attempt to destroy Net Neutrality is simply a maneuver to pad the pockets of an already monopolistic industry, all at the expense of the consumer. DO NOT set this precedent!
—Brit, Joliet, IL

Because changes made in the USA can also affect other countries and it's legislation.
—Rodrigo Salazar, Merida,

There is no reason to rig the system in this circumstance.
—Robert Owen, Slidell, LA

Net neutrality means my consulting business has as much chance of being found as the big company down the street. Net neutrality supports small business!
—Chris Zeigler, Takoma Park, MD

I don't want some faceless corporation deciding which sites will load at nearly decent speeds and which ones won't based solely on their rampant greed and corporate politics.
—Daniel Rodriguez, North Chesterfield, VA

Please don't let mega corps like Comcast decide what I can or can't have access to. The internet has changed humanity for ever and it should continue to do so, unless net neutrality is killed.
—Jon Paul Sapsford, Geneva, IL

Net neutrality is a crucial component to the new internet society. Giving private companies influence over deciding what people can or cannot easily use is a clear injustice. Everyone should have the right to use the internet to browse as well as create content without having large conglomerates deciding what the public should have easy access to. Please, please treat net neutrality as the incredibly important idea that it is.
—Jeff Peterson, Erie, PA

You cannot ignore that the Internet IS a public utility. Consumers pay their ISPs for access and without net neutrality what would we be paying for? Fast Access to extremely wealthy sites but not to mom and pop businesses or anyone else who wants and needs the Internet to become successful or be discovered. Net neutrality fosters a good environment for economical growth. You would be robbing everyone if you did away with neutrality!
—Ryan Armstrong, Cordova, TN

Net Neutrality is important to me because it represents freedom of speech.
—Liz, Ithaca, NY

I homeschool my child using the internet. I need to be able to be sure his school will load in a reasonable amount of time for his education. My job is my blog, if my site doesn't work properly and quickly my readers will leave. My livelihood and sons future are greatly affected by net neutrality.
—Amanda, Rising sun, IN

As a poor and disabled person, I need Net Neutrality - true Net Neutrality, not the neutered form advocated by the likes of Comcast, AT&T and Verizon - in order to insure that I get the same internet access as the super-wealthy. I need Net Neutrality to insure that my blog is equally accessible to readers as one crafted and paid for by multi-billionaires, and that my readers will not see slowdowns accessing my site simply because I cannot afford to bribe Verizon, AT&T and Comcast.
—Gendou Knepper, Ames, IA

Net Neutrality is necessary for a well-functioning economy. Allowing Verizon and other ISPs to dictate the rules of how data is transmitted across the internet will hurt nearly every business except theirs and is bad for us all. Please scrap your current rules and classify ISPs as common carriers.
—Michael Mischnick, Lakeville, MN

Don't let private mega-corporations decide what the public can see and not see. Don't let fast lanes to BS become our only choice as consumers. Protect the neutrality of information!
—Taylor Bonar, Knoxville, TN

First world countries like U.S. try new things and countries like mine, a third world country follow cuz the fastest way we can catch up is take the steps that works.. Just wanted to say this won't be a step we'll be taking. This disastrous greed driven campaign to separate web sites and services based on favoritism is analogous to The Animal Farm's line: All animals are created equal, But some are more equal. Internet has been a congregation of information and to empower/enable any profit making organization to discriminate among that vastness of information is not only providing them with equally vast opportunity to produce profit but also to give up the valued American idea of freedom. freedom of choice. How will you choose when you'll know just those informations that is deemed important if they serves the interest of a greedy industry? Every industry is greedy, profit is how they survive. In a way they're cockroaches.. Someone said cock, lol. You'll be creating a new kind of discrimination. Discrimination on what mind is allowed to be aware of. This has to be Criminal, Un-human even. Anyway don't be stupid!! All information are created equal and there's no such thing as more equal. ^^Awesome T-shirt idea.^^ KBye
—Mr. Watermelon, kathmandu,

The end of net neutrality means awful mega-corporations like Comcast control the flow of information on the internet and browbeat any service that represents the slightest threat to their profits out of business. By killing net neutrality you are allowing these corporations to extort every American citizen for even the most basic net services. You have reduced possibly the most liberating development of the new millennium to a frustrating service people begrudgingly use which will only line the pockets of corporate CEOs.
—Dominick S Morris, Ellicott City, MD

In my opinion the freedom of the Internet: specifically Net Neutrality, is one of the last bastions for true expression in out global society. If corporations are allowed to regulate the rate at which specific information is available to the population online, the fallout will be monumental. Prioritization of information by those who will profit from it must be stonewalled here and now. As the generation paving the way for this future technonological culture it is paramount the we safeguard the sovereignty of this new ideal. That information is not to be controlled, sold, or destroyed.
—Benjamin Thomas Parker, Redlands, CA

Maybe you should read this: http://www.cracked.com/quick-f ixes/5-absurd-cable-company-ex cuses-killing-internet/ The arguments that internet providers are using are ridiculous, and only carry any weight at all due to millions of dollars worth of lobbying. I want my rights to be protected. Rejecting net neutrality would put my rights in jeopardy and seriously harm the future of the internet. Net neutrality is the only thing that prevents internet providers from extorting both content creators as well as content consumers.
—Matthew Marano, Chappaqua, NY

Net Neutrality is important to me because it represents everything that is best about the internet. the internet should be an equal playing field where knowledge can be freely transferred among people all over the world. it is because of the neutrality of the internet that small organizations can exist side by side with large corporations and not have to pay some arbitrary fee in order to be able to compete with them. the neutral internet is the greatest invention man has ever come up with and it represents everything that is good about humanity. please dont chain our greatest invention to the pocketbooks of a few major corporate entities. otherwise your children and grandchildren will never know how amazing the neutral internet was.
—Mark Irving, boise, ID

Letting cable companies decide what content is really available and who will get to view it expeditiously is one of the worst ideas I could think of. Anyone who could propose this plan with a straight face has eyes for only one thing. Money. That's it. They have no one's interests in mind but their own and the "services" they would provide would be nothing but a sham. Nothing but censorship of all but the rich. Don't let this happen. No good could come of this.
—Anthony Frost, Groton, CT

The death of net neutrality will be the single biggest blow to the First Amendments rights of the citizenry of this country ever delivered. The idea the Comcast, Verizon, Cox, etc., etc., have the consumer in mind while spearheading this concept is beyond ridiculous. To allow these companies to throttle speeds based on fees and content will allow them to arbitrarily silence those with which they do not agree. The net should remain neutral in order to encourage the growth of the online economy - for large businesses and small alike; regardless of the services they offer or the fees which they can afford to pay - and to allow for the dissemination of knowledge and free speech.
—Mr. Adam Wooten, Princeton, WV

I beleive that using the internet, we all should have out thoughts heard, our ideas explored, and our innovations grown. By allowing companies to discriminate in who can use the internet at a good pace, all of these are compromised in favour of personal greed.
—Craig Hilborn, Guelph,

Net Neutrality allows for actual competition and free market more than your current rules.
—Derek Armstrong, Bloomington, IL

Seriously, knock it off. Cable companies have no business favoring some content over others via bandwidth/download speeds. It's unfair to start-up groups and will kill innovation online. Killing net neutrality would be blatantly classist , allowing only the rich to create accessible content, leaving the middle and lower class with substandard tools to reach their audience. Seriously. knock it off.
—Olivia Mercurio, West Hartford, CT

Net Neutrality harms small businesses, developers, entrepreneurs and average Americans. It helps big corporations while hurting America.
—Manuel Robles, Whittier, CA

I don't want corpate juggernauts to control how fast my internet is. Everyone needs the internet and the way that the internet is set up now is fair and balanced. No one wants an internet "fast lane" especially when that lane is controlled by corporations who are losing money on cable subscriptions and looking to make their money back through privatizing internet content. Net neutrality is perfect leave it be.
—Ian, Bowling Green, OH

To My Dearest FCC Which hath brought nothing to me Alas the fruit conspiracy brought The poison apple the lobby sought Singing songs in name of country Leaving us with not but sundries Exempt are you from laws of man Although those right do you demand Very clearly select few see Eerily you collect your fees' Minecraft lag and WoW shall not Young companies your wrath have wrought Never more innovation springs Execute the upstarts sing The FCC, a friend indeed Alone will stand colossal Few Leaches bleeding progress stalled Only if you'd hear our call Never would you stand so tall Even when I never called
—Kyle Robbins, broken arrow, OK

The Internet has become a public utility and is vital for operation of numerous day-to-day activities. It should be regulated as a public utility much as gas, water, sewer, and electricity, and it should most certainly not be subjected to the whims of CEOs whose interests only lie in their own profits. Capitalism can only work when the government acts as a barrier to protect its citizens from predatory practices. ISPs need to be reclassified as common carriers, period.
—Megan Dipo, Taylorsville, UT

Net neutrality is important to me because I'm in school and I need the internet to do pretty much anything school-related... if these greedy companies had their way, internet would be unnecessarily expensive, and have "fast and slow lanes" that would be good for their revenue streams, and bad for my education. Having ISPs be common carriers would be much better. I consider internet access to be something as crucial to living and working today as electricity. Thank you and good day.
—Todd Slouwar, Albuquerque, NM

Freedom of speech, freedom of press. Competition. Fair playing ground. How is this even a question. Government will be unpleasantly surprised if they mess with the publics only remaining venue of happiness and freedom
—Joe benton, Rancho Santa margarita, CA

One of my friends set up a small site to fund emergency surgery for her dog so she wouldn't have to put him down (he was hit by a car). Imagine if she, as an individual, had to deal with not having net neutrality: what might have happened to her dog had not her site had as much bandwidth as some corporation that could afford to pay millions to a cable company each year?
—Julie, Sudbury, MA

Because it's actually useful to have new companies able to exist, monopolies to at least have the possibility to be challenged and companies not literally extorting other companies. It's already at the point where Comcast can slow Netflix down to a crawl because they don't want to pay more money. That's extortion. If I agree to, say, $50 a month for a service for 5 years, then in the second year I'm told that I must pay $100 for the service retroactively to get the same service or I'll be getting no service, that is complete and utter bubkus. Net neutrality is important. We don't let PG&E jack up the prices on factories just to stay at the previous levels of operation. Internet access is just as important for companies.
—Jim Simpson, Petaluma, CA

It is bad enough that they throttle consumer traffic because of increased "demand" on their networks and charge data caps, but now they want to throttle the internet unless you can pay for the privilege. They are busy creating the situations in which they claim to have the solution. This is in addition to the monopolies they are busy making to reduce competition and putting their people in the places needed to confuse the narrative or create it themselves. It is disgusting to think the FCC would allow this shit to even reach a place of bargaining. They have the technology in place for the fastest speeds and to be leaders in the industry but have made it very clear that nothing else matters but the acquisition of profit. Everyone else be damned.
—Abe Nolen, Trenton, OH

This is the last thing America needs. The internet is the last bastion of equal rights. You seem to not understand the power of the people under you. You're asking for another American Revolution. The internet belongs to no one and everyone.
—James Mauldin, Tulsa, OK

The fall of net neutrality would result in a further increase in the divide between the haves and have-nots. C able companies already make huge profits. Undermining reliable access to information benefits No one but the companies themselves.
—Jonathan Sundstrom, Vancouver, WA

Dear FCC, As you may know, there is a lot of information on the internet. The fall of net neutrality would mean only those with the money for "Fast lane" access would be able to effectively get information out. So, unless you want a huge chunk of you budget going to cable companies, shoot down these changes. Or, keep letting dollars equal free speech. Your choice.
—Alexander Wood, Woodlawn, TN

Dear FCC, As a current Comcast customer, I am forced to pay high rates for subpar speeds in Atlanta. Unfortunately, the only other carrier available to me is AT&T, which will give me slower speeds at the same prices over different technologies. As one company is a cable company, and the other a phone company, they are both monopolies. Due to the lack of choice, customers in my area are forced to pay incredibly expensive costs per meg, despite the cost of delivering that meg being incredibly inexpensive, and the companies delivering it are not required to deliver it reliably due to a lack of an SLA for residential accounts. It is plainly offensive that I have to pay the amount I pay for poor, unreliable quality of service. As a webmaster, I pay premium for performance bandwidth (7 carriers) so I can reliably publish my content. Then I pay for a Content Delivery Network so I can fill in the gaps. It is unreasonable to expect me to now pay every carrier in the country to ensure that all my other expenses weren't worthless. I should pay to get my content on the web. I shouldn't be charged for people getting it off of it because Comcast wants to double dip. Thank you for your time.
—Michael Burroughs, Marietta, GA

This attempt to end Net Neutrality shows such blatant contempt for consumers that it's not even funny. The FCC was formed to be a consumer advocacy agency and this plan runs completely counter to that. I also find it suspicious that this continues to be ignored by mainstream media -- guess we know who controls them.
—Thomas McGrew, Tolland, CT

I believe that Net Neutrality is vital to the success of the economy, and to protect the most important exchange of information in human history. By not forcing companies to provide equal access to all customers and businesses, competition is restricted and the few current leaders in internet communication will dominate the information landscape and the future economy. I feel that the FCC should codify Net Neutrality as a fundamental law that all companies providing internet services to America should follow. Anything less is a strike against the American principles and freedom that made this country great.
—Michael Flannery, Henderson, NV

Because withholding net neutrality is basically allowing service providers to run an extortion racket and is a very easy road to corruption.
—Thomas, Jamaica, NY

The internet has become an indispensable utility to myself, my family, and my coworkers. Email is the primary means of communication between myself and my boss. I perform work-related online-research on a weekly basis. I do not like the idea of being dependent on a private monopoly for a service that is required for job. Even outside of my job, the internet has become fully integrated into my life. My family and I get our news and our entertainment through the internet. Most purchases we make are researched online, if not performed online entirely. Once again, I loathe being dependent on a private monopoly for this service. The broadband internet industry has already carved out private fiefdoms for themselves across the country. To allow them to abuse that position of power to tell their customers what they can and cannot consume in a timely manner is simply unconscionable. If these companies insist on retaining regional monopolies to an essential service, they should expect to be regulated as a public utility.
—Daniel Leighton, Pasadena, CA

Hey FCC net neutrality is a must because otherwise the Cable companies will monopolize and charge the websites what ever they want. How will some one make a successful blog or launch a great Internet comic. No one will want to go to a site that loads at pre dsl speeds. Internet start ups will decrease. Further slowing the economy. Even if this shit doesn't make sense. Here's the gist of it. FUCK YOU AND YOUR CABLE LOBBYISTS. NET NEUTRALITY FOR ALL YOU FYCKS
—Kevin Hansard, Fort Worth, TX

I am going to start producing and distributing video games through the Internet, but ISPs are going to restrict my consumer base by limiting access to my site unless I pay them money. They don't own the fucking Internet. This is nonsense.
—Ronald Kinard, Hutto, TX

ISPs should not be allowed to blackmail companies to give customers decent speeds to their websites. ISPs should be reclassified as common carries.
—Carol Dashiell, Pasaden, CA

Treat the internet as a utility. It is. If I don't have properly functioning internet, I can't do my job. I can't upload, send, or share video content I produce without driving a flashdrive across the country. The is no reason to get rid of net neutrality other than selfish, evil, consumerist reasons. No one will read what I've written here, or what hundreds and thousands and more will write, say, and scream at their own government with all the sincerity they have. This is wrong. The net should remain neutral.
—Scott Calvert, Seattle, WA

This is just another way to create more inequality and hostility between the working and middle classes.
—Andre Cabrera, San Francisco, CA

There is no situation in which the benefits (corporate profits) garnered from killing net neutrality outweighs the drawbacks of capitalizing the one remaining nearly-free speech avenue available to virtually every citizen. The loss of net neutrality would be a staggering loss not only to the United States and it's innovative spirit, but to the worldwide advancement of knowledge. Please, I beg of you, do not allow this to happen.
—Ceara OConnell, West Chester, PA

Net Neutrality is important to me.
—Jacob, Washington dc, DC

To Whom it May Concern: The idea of cable companies (or anyone) dictating which sites on the Internet are more deserving of faster load times than others is reprehensible. Their lies and deceit have affected us enough. Please maintain net neutrality for the good of our country. Sincerely, SSG Derrol Fulghum United States Army OIF/OEF
—SSG Derrol Fulghum, Panama City Beach, FL

entirely aside for issues that have undoubtedly been raised already, I don't see how this will help, since it will greatly encourage outright theft of internet service, specifically the so-called 'fast-lane' bands. further, as an avid gamer and someone who is both poor and a frequent user of online marketplaces in order to make what small amount of money I can, I can definitively say that if Net Neutrality is destroyed it WILL adversely affect many people who rely on fast internet to maintain their livelihood. honestly, I'm uncertain why this continues to be a problem, given the repeated MASSIVE outcry and condemnation that comes from EVERYONE with any real knowledge of the internet and its use every single time this kind of thing comes up. or are we forgetting the PR disasters that were SOPA and PIPA?
—Jordan Steeper, Santa Rosa, CA

Net neutrality ensures the freedom for businesses to offer consumers the lowest price for Internet delivered products. The Internet connects everyone to evertrhing, and no one should have the power to say one website is more important than another. No company should ever be able to force another company to pay more money for Internet speeds, in turn driving our prices up.
—Jacob Johnson, Rochelle, IL

Because nearly everything I do has some online component - so much so that it is, for all intents and purposes, a utility - and having a third party with none of my interests in mind - only the contents of my wallet in mind - arbitrate what is a utility that is a basic foundation in my life is utter bullshit.
—Matthew Leigh, Elgin, IL

Dear FCC, If we allow the cable companies and their supporters (who all, with a little research, turn out to be the cable companies in disguise and their "friends") to smash net neutrality into existence, then we are allowing them to go the same way as the oil companies. If you have filled your vehicle in the last, oh, decade or so, you will understand what that means. I live in a province where the oil prices are the lowest in the country, but it still burns my wallet every time I fill up. I can only imagine what giving full control over the Internet, the largest depository of human knowledge and intelligence, something that should be a human right and not a company's money-maker, would do to the world. So, dear FCC, please don't allow a company to buy the Internet, because it's the only "free" thing we're allowed in this "free" world.
—Kim Elliott, Okotoks,

The FCC's proposed "solution" to Net Neutrality would run the possibility of ruining the freedom and potential of the internet. This could seriously destroy one of the modern world's greatest inventions. The internet is one of the most amazing inventions of our modern world. It allows us to instantly connect to anyone no matter where they are on the globe, never before have we all been so together and the FCC is opening up the possibility to limit it's potential to make cable companies more money With communication technology growing at it's current rate there will soon be no need for fast and slow lanes, making this a permanent solution for a temporary "problem". So while the cable companies tote their position on Net Neutrality as good for the consumer, all they really want is to become even more of a gatekeeper than they already are. The beauty of the internet is that anyone can get online and gain indiscriminate access to any corner of the internet Internet providers also claim that net Neutrality imposes on their freedom of speech while ignoring that this seriously limits the ability of the common man and small companies to use the internet for their own freedom of speech. This is simply a struggle for more power while these large communications corporations already hold too much power. Not only are they currently too powerful, but these companies are also unable to provide satisfactory service for their consumers. They simply have not earned the right to hold the keys to the internet.
—Clay, dallas, TX

Allowing a few corporations to decide who gets fast Internet speeds and who gets slow Internet speeds is not a good idea. Allowing the foxes to guard the hen house, allowing them to charge companies extra dollars to ensure adequate speeds, meaning, I will get charged more for the same service I have now just frustrates me to no end. Net neutrality is one of the best regulations to ever come out of Washington. Please, please, please keep net neutrality in place and ignore the millions being spent be the cable companies to bilk us out of billions with no additional benefit, except to line their pockets. We already have some of the highest costs for the slowest speeds on the planet.
—James Wood, Tyndall AFB, FL

The movement to end net neutrality is a blatant grab at maximizing cable and internet provider profits while limiting consumer options. The American people do not want the FCC or cable companies deciding what our content should be, how fast or slow we should get it and how much it should cost. Ending net neutrality means eliminating a competitive market which benefits consumers. In reality, the existence of the FCC to begin with is highly unconstitutional. There should be no censorship of free speech for any reason at any time other than public safety. The days of the government deciding what is decent, moral or acceptable programming should have ended by now. That 1950's, Leave it to Beaver thinking is far too restrictive to exist in a "free" country. It should be up to the consumer as to what we watch and what we do not. If I recieve 100 channels and 99 of them are pornographic and one of them is more wholesome and appropriate for my family to watch, then it's up to me, not the government, to block those other 99 channels. Ending net neutrality is a strike against freedom and an open market. Please stop this greedy scramble for more power, more money and more control. Let the power to choose remain with the consumer; with the people.
—Larry Schouder, hattiesburg, MS

Net Neutrality is important because it protects our right to the exchange of information and services. Removing Net Neutrality destroys free market capitalism by giving internet service providers the ability to force websites to pay to play which will keep websites and companies that can't afford the ISP's fees from being able to adequately use the internet. Removing Net Neutrality is a travesty to American's right to free speech and a travesty to our rights as consumers. Keep Net Neutrality.
—Kyle Goguen, San Diego, CA

I like to visit websites that do not have the resources to pay for "fast lanes". Free websites that make just enough money to pay for the upkeep of the site would be unaccessible under the new rules because they would be to slow to operate. "Fast lanes" are a way for businesses to make money at the expense of the consumer without giving the consumer a choice, and would effectively be extortion. The whole "use our 'fast lanes' or your website will die" thing sounds a lot like blackmail and extortion to me.
—Samuel Liberty, Round Rock, TX

I implore you to reconsider your proposed Internet rules. This change will fundamentally shift the online marketplace of ideas in a direction that is contrary to the fundamental principals of free speech in the United States. This decision will resonate with the public for years to come and should not be taken lightly. I reiterate, DO NOT create a tiered internet!
—Matthew Osborne-Koch, Portland, OR

Where is the trust busting regulator willing to buck the industry lobbyist? Net neutrality makes business, leisure and worldwide communication possible. In the words of SNL: "Find the problem, and FIX IT"
—Isaac Prichard, Minneapolis, MN

it allows the small companies to become big players in all different fields of business, science and art. there also the fact the USA pretty much created what would become the internet but we pay more and have slower speeds then many many other countries
—Kyle Garner, Worth, IL

The internet is one of the last places where one can actually find success (be it in business, writing, art, etc) without the tacit or explicit support of large established investors or corporate interests. Losing Net Neutrality will ensure that small voices continue to be over-shouted by those that already have too much say in this country. Please stand up to the (painfully blatant) corporate lobbying in play here and serve the actual citizens!
—Kris Stenson, Springfield, IL

Today you need the internet to function as a normal member of society; when Internet is as efficiant here as it is in South Korea (200 times faster at half the price), the maybe we can start thinking about the cable companies; until then, protect your people! Keep this tool neutral.
—Mr. Michael Faigenblum, Seattle, WA

It's obvious that the big service providers are trying to kill Net Neutrality simply because it would make them a whole lot more money. And they don't care who they step on to get that money. Please don't let their greed determine the future of the Internet.
—Kevin Engler, Dubuque, IA

Net neutrality is the basis of what the internet should be for - the internet is at its best when it us an equalizer, allowing equal opportunity for education and enjoyment. Large corporations should not be given free reign to intrude upon something that is so vital to my life and education. It is not their right to superimpose their wants over the average citizen purely for business purposes.
—Amber Gustafson, Ann Arbor, MI

Why is this even an issue? How can you possibly be entertaining the notion of allowing ISP's to provided two different teirs of speed to content providers? as someone who works IN the tele-coms industry, i can understand haveing different levels of End-User speed, but if you allow ISP's to charge for faster content speeds, it will basically signal the death knell of ANY independant content providers, and pave the way for big-industry to buy up all the web-space. and just imagine the field day the Government would have with this. it would make it far to easy to let them put up blatantly false information regarding improtant current events on a much faster speed, than what a True news-cast might be able to afford. dont think it could happen? look at china, and how THEY controll the internet with laws just like this one.
—Erik, waasis,

An open and equal internet is one of the last remaining checks the common person has against moneyed interests. If we lose net neutrality, this country will truly and wholly be at the whims of oligarchs.
—Evan Feeney, Washington, DC

Please classify ISPs as common carriers
—Matthew N Hansen, Bend, OR

I believe in far and equal usage of the internet for all.
—John Getz, Morgantown, WV

The internet is the great equality. Eliminating net neutrality will destroy small business.
—Camsmith, Canberra,

The consumers already pay for bandwidth and the providers should have no right to decide how that bandwidth gets used. Allowing for "fast lanes" would destroy the internet as we know it and only serve to further secure commercialized sites positions and traffic on the web. Eliminating neutrality would be extremely detrimental to smaller websites with less funding to pay for bandwidth which is again already being paid for by the consumer, no reason to allow the providers to double dip on profits.
—Josh Sempier, Parsippany, NJ

Most of my life takes place online. My friends are online. I socialize online. I play games online. I get my news online and not from newspapers or news shows. When you combine powerful introversion and social anxiety, it is a lot easier to connect with people when you're not face to face. Net Neutrality ensures that I can get my news from any source I please. It protects my ability to connect with my friends. It grants me a life beyond my home's wall with people all over the world..
—Mr. Rory Wilkins, Mays Landing, NJ

Dear Broadband of America and fellow internet companies, Suck a million dicks, lick a billion assholes you greedy scum-fucking jackals. When will your bloody greed and vanity finally be enough you fucking shit-eating vultures? Go kill yourselves and finally this world will be a better place because you goddamn filthy pieces of shit are finally dead.
—Tom Wheeler Sucks Shitty Assholes, Ceoscansuckdick, AL

The internet has allowed me unprecedented access to knowledge of all kinds. Not only has it provided access to knowledge I wouldn't have it brings about something I'm sure the cable companies fear greatly. The ability to watch shows streamed to my television. As it stands my family uses streaming services more than watching television. The only thing the rules and regulations would bring about is to shift the balance of power in favor of major corporations. allowing them to do as they please while the population suffers. The only benefit of removing net neutrality would be to increase revenue to the corporations and decrease the use of the internet as a whole. Multiple websites and businesses that rely on the internet would be forced to pay for better service and those amounts would be set by the corporations, allowing them to charge high fees against competitors and keep their stranglehold over entertainment. It wouldn't be just a horrendous mistake to remove net neutrality, it would destroy a technological advantage we have over other countries and would severely harm education. If schools wished to use the internet they'd be forced to pay more for better services, the websites would be forced to pay more. In an economy that is already unstable it would do nothing more than harm us. I don't know if my comment will be read or not but I sincerely thank you if you did and hope that information will remain untainted by corporations.
—Chris Arnold, MOORESVILLE, IN

Please ensure Net Neutrality. The internet is a rare instance where everyone with ideas, information, and any motivation to communicate can complete equally with multinational corporations. Letting those corporations dictate the rules for people with less say and power is not democratic. It's important, for the ideals of democracy and free speech this country is based on, to ensure Net Neutrality. Thank you!
—Alex Faber, Teaneck, NJ

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—Bob Baskins, Oligarchy Square, OR

We need net neutrality because we pay more for less content than other countries, and i think a two tier system would make that worse.
—Cody Case, Spokane valley, WA

Net neutrality is important because it greatly benefits those who do good works, but don't necessarily have much in the way of extra funds... charity programs, small businesses which rely on internet sales or advertisement, community groups, small-time journalists, schools, even small churches. Without net neutrality, their internet presence would be reduced or eliminated, and our society would become just a little worse for it. Net neutrality is also important because of the ways a LACK of net neutrality could be abused. As they say, power corrupts, and even if it is just power over the speed of internet one receives, such power could and would be used to repress rivals, to quiet critics, to inconvenience those who are disliked, and to discriminate. Such power, even in the hands of a smart, wise, and compassionate person, could accidentally cause negative effects, since no one can know the full extent of how their actions will affect the world. I hope that you understand the importance of net neutrality, and that you will work with us, for the betterment of society, to preserve it. I fear the consequences, if net neutrality is lost. Thank you for your time. Sincerely, David J.C. Hill.
—David Joseph Claude Hill, Regina,

I am a mother of two disabled teenage girls. My oldest is autistic and my youngest is mentally retarded. Both of them use computers with an astonishing degree of maturity and both of them communicate more effectively using same. I don't make a lot of money and my family relies heavily on the disability payments that come once a month for the girls, especially for internet access. We literally would not be able to afford it at all if I had not found a cheaper alternative to cable companies in my local telephone company. Comcast wanted over $200.00 a month and AT&T does not extend coverage in my area and Verizon won't even talk to me without a $500.00 upfront fee. The majority of my daughter's friends are online because they are both, for different reasons, socially awkward and unable to effectively communicate with people in a real world setting. If Net Neutrality were to cease, then my girls would suffer for it. Please, don't get rid of Net Neutrality. My girls need to be able to have some sort of friends, even if they are online. Please, don't take my girls' friends away from them.
—SL Minton, Chickamauga, GA

I frequent many websites such as youtube or twitch that requires a lot of bandwidtch usage, and loss of net neutrality would mean poorer service and more cost. Not only that, I also use Korean websites, which without net neutrality will be nigh impossible to use as no korean website will spend money for fast lanes in US. But even if this doesn't effect me, net neutrality is something that must be preserved for new, exciting ideas to get an equal chance to be successful and influential as other pre-established websites and services. For the sake of creativity and future prospertiy, we need net neutrality.
—Dongjun Yun, East Amherst, NY

Pay for preferential play is not what is needed. Throw out the rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Jonathan Hancock, Merritt Island, FL

The end of Net Neutrality would be the end of so very much of why the Internet is such a valuable resource going into the 21st century. By allowing for pay-to-play speed tiers, Mr. Wheeler's plan would quash so much of the free and equal forum for communication, transmission of ideas and notions, and independent thought that the internet has become. Please, reclassify ISPs as common carriers; it's common sense and history will thank you.
—Adam Schiappa, Massapequa, NY

No double dipping you greedy jerks
—Xavi Serna, Cs, TX

Net neutrality is important to me because it provides equal internet access to all websites, not just the ones that can afford to pay more.
—Melinda Race, Mansfield, MA

First it will be net neutrality, then it will be personal freedoms. This is the beginning of America's downfall and it is a shame people will destroy a country just for extra dollars. Go ahead and do this; people will riot eventually and then money will not mean a thing.
—Kitty Jay, Denver, CO

We don't need or want to lose Net Neutrality, everything is working just fine as it is. RKY U.S. Army Veteran
—Robert Korsakas-Ycaza, Fort Hood, TX

ISPs should be either reclassified as common carriers (for their ISP functions) or should be required to be split off from content creators, as this has created the current situation thanks to their extremely obvious conflicts of interest. Common carrier would do less to allievate the issue in the long run than forcing them to split off, but I will acknowledge the various difficulties the split requirement creates. Perhaps a middle ground, of saying an ISP has to accept common carrier status if it belongs (even tangentally) to a content creator parent/sibling company.
—Mr. Cody Denver, Plymouth, MN

Please do not screw over the citizens of this planet in an attempt to make these corrupt cable companies more money.
—Michael Samms, Brick, NJ

I'm going to be blunt - people hate cable companies already. They already overcharge for services, and while I am at heart a capitalist, the idea that companies could be allowed to *charge more for specific websites to load more quickly* is atrocious. The Internet has been at the heart of many crucial events worldwide, and the idea that companies may pick and choose what websites work properly is abhorrent.
—Michael Joseph, Providence, RI

Money should not equal free speech. Additionally, the major cable companies did not create the internet, so they should not be given such an impressive level of control over our access to various websites. Like it or not, the internet has become a necessary resource in our day and age and the monopolies within the cable industry have already begun taking advantage of their customers. Please do not allow them further power over citizens of the United States.
—Jillian Andersen, Boise, ID

The fact that there are corporations trying to get rid of net neutrality is truly sad. At humanity's core, we are a greedy bunch. Greed is a useful survival instinct after all. No matter what we wish, greed will always be playing a major role in our society. That sucks, but it's the way things always will be so I can accept it. What I cannot accept, however, is a group of multi-billion dollar companies, who have about as close to a monopoly as one could legally get, letting their greed drive them to use their considerable influence to harm society just so they can fatten their pickets more. I could understand this push on their part, if net neutrality was actually hurting them: it isn't. They're still bringing in more money in a day than many businesses bring in over the course of a year. Verizon, Comcast, Time Warner... they're all doing pretty damn well. In an ideal world, our lawmakers would look at the absurdity of this plan, look at the clear and obvious damage it would do to their constituents then laugh uproariously at the cable companies for having the audacity to push for such a thing. But we're not in an ideal world, we're in a world filled with corporations using their massive resources to hire lobbyists who push an agenda that is only beneficial to those large corporations. At this point, I should stop and point out that I have no problems with corporations. I'm proud to live in a strong, capitalist society, and those corporations didn't get where they are today by sitting around twiddling their thumbs. They came up with business plans, and they pushed and pushed and pushed to take their companies to the top. While I certainly don't approve of all their methods they used to get there, I'm not going to sit here and condemn corporations, demanding they pay more and more because of their success. But again, I circle back to the fact that the cable corporations pushing for this do not need it for their survival. So that means that their push to end net neutrality is solely based out of their greed. This message is really starting to drone on, and I apologize for that. So I'll start bringing this to a close. Net neutrality takes the right to choose out of the hands of each and every American and puts it into the hands of an overly powerful cable corporation. History has taught us that this is rarely a good plan. Giving cable companies the right to choose which websites will load quickly, and which ones will not is hands-down the dumbest idea I have heard in my short 26 years of life. And believe me, I've heard some pretty dumb ideas. My final plea: use your common sense. Net neutrality was put in place to protect the people. In today's day and age, internet is becoming an essential part of every day life. Don't give a few corporations the power to choose what people can access. Don't give a few corporations the power to seriously harm the free speech and means of expression of 300+ million Americans. Greed is inescapable, but that doesn't mean you should hand it the keys to harm our society.
—Jeremy Fitch, Oakbrook Terrace, IL

While I hardly believe that government regulation is necessary in everything, net neutrality is just as important as ever. It will help prevent online monopolies created by the ever present ISP monopolies (i.e. Comcast, verizon, etc). The government should foster competition between companies and help upstarts. If the big companies are afraid that someone is doing it better, then they should challenge themselves to exceed expectations, rather than allow stagnation. Like the trust busters before us, let's keep the playing field level!
—Louis, Gloucester, VA

I'm a small business owner in southern California, trying to break into the hobby games industry by designing and publishing board and card games. Internet marketing and online sales are essential for a business like mine, and Net Neutrality is essential to being able to compete in the online market. With my business less than a year old, I can't afford to pay a premium to an oligopoly of cable companies to make sure my business website is as accessible as a large company like Amazon. Please show your support for small businesses in America by rejecting 'fast-lanes' and making ISPs common carriers.
—David Curry, La Habra, CA

There are many more people who have internet connections than landline phones. Would you let Verizon regulate who you can call by the amount the they pay? Then why would you let the ISP do the same thing?
—Timothy Lindsay, Monroe, LA

The internet is the last place where anyone has a fair chance of making themselves heard without having massive amounts of wealth or connections.
—Annaleena Wade, Santa Cruz, CA

The most important thing about the internet is its accessibility. Everyone with an internet connection has a voice, no matter how much money or influence they have. Giving preference to companies that can afford to pay a premium for higher-speed data transmission threatens this freedom. Cable companies have enough control of our lives and our wallets as it is; their monopolies shouldn't extend to the internet. The internet represents the Marketplace of ideas, and that Market should be Free.
—Beth, Charlottesville, VA

The internet is a public resource, every part of it being interconnected. ISP's (internet service providers) have no claim to this resource, they only provide access to it. Net Neutrality means that the internet is like a vast library, every text is available to the user, giving a vast wealth of knowledge to the public. Just like a library much of the internet serves the public good. Without Net Neutrality, the internet would be like a library in which you can only check out the bestsellers, unless you wait several days. I believe it is obvious that a library functioning in that capacity would have a reduced benefit to the public. As another example, the suggestion to end net neutrality would be like suggesting that whichever radio station can afford the most powerful broadcast tower should be able to broadcast over the frequency of other less well equipped stations. The damage incurred to the public good, combined with the restriction of access to a public resource by a private interest, make me highly opposed to ending Net Neutrality. Net Neutrality is part of what makes the internet as valuable as it is, ending that would be a terrible loss.
—John Houk, Brattleboro, VT

I don't think it's necessary to defend why the internet should be free of regulation and open to free speech in every form. It's everything we stand for. If you oppose this, you probably believe that U.S. citizens should be ruled for their own safety, so this probably falls on deaf ears. Either way, chalk this up for another American wanting the government out of the internet.
—Derek Porter, Escondido, CA

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, prevents unfair pricing practices, promotes innovation, drives entrepreneurship and above all protects citizens rights to free speech. I'm not sure why we have to argue this considering the only people arguing to end this are the ones with an invested interest in seeing their profits soar. Corporations have proven again and again that they can not be trusted to put public welfare ahead of lining their own pockets.
—PAtience Schoene, Seattle, WA

Online discrimination is just as bad as real life discrimination. Don't end net neutrality.
—Evan Fowler, Leavenworth, KS

Net neutrality is vitally important to the future of the internet as we know it. Striking down net neutrality would make it virtually impossible for start up internet companies to grow, thereby handicapping a large section of our economy.
—Jeff Hipchen, Palatine, IL

Verizon, Comcast and AT&T are heartless, money-grubbing bastards. They've done an excellent job of buying our congress. Welcome to plutocracy. Mmmmm, smells like Russia.
—Adam Lynch, Jackson, MS

Net neutrality is important now as ever before. With telecommunications becoming the primary ,or in some cases only, mean by which goods and services are exchanged , it becomes more and more akin to a public market. At that point it becomes a public's right to have access equally across all platforms to all venues and vendors(websites) . While charging an access fee(paying for internet access) makes sense to insure the upkeep of said marketplace(physical telecommunications maintenance), charging vendors different rates to enable their site faster access creates an unfair advantadge and in essence reneders "fair market" null. That kind of climate would only breed monopolies, which the effects on the consumer should be well understood.
—ben C, renfrew, PA

Net neutrality is important to me because I've chosen to do basic immunology research in an academic setting, rather than get a job in industry. As such I don't make very much money, but need the internet for work every day. Please keep people like me in mind.
—H Hartzler, Saint Louis, MO

Just once I would like to see the government do something to protect the average American instead of asshole corporations who are bleeding America dry. America has fallen behind the reminder of the industrialized world in every conceivable way. For once do something to protect the people instead of faceless corporations.
—Matt Polley, Martinsville, IN

Dear FCC, Please do not end net neutrality. ISPs are already making money hand-over-fist for a product that is both slower and more expensive than ones available in most other first world nations. The fact that our nation first invented the Internet and now we are getting left behind is a sad state of affairs. Average tax-paying Americans, such as myself, need our government to stand up for our needs - not big businesses. This legislation is a terrible turn of events that will hurt the average consumer while padding the wallets of executives. Please do the right thing and stand for us. Thanks, Miles
—Miles Gibson, Doylestown, PA

You are fools if you're going to continue to let the fox guard the hen house. People pay dearly for the services they get, limiting them on prejudices for who lines their pockets is total crap, and goes completely against freedom of speech and expression. What's next? Burning books?
—Miss Jennifer Vincent, Palm Bay, FL

Cable giants make enough money as it is. They have virtual monopolies in their service areas, and basically act like they hate their customers. Please don't give them any more power to screw us over!
—Hugh L Eckert, Arlington, VA

The promise of the internet is that you can find any information you want almost instantly. Allowing companies to pay for which information you get faster will have the practical effect of restricting speech on the internet to only those who can afford the "fast lane" fee. Innovation will be stifled as new media startups will not be able to compete. Anything they do will be monumentally slower than the established companies. Net neutrality would be pay to play and crony capitalism at it's worst. Please rethink your position on this as it is of vital importance.
—Daniel Arflack, Union, MO

The future of nearly all research to advance society depends on Net Neutrality. Why stifle progress for the profit of cable companies? Will you be satisfied when scientists can no longer research new technologies to advance society?
—David Vizcaino, Miami, FL

Canadian politicians work like this: If the United States catch a cold, our politicians sneeze. That's the same with the FCC and our version, the CRTC! Only it's much worse because their mandate is to protect canadians using communication service providers but instead, the CRTC protects the interests of oligopolies, the giants and seemingly unstoppable entities that think humans are mere imbeciles made out of money. It is imperative that the FCC understands that oligopolies have got to be controlled through vigourous oversight and not flinch at the sight & smell of money. It is high time that those in power comprehend that we are not farmers that produce money to feed the pigs on the 'stock' markets.
—Mario Marceau, Quebec,

I do not understand how this argument even made it to this point. I guess it goes to show you that common sense has been replaced by a large bank account. I am so embarrassed to be an American. To see that these companies can make such disgusting arguments that state disabled people need different internet speeds? Utterly ridiculous. Let me ask; when has deregulation led to a better functioning industry? When you let these ultra powerful organizations create their own rules it ALWAYS leads to disaster where ultimately the consumer loses and the top executives walking away richer without consequence.
—Nick, Rocky Hill, CT

Internet services already cost too much and it's barely affordable now for what we get. To break it into 2 tiers just so they can end up charging us even more to have the access needed for daily use.
—Kira, gainesville, TX

To eliminate net neutrality would drive up the already inflated internet prices. Also, it would be unfair to the smaller internet companies who wouldn't be able to 'play ball' like the larger ones can.
—Edward Hodakowski, Crocker, MO

Please keep net neutrality as the standard. Ending it would create internet monopolies and stunt small business growth.
—Gabby Moore, Beavercreek, OH

Net Neutrality is very important to not just me, but to everyone. No net neutrality = Chaos everywhere, and it's just another pathetic excuse for money. Many important services would take hours to load, and we're already in a recession. We need net neutrality, please, for all of us.
—William Kuang, Sacramento, CA

Please don't let greedy companies kill Net Neutrality. The internet is such a beautiful thing that has brought the whole world together and it has changed the world faster than any technological revolution. Don't allow the cable companies to introduce segregation to the internet! They are only the carriers of the internet, not the controller!
—Jökull Máni Skúlason, Hafnarfjörður,

Giving already-powerful cable and telecom companies more control to charge whatever they want is a horrendous idea. The idea that the elimination of net nutrality will benefit anyone (other than cable and telecom execs of course) is absurd. In the end, as is so, so often the case, the consumer will wind up paying more money for the same service or even slower service once the drooling cable and telecom companies get their way. Please, for the love of all that is good in this world, do not let net nutrality get killed. As a country we try not to discriminate against any one group of people. The death of net nutrality will mean we've accepted discrimination as a healthy way of doing business.
—David Friedel, Alexandria, VA

To ensure that democracy and the capitalist economical system remain intact, we need an open means of communicating ideas. The net is that means. Please don't allow the isps the ability to control our free speech or our economic systems.
—Chris Flannery, fishers, IN

If Comcast is allowed to make the rules, american innovation will suffer. Please write laws that protect net neutrality and save america from the cable companies.
—Charlie B. Beiser, Philadelphia, PA

To the men working at the FCC, you can not allow Tom Wheeler's plans to go through. This would help no one except the cable companies who have been spending millions and millions of dollars to take control over the internet. It would do nothing but allow free speech to be subdued based solely on one's bank account. This must not happen.
—Maxwell Leahy, Elmhurst, IL

As it is now almost impossible to be a productive member of society without access to the internet, it is crucial that Net Neutrality to remain intact. If the cable companies have their way, they can pick and choose who gets faster connections, which severely limits my freedom of speech. If I were to create a website that they did not like, or I did not pay enough money to keep the speeds I would like, they could slow my speeds, limiting my free speech. That is unacceptable.
—Matt, CINCINNATI, OH

Keep the internet free! It's the only place corporations haven't corrupted every part of it. Everyone should have equal access to the internet. The internet was created by the government and it should stay in government hands. I love capitalism and money is a fantastic motivator, but the government should step in when greedy CEOs overstep their bounds legally.
—Andrew Adams, San diego, CA

I mean come on. Your allowing big corporations the ability to force others to pay for things no one should have to pay for. This is a good idea to them because to corporations all they can comprehend is how much money they will make on something. This will eventually lead to the death of any sort of creativity on the internet. This will happen by new start up websites that might have invented some new amazing way to do something through the internet to not have the funds to pay for the faster speed, and no one will wait for the enormous loading times. All of the big, successful internet companies like Google, Yahoo, Facebook, etc. need to remember that they were once small projects that could have never flourished into the companies they are today, under the conditions that are currently being imposed. Not only this but these compainies are also going to be paying way more money than they already are. One last thing, the big compainies are the only ones that can survive through this. Things like kickstarter, twitch, reddit, among others might go bankrupt paying to not have crappy load times. Verizon and company should deliver internet just like how electricity is delivered to consumers. They give you access to the internet, and you can go to whatever websites you want with equal loading times. You never see a company offering to give your television more power than your computer or gaming system if you pay more. Why should they care what you use the internet for?
—Sean Houston, Colorado Springs, CO

I use the Internet daily. I help set up small startup businesses and websites. These small startups could not survive with the added cost or slower speeds.
—Will Turner, Los Angeles, CA

With society becoming more and more net dependent each day the internet should become a public utility akin to electric and water.
—Jeremy Abernethy, Fernandina, FL

I don't want someone else deciding what my priorities should be when it comes to my own entertainment or search for information.
—Hester Price, Summersville, WV

A free and open internet is the only way to fight the trend towards wealth concentration at the top of earners. Losing net neutrality has only two effects: increasing cable company revenues and reducing small businesses' competitiveness.
—Alan Tipert, Atlanta, GA

Please do not ruin the internet so rich CEOs can become richer.
—Lawrence Herskowitz, Bellaire, TX

I don't want non-profit knowledge-providing websites like Wikipedia to have to have to inundate users with advertisements in order to pay cable companies so that their site will load in a reasonable amount of time. Keep Net Neutrality, it's the most important aspect of the Internet; it lets the world share knowledge equally. ISPs MUST be reclassified as common carriers.
—Nate Klaus, Bend, OR

You can't let large companies destroy net neutrality. They're lieing when they say that it's a bad thing. Don't let them trick you. Don't let them bribe you. Protect the people from capitalist greed.
—Paul Davis, Durant, OK

Net Neutrality is important for a few reasons, but the most important is simply the flow of information. It's funny that the big cable conglomerates think that they should be able to control a specific webpage's load speed when they are already doing that to customers. Did they not think of that? A customer right now has a choice of 10, 15, 30, 50 mb etc. So depending on the speed you pick, that is the speed a website is going to load at. The ISP is already restricting the load speeds of webpages. Why do they feel like they have the right to go further? They do not own the internet. Going back to the flow of information statement. If we are going to be a country based on the ideals of diversity then how is it right to restrict the free speech of those who will not be able to pay the ridiculous speed prices to these humongous cable giants? So if I made my own blog, I will be required to pay for my cable connection, then pay for my blog to actually load at a decent rate just so others will actually want to come read my blog? How does that sound right? As a Journalist major, the "big six" corporations of every Mass Media outlet need to take a step back and be happy with their millions of dollars a year profit. It is not right to restrict any person who feels like they want to share some part of their life or profession over the internet because they do not have the ability to pay. We've already killed the idea of small business, so what? You want to kill the idea of a place to find free flowing information too? Our Founding Fathers must be tossing in their graves. Remember, information is the key to educated people. The internet has helped greatly in the form of expression, business, the arts, and education. I was in the Military, I fought for this country. I did not fight for you to tread on these citizens. I did not fight because you think you have a right to this superficial garbage. I fought for OUR rights. And those cable companies are not in their right to dictate the internet.
—Fred Arnold, Clearwater, FL

What's all the fuss about? Allowing some of the greediest, most deceptive, least-liked corporations in America to write their own laws has historically worked out so well for the economy and for individual liberty. Hasn't it?
—Jacquelyn Crawford, Los Altos, CA

Without net neutrality I won't have the freedom to browse whichever sites I please at my own leisure. Instead, I will have to browse only quick loading sites when I only have 5 minutes to kill and only shower, cheaper sites when I have ample time. This is bullshit.
—Robert Reinartz, Pasadena, TX

Your just monopolizing the internet cable companies. Please can't you just be happy with the billions you already make on the backs people who just wish to be entertained. Do this and you'll be setting the tone for America's forthcoming decent into an Ayn Rand wet dream. And sure it might work for a while,and you'll make all the money, but there are so many more of us then you and what happens when we come for you. Remember your armies, and security come the house of the poor. Look at it this way 99 percent of us are a horde of Softbank screamers, and the one percent left are swaggering soft fools hiding behind piles of of paper and the rat cage of illogic that is the modern American bureaucracy. So take this freedom from us and we'll haunt you and yours with a ferocity that has never been attempted by the denizens of the web. Also why do you need all the money? Is most of the money okay? I mean come on all we have to do is stop payments and your entire structure crumbles. You need us more than we need you. Do this and nerds from every where will unite to throw free the shackles of greed.
—Michael Innocente, Chicago, IL

Please keep the internet a meaningful and thought-provoking place as it once was, and not an agenda-driven, money-making monster that the broadband providers want to turn it into. Keep the Internet fair, open and competitive for the multitude of soon-coming, fresh ideas that have shaped and continue to shape the world to this day. But my main reason...for my daughter.
—Brian Nmezi, Salt Lake City, UT

The internet is, at it's core, communication. It takes the form of sharing information and data, which is circular, since that is what communicating is. The FCC is meant to regulate communications. I imagine this involves insuring that the rights of citizens who are using broad forms of communication are protected. So, I posit this query: if an ISP is allowed to effectively block or otherwise inhibit communication, and I try to use the internet to post some kind of factual information that places an ISP in a negative light, or even an opinion that maligns an ISP, they could prevent me from distributing my information or opinion via the internet. The internet is communication, so shouldn't I be able to communicate as freely as anyone else, regardless of my economy? Or is my ability to have my voice heard so completely tied to my economic status that even this note to you, from a 28 year old with an income of 20-30,000 a year, should only be heard if I am able to afford the fees? There are already price tags (food, shelter, transportation, clothing, hygiene, health) that prevent me from visiting congress myself and lobbying effectively for dramatic change. Without the internet I could write a letter (cheap but not timely, and, much like this comment, probably going to be read by an underpaid and disinterested employee with no power of their own to create change) or make a phone call (if I have access to a phone or can afford one of my own, another price tag, and again most likely to be answered by someone with little to no ability, voice, or power to do anything meaningful). That sounds cynical, and perhaps I am. I look at our system and all I see are chains and bindings preventing me from making any meaningful difference, and I see ten or twenty individuals who either don't care, care only about themselves, or care so much that they find themselves limited by the fact that they simply can't do everything for everyone, or listen to everything from everyone, or do both of those things and still have time to meet with and influence the people who no longer care or gave up caring because they saw exactly what I see and their spirits broke or they tried and failed and now they can't bring themselves to throw any more of their life away battering themselves against a system consumed with money and itself. I understand that ISPs provide the internet to us for a fee, but considering how ubiquitous the internet has become as a means of communicating, allowing corporations/ISPs the means to inhibit communication seems counter to the actual purpose of the internet, which is to communicate. Speech is a form of communication, and is protected under the first amendment, but maybe we should look at that amendment and consider that it probably meant communication as a whole. The internet is communication. It should be regulated not by those who care about money or power, but by those who value the right of our citizens to communicate freely.
—Jared Baumgart, Minneapolis, MN

Dear FCC, Net neutrality is incredibly important to me, as I believe it is the last medium to offer an uncorrupted vantage point for any business, regardless of how wealthy. This is so important for any creative person that could offer a new good or service, because they would be incredibly discouraged by the large payments they would need to make to cable companies for an ordinary connection speed for their customers.
—Jeremy Leick, louisville, KY

The internet is a vital resource for all people, and should not be under the control of corporations.
—Kyle Adams, Manchester, NY

Please don't do this, you lobbying POS's ;-;
—Luis Daniel Ookie Arriaga, Laredo, TX

Net neutrality will enable me to learn about future jobs, other cultures, and an endless myriad of other things I need to know later in life.
—Katie Minton, Chickamauga, GA

It's about basic human and civil rights around access to communication; like equality in free speech, not more or less access to speech depending on how much money you have. You are like attempting to market air for profit.
—Stephanie Miyashiro, Berkeley, CA

As a consumer, watching the drama between Netflix and Comcast unfold; is sad to say the least. Being a customer of both, feeling like I've already paid both to deliver services; and watching one essentially ransom the other to pay for access to their customers... access that should already be present by virtue of my paying exorbitant fees to Comcast in the first place. Now Netflix will be forced to charge me more for the same service. This sort of manipulation should be deemed extortion. As a professional in the IT field, watching the argument over Network Neutrality is at once shameful and ludicrous. Competition, albeit marginal, at best; has shown that the same or much improved services could be delivered for much less, and company profits would continue unabated. Thanks to Google Fiber, we have this example in several cities around the US. The industry must be regulated as a utility. To do less is granting a kind of gold rush and land baron, or better put, a wild west attitude. Where the biggest pockets/guns win, and everyone else pays/loses. Our information systems are critical to daily life. One need only look at laws created to protect information and information systems to see this. Why can we lock up a 'script kiddie' who illegally accesses a network, but not similarly punish a corporation for stifling or ransoming access to the same systems and networks. The internet is the telephone of this century. Not to have equal and unfettered access is akin to not having the ability to dial 911 for help, particularly when telephone services often travel on the same networks as Voice over IP. Please stop the parade of BS, and get to some real regulation. Thanks!
—David Elkin-Bram, Portland, OR

I'm not saying the current system is perfect, but we'd be bloody fools to go along with what the providers (Comcast, Verizon, etc.) are proposing. I don't entirely blame them for trying to represent their interests (except for the hilarious amount of money they're throwing into side organizations and lobbying groups to be all "oh yeah that's totally legit guys also where can I buy a gold-plated Ferrari?", that's just sad), but what is being proposed goes *way* too far against the interests of citizens and the government. I know that there are temptations to going along with these companies; I mean at the end of the day they have money they can offer you, whereas I just have taxes. But please don't do this, it's blatantly silly, to put it mildly. Toss these ridiculous rules and put these guys in their place: reclassify them as common carriers. Or they're gonna spend the next fifty years walking all over us *and* you more than they already are.
—Kelsey Alexander, Bloomington, IN

Why is it that you insist on letting companies like Time Warner and Verizon charge everyone up the @$$ while the service they provide keeps going to hell?!? And now you want to let them rake in even more money to provide a "hyper lane" to companies that can afford to pay for it while other companies are left behind in the "fast lane"? This is obviously all about money and so aggravating that the people chosen to protect us from these corporations are sitting there smiling and telling us that its in our best interest.
—Jose Contreras, Fontana, CA

Net neutrality is the only thing that allows for internet-era creativity. Had net neutrality been nixed a decade ago, the world would have gone without Facebook, snapchat, eBay, and every other site that wasn't started by people with cartoonishly large money bags and the right connections. Save ingenuity; keep the net neutral.
—Alana, Washington, DC

Net Neutrality serves an important social function. Just like when the government stepped in and broke up monopolies, so to should the government put the greed of corporate businesses behind the desires of the people. Never has a company been given the ability to control who's content reaches more people based on the amount of money they pay worked out for anyone but that company. For instance, take Google. They run an ad service where you can advertise on their website. Pay a small amount and you will be advertised wherever they can find space, increase that amount, however, and you get the top of the front page. This is what ruins small businesses, who cannot financially compete with comglomerates. Little business, little entertainment, little information, these things run America, not Verizon or Comcast. Please, keep net Nuetrality for the people, tell the Cable companies they already make enough with.
—Brian Wagnon, Springfield, MO

ISPs must be reclassified as common carriers. The Internet has been the most significant form of social and economic advancement since the invention of written language. And greed is about to destroy it. The cable companies who have more money to throw around than I do, or anyone who relies on equal internet speeds, are probably making it sound very convincing that what they want is good for America. But please listen to the public outcry. Nobody besides the cable companies supports it. Internet and tech companies like Google and Microsoft abhor the idea. It is not because we all misunderstand the situation, and the cable companies know something we do not. I am a freelance animator. My small business depends on steady internet speeds. Without them, my business literally could not exist. High speed, reliable, fair use of broadband internet is as vital to the advancement of Western Civilization as running water. Don't let the powerful cable companies kill us with thirst just because they want to become richer. Please use your heads. And if the only side of the issue you've heard so far is from the cable companies, do even a little bit of research on the opposing side and there is no way you can logically agree with them. Unless you really want them to pay you a lot of money, in which case, absolutely collect your fat check and screw over everyone who built their lives with the way the Internet used to be regulated. Because striking down Net Neutrality will ensure that the brilliance of the Internet be choked out.
—James Bowman, Sherman Oaks, CA

Dear FCC, I ask that you please retain net neutrality. The Internet has long been a place of freedom, where its inherent anonymity provides a sort of equality. To take that away would take away the spirit of the Internet, and if you take away the spirit of the Internet, then undoubtedly they will step outside once more and plague us with stunted opinions formed by years of forum posting and biased media outlets. Do you wish to unleash a plague of self-righteous, racist, sexist, socially awkward, overgrown children on the American public? These people were raised on the Internet, molded by it. They didn't see the outdoors until they were well past puberty, and by then they only find it beneath their educated opinions. Please, FCC, I implore you. Retain net neutrality and keep these monsters where they belong: On forum posts, anonymously posting inflammatory opinions while watching television shows meant for children far, far younger than they.
—Taylor Rehkop, Henderson, NV

Net neutrality is the only way information can be shared quickly at a global level. I want information to grow and thrive. Sharing ideas is the only way humans have advanced as a species. There is more money to be made by playing the long game with the internet than short sightedly implementing these proposed controls.
—Meghan, Texarkana, TX

Dear FCC, We have all heard the hyperbole and the spin by the telecom (and cable) giants. You and all us know the reality, their wish to exploit the Internet solely for their profit. It is a lie that they built it, it is a lie that they alone provide it, it is a lie that they alone maintain it. Don't destroy what should be a public right-of-way. Maintain Net Neutrality. Any thing that allows the telecom's to discriminate between to traffic on the Internet will result in the decimation of majority of the users access to the Internet. The telecom companies already have the mechanism to be paid for higher rates for larger bandwidth. So the likes of NetFlix pay significantly more for the huge bandwidth in to their premieres. So don't believe their lies and stay with Net Neutrality.
—Peter Dominey, Southlake, TX

Net neutrality is important to me because my band The Phantom Sensation couldn't afford to pay for faster service to our website effectively killing our ability to spread our music. thephantomsensation.com
—Zach Zanetich, Crowley, TX

This may be the biggest question you'll ever have to answer. Is the FCC more concerned about unregulated capitalism or Constitutional rights? If the cable companies get what they want, then the FCC has effectively decided that Freedom of Speech is simply meant for those who can afford it (YAY CAPITALISM!!!) I already know what you're going to decide and that makes it all the more sad. For you, the almighty dollar is always more important than the protection of Constitutional rights.
—Matthew Gregory, Mesquite, TX

Net Neutrality is important to me because if this all goes through and I want to stop using Comcast because they're throttling the life out of me, my current options are getting satellite internet and paying four dollars a gigabyte, or doing all of my schoolwork in Starbucks from now on.
—Daniel Holmes, North Little Rock, AR

Please don't take away our internet rights. I am a poor student, deep in debt. A lot of things in my life depend on a reliable internet connection. How can you be blind to the fact that these companies (AT&T, Verizon, Comast) are blatantly gang banging the little guy (me)? Please have a heart.
—Jason, Easton, PA

Seriously? Seriously. Fast lanes? We as Americans are already overcharged for speeds that are terrible. Other countries LAUGH AT US FOR THIS. Sites that shell out money for fast connectivity would be the overall most successful sites while sites that are start ups or less popular would be screwed. That is basically STIFLING people. That is basically a violation of 1st Amendment rights in my book. Having an ISP is just like having a cell phone plan. So why are they not classified the same way? Please FCC, don't let American ISPs screw over the population any more than they already do.
—Winona Sharp, LA, CA

Net neutrality is incredibly important to the internet. We need net neutrality to insure that all information, whether from giant corporations or a single man working out of his living room, is treated equally. You never know when the next great idea will come from. You never know what the next big thing will be. Would Twitter, Facebook, Netflix, or any of a hundred others have been able to grow if they had been handcuffed at the start because they couldn't PAY to increase their site speeds. This is a blatant money grab from internet providers who are already making more money than most of us could even conceive of. The internet is equal. That is its great power. Please don't hurt that because you're interested in short term profit. Net neutrality enriches us all. Thank you for the chance to comment. I hope you listen to everyone speaking out against this terrible terrible idea.
—Noah Olinsky, Portland, OR

Net Neutrality is important to me, because with the already absurdly low amount of viable competition in the market of internet providers, there would be no incentive for the internet providers to keep prices fair for the American public let alone a student such as myself.
—Robert Crowder, Seattle, WA

Because the Internet is a COMMONS. And I strongly oppose a transparent and blatant attempt to privatize this Global Resource.
—Tom Schuessler, San Leandro, CA

Without the rich resource of the internet, so many people would not be able to advance our culture, exchange ideas about all manner of topics, and above all freely speak to one another. As the FCC, you have a duty to protect not just the service providers, but us, the customers, from anything that would infringe a customer from using services as they so wish. Back in the creation of the ARPANET and the like, the exchange of ideas and information was the foremost of everyone's mind. Now there are people who want to hold our ideas hostage for another few bucks a month. Where does it stop? With you. Keep net neutrality.
—Christopher Kinsey, Catonsville, MD

It's incredibly absurd to even consider the elimination of net neutrality. This issue is a microcosm of the larger issue currently facing the American public. The United States government, specifically congress, has categorically put aside the desires of the masses for the needs and wants of large corporations with deep pockets and influence. Net neutrality would be comparable to allowing free reign by an oligopoly.
—Justin Kiehne, Annapolis, MD

Dear Internet Rapists, Net neutrality is responsible and belongs to everyone. Enough with your bullshit lies and never-ending greed. You make enough money with your monopolies and choking of services. Set yourselves on fire and get eaten by wolves, you money-grubbing lying cheating hyenas! Fuck all of you right in the fucking ass! You degenerate pieces of semi-human filth. Go kill yourselves and leave this world a better place. No, wait, some of you might have paid some poor misguided third world prostitute to fuck you and spawn. So your prostitute whore-spouses and whatever demonic offspring you have should be dragged into the streets and mercifully shot dead so that your legacy of shitting all over everyone will finally be dead. PS-we all hate you and want to murder you.
—Tom Wheeler Gets Ass Raped Daily, The Fcc Sucks All Shitty Assholes, GA

Net Neutrality is important to me because the internet is the forum for debate, culture and civilization in the modern age, and without Net Neutrality the risk that the exchange of opinions and culture will be stifled is far too great. The struggle for Net Neutrality is far too important for humanity to allow a handful of companies to dictate policy.
—Erlend Schjelderup, OSLO,

I use the web to home school my children. I use videos, movies and various sites to compile my lesson plans and expand the knowledge base for my children. In having to wait for slow downloads or pay more exorbitant prices for this access my children will bear the brunt. I chose the home school option for the freedom to choose the content of my child s lessons. Having an Internet provider determine what I can use makes me think of a totalitarian society ie: North Korea, Nazi Germany, is in control. Please leave the internet neutral and MY choice!!
—Regina Theresa Flynn, Albany, GA

I have been denied the rights of assembly and free speech by the NYPD, and the national agencies and banks and corps they work with and for. The internet and private homes are the only places left for free speech. This is one of the reasons net neutrality is being threatened, to take away our ability to communicate and connect with other citizens. The other reason is the desire for even more obscene profits by the obscene corps who own what should be public utilities. We have fallen behind all first world nations in every way, including this.
—Virginia Soules, Brooklyn, NY

Corporate America is killing the middle class! Net neutrality is essential for an open system and fair competition. Most of us are moving away from cable TV and that is having an impact on their profits. Clearly this is an attempt to protect big business and restrict our access.
—Jim Brantley, Kernersville, NC

Net neutrality is important to me, because information is important to me. As a person who lives not in a cave in today's world, I depend on the internet as much as I depend on any other common utility to get what I need. The average person now consumes more information than a lifetime's worth a scant hundred years ago. And it goes more and more in depth the further back you go. This kind of technology helps open doors for people. It's a way to share news and ideas as well as music and movies. With the exchange of information restricted, it would only impede the progress of our society. It serves no purpose but common greed. I urge you to please reconsider, and instead classify the internet as the basic necessity it truly is.
—JR Zambrano, Austin, TX

Net neutrality is important to me because I can quickly access a wide variety of news and resources. I'm a case manager and grad student, so I really need to be able to do those things.
—Kristie Wilson, Dayton, OH

It is sad that this is even an issue. Having 2 lanes of information service leads to the disparity of service. As Brown v Board of Education shows, separate but equal never works out. By having 2 lanes, 2 classes of service, with basic monoploies policing them, you will create 2 economies: the haves that can have their stuff fastracked, the have-nots that cannot. We already have some of the slowest internet around the world and are ridiculed by nations. By not allowing all companies on a level playing field will not only give us more ridicule, but is the antithesis of the capitalism we are trying to prove as a solid economic model. You let this this happen, and everyone will have their final proof of who is in charge, and it will not be the people.
—Jonathan Holz, Milwaukee, WI

ISPs need to be classified as common carriers in order to preserve Net Neutrality!
—Jamie Brinkman, Fort Worth, TX

Does your mother know you're a crook?
—Mr. Zachary Todd, Social Circle, GA

Net nuetrality ensures that small businesses and indepent artists are capable of putting themselves out there to world, if cable companies charged additional funds for their data to travel at the same speed as everyone else this could jeapordize this effect of the internet. Net nuetrality is really important to me. Most of the websites I frequent would run slower if cable companies charged for faster traffic. I don't want my websites to run slower.
—Stephen Tansey, Nashua, NH

Simple. The defeat of the online free market. Handing a monopoly to companies not elected or governed by the American people. Something like this is happening in China, I think. Just ISP's instead of an oppressive government. FCC, please, change your current rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. I am in support of real net neutrality. Thank you.
—William B Johnson, spotsylvania, VA

Dear FCC, Net neutrality is important to me because I'm an internet entrepreneur and my site will suffer if it can't afford to pay the increased rates
—Grayson, Atlanta, GA

Net Neutrality allows for the wide dissemination of ideas, which is necessary to foster innovation. Destroying net neutrality essentially creates a monopoly on internet traffic.
—Michael Shultz, New York, NY

Keep net neutrality alive. Allowing companies like AT&T and Comcast to have virtually complete control over the internet will destroy the open dissemination of ideas and culture that has been democracy's greatest booster in decades.
—Daniel Ragan, Jacksboro, TX

Dear FCC, Internet neutrality is important to me because my Elementary school teachers told me America was for the people.
—Riley Cavanaugh, Chisago City, MN

As someone who works in the technology sector I would sincerely like nothing more than to see all the current cable companies CEOs drawn and quartered. Short of that though I'd simply like to see them not be allowed to self regulate and harm democracy irreparably in this country.
—Heindrek Allen, Orlando, FL

The Net should have COMPLETE neutrality! Do not pass this ridiculous plan!
—Scott Hodgin, Irmo, SC

The best part about the internet is that there is always something new happening. If ISPs are allowed to charge interconnection fees or create priority fast lanes, smaller sites and company's will not be ableto compete with established internet companys. Innovation will become impossible due to the added cost of paying the big ISPs. And considering I have only one option for internet access in my city i would not be able to switch to a ISP that might offer faster speeds to my preferd sites.
—Justin Vondriska, brunswick, OH

Net neutrality should be protected under our rights to freedom of speech.
—Eleanor Hartwell, Petaluma, CA

Without net neutrality this world is going to move from pretending to being run by the government, and actually being run by big business, to not even pretending anymore.
—Charles, milwaukie, OR

Net neutrality is important to me because, as a young college graduate, I'd like to ensure that education stays available to as many people as possible, that entertainment is easily accessible for even people with a small disposable income like me and so that online shopping and similar resources allow me and my peers to keep the economy alive in a more convenient way for our lifestyles.
—Jackie Ruth, Austin, TX

Why should you control what I read and see online? I am going to sell all my verizon shares. Thank you.
—Charles Hutchence, Didcot,

Dear FCC, As a United States Marine specializing in tellecommunications I find it deplorable that the concept of net neutrality is even being debated. The advantages of a neutral internet help to protect the american citizen from the corporate forces who see only dollar signs. Without net neutrality most sites such as Google would never have had a chance to become what they are today. To deny the american people and give in to the corporate greed is unamerican and unethical.
—Fernando A Sandoval, Costa Mesa, CA

Net neutrality is important to not only me but America as a country. By allowing cable companies to charge for faster access, you are effectively putting a price on freedom of speech.
—Joey Ennis, Brevard, NC

The internet should be available to all people equally. Do not let mega corporations push out and/or extort small websites out of existence. Monopolies only hurt people.
—Michael Tonelli, Santa Rosa, CA

I run a small internet business, if I or my customers are not able to access my website quickly then there goes my livelihood. Why should we pay just to be seen?
—Andres cartier, houston, TX

Your killing me guys, really. Understand that as individuals people are very dumb and easy to fool, but the internet as it is now isn't a bunch of individuals, it's an independent entity comprised of the collective minds of us all. It never forgets, forgives, or let's greasy lobbyists turned FCC employees get away with profiteering. Don't do this. Trust in the government is already so low. Think of what regulating the most hated companies in America would do for your image. Make them utility providers, common carriers, or whatever you want but don't give verizon, comcast, timewarner any more power, they already provide shit service and have displayed their contempt for you and your rules. Bring the hammer and the internet will love you.
—Peter, Smyrna, GA

Why should a handful of mega-corporations get to yet again kick the average person to the kerb and make internet usage only for those who can afford what they want to charge ? Are lawyers to once again allow for the destruction of consumer rights ?
—Bob Williams, brisbane,

The internet is the great equalizer. With huge disparities in income and resources, most of the world is at a disadvantage. We must keep the internet "equal access" to help give people a chance to move up the ladder.
—David Balsam, Oakland, CA

Net Neutrality is important to me because it is becoming more important in everyday life. School assignments and business meetings are now more internet intensive, and should there for be fair and fast for everybody, without corporate interference.
—Alex Czarnecki, Bay City, MI

Net Neutrality is a concept that should not be thrown away. The idea that internet access is equal to everyone is one with which the internet can not survive without, as it has relied on it since it's conception and should remain as such. Without Net Neutrality, all of the small sites and communities that have survived on the internet will either perish or be severely hurt. Throwing away Net Neutrality is an idea that only benefits the service providers, much to their pleasure, and severely hurts the users.
—Logan Skrzypchak, Neenah, WI

I’m a graphic designer and artist by trade. Having constant internet access is essential to my business, as I rarely see my clients face to face, and they need to see the work I do for them. The amount of money I make is directly proportional to the amount of commissions and projects I can secure, all of which is done online either through private contractors, or individuals. I have watched my internet bill rise higher each year, as all bills are wont to do, but none rise consistently higher than my internet bill. I don’t pay for cable tv, and have little income for much else, which is further taxed by my rising internet bills. I pay them for this service without complaint because without it, my career is over. I’m not a big business, and I can’t afford to pay variable rates to have consumers receive my products faster than if I just purchased the baseline amount of internet access. Net Neutrality protects my career, income, and family because I (and my customers) don’t have to pay more than the next user to receive equal access. In the name of true equality, and on the backs of small businesses that you claim to support, I beseech you, do not let the cable companies tell you otherwise; Net Neutrality protects us. Without it I, and thousands, if not millions more like me, would be financially ruined. Our livelihoods depend on government protection from a lobbyist with deep pockets. Please help us help the economy as a whole. Help us keep our costs reasonable. Help us not be bullied into an ever increasing spiral of variable payments at the whim of a handful of individuals with a very self serving agenda. I know you’ll do what’s right for us all. -Ben
—Ben, Phoenix, AZ

How is this not a no-brainer? Seriously?
—Seth Stahlman, Guffey, CO

Net Neutrality is vitally important to allow companies to continue expanding. Without Net Neutrality, we'd still be forced to use companies like AOL and MySpace, because Facebook, YouTube etc wouldn't have the money and investment to compete. Net Neutrality is better for the consumer, and should be forced. The internet is a utility, in the same way electricity or water is, and should be treated the same.
—Paul Schwan, Cardiff,

Dear FCC, Many great innovations have come from the Internet in the last few years. Intelligent people come up with ideas, and put them on the internet; if they're good, the Internet puts them into action. Technological and social innovations have been funded via crowdsourcing. Social media was practically invented. The world is changing at a great place--and ANYONE can change it. Anyone. Let that sink in a moment. You no longer need thousands of dollars to get your idea out there. All you need is a good idea and a broadband connection. If you open the door for the addition of money to this, you will effectively reverse this. Suddenly you'll need to be able to pay vast amounts of money to the cable companies to get your idea out there. I know you say it won't do that, but we both know that's not going to happen--when was the last time that powerful business interests took an option that would not maximize their immediate profits? Please, don't let this happen. Don't let powerful business interests guide your decision. Do the right thing.
—Alexander Sturbaum, Oberlin, OH

Haven't there already been enough greedy, sociopathic Plutocrats? Maybe now is a good time to quit while you're ahead.
—Brennen Neithercoat, Portland, OR

My ISP, Cable One, says they offer me over 100mgps download and over 10mgps upload speeds. But when I got to multiple speed test websites, my ping is over 100 ms lag and my down and up speed are LITERALLY 1/100th of the "product" being sold to me. That's like me going to walmart, buying a kitten sweater, and getting a freaking sock. Not even a pair of socks for both of my feet. Just one sock. As if I'm handicapped and cant tell the difference between a sock and a freaking sweater. Please, for the love of God, jump onto these corporations and make them either stop false advertising or give the product that I'm paying and arm and a leg for.
—Mackeith Jones, Pass Christian, MS

To my dear impotent, now corrupted FCC; whom have been unfairly charged with the protection of our communal right to network, while being given no adequate resource to do so; I write this not for you but for what weight one more voice may contribute to crushing you. I say this not out of malice or spite but because you have made it abundantly clear that some greater force than your own is required to protect the self-evident good of net neutrality from unscrupulous monopolists; who themselves seem adamant to prove all regulation futile against sufficient wealth and dishonesty; leaving the only public recourse available that of completely overwhelming your ability to function (a daunting task but to hazard a metaphor: a man with no arms or legs will be all the more determined to keep his head above water). The truth though, is that this was doomed to happen. Your organization was conceived in a different time for different purposes, with no ability given to evolve with the technology you are tasked with safeguarding. In this way you are the halcyon example of why our governing and regulatory bodies have become so catastrophically ineffective: because the way you interpret and react to situations has very little to do with the reality you are participating in, but rather the misguided predictions of your inceptors and the aloof prejudices of narcissistic leaders. And so you must die (figuratively... seriously, please don't put me down for rendition, good, kind NSA person now reading this). Since our only cultural willingness to fix problems seems to be when they are meaningless or undeniably severe, you must be broken and broken hard. But as a member of a society fixated on blame, I feel I should mention that I harbor no such resentments. Castigating wrong-doers is only useful before they become pariahs and perseverating on scapegoats only serves to prolong ignorance of the underlying problem. Aside from some meaningfully symbolic castration of specific telecommunications conglomerates and some measure of catharsis for the abysmally corrupt appointment of your current leader, I wish no ill fortune on any individual greater than temporary unemployment; but I am far more forgiving than the society I live amongst. So, I hereby beseech all current employees of the Federal Communications Commission: quit now or make some public gesture of repentance because the harder it becomes to fix this mess, the worse it is going to end for you.
—Dylan Magnus Olsson, Spokane, WA

Net Neutrality is the only way to keep the internet fair and just. By rejecting net neutrality you are rejecting democracy and supporting the rights industry over the rights of the people.
—Joshua Bogatin, New York, NY

"everyone is equal, but some are more equal than others" Enjoy the money you get, it will buy your ticket to hell.
—Wesley Cooper, Cary, NC

America has long been looked at as a leader of the Free World. But in truth America is behind. Behind in Education, behind in Technology, behind in Innovation. By taking away Net Neutrality you are effectively putting us in last place. Forever. We must have Net Neutrality in order to bring Education, Technology, and Innovation to those who need it. Using the Internet to educate can actually help lower government spending and boost the economy. Corporations are not going to ensure that America succeeds, only that they will. You need to make sure we have Net Neutrality, in order to be the leader we were once more.
—Samantha brooks, Dubuque, IA

I don't think this is a difficult question. Ending net neutrality would benefit absolutely no one except these gargantuan cable companies. It would ultimately constrict the freedom of speech of everyone except large corporate entities. Can the people please win just this one time? Please uphold our rights and reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Thank you.
—Bill Crotts, Calgary,

Everyone's always talking about small businesses are important, for the economy and for society. I'm not smart enough to know whether that's true, but if it is, then it seems like it should also be important not to punish them for being small and not having the resources to buy better internet accessibility. That's just one reason why I think we should maintain net neutrality, another being that internet companies are kind of obviously evil. I need the internet for my work and social life, but I don't want to have to depend on an evil conglomerate of nefarious corporations to be functional in society. The new rules should very explicitly protect the equality of the internet, because it's un-American to give any non-democratically-elected tyrant that much power over an individual.
—Abagail Rosen, Charlottesville, VA

I would like the FCC to reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Specifically, broadband internet should be classified as a title II communications service.
—Scott Gleason, Bondi Junction,

Net Neutrality keeps the free speech of the average joe safe from corporations who would in essence require bribes in order to provide services. MAKE INTERNET ACCESS A PUBLIC UTILITY!!!
—Benjamin G., Salt Lake City, UT

It keeps the internet the a level playing field for all those involved in trying to get a message out.
—Kell Randall, Kennesaw, GA

An open and fair marketplace is one of the founding principles of our country. When did we stop trying to keep capitalism honest and competitive?
—Kylie Malstrom, Scottsdale, AZ

I work for a small company that provides critical "hot shot" deliveries. That is, we provide immediate, emergency part deliveries to broken-down factories, medical equipment and supplies to the disabled and infirm and their healthcare providers, and other extremely important logistic services. Our customers include Proctor and Gamble, Halliburton, Nestle, Cargill Foods, and other major job companies. Our business relies on fully accessible internet. We never know, from job to job, what websites we may have to access to provide our customers with the highest possible level of service. The big internet providers are already profiteering from their localized monopolies on a critical service. Their continued refusal to re-invest their substantial profits into critical upgrades to their networks - such as fiber-optic lines - is retarding the United States' ability to compete on the global stage. Now they want to force new restrictions and payments on their services to preserve their profits without having to actually invest any new time and/or money. Net Neutrality is an important tool in fighting un-American abuses of consumers and businesses.
—Roland M Boshnack, Chicago, IL

Make the internet a type 2 public utility- it's about as important as power and water to us at this point and having big companies charge what they like for it isn't right. Net neutrality means the internet should be owned by the People, not capitalists out to make a buck.
—S Holmesley-Holroyd, bend, OR

Because if you don't keep Net Neutrality, you'll get diabetus!
—Nicholas Turco, Kittanning, PA

I feel it is fairly obvious why giving cable companies control of which websites we can or cannot use, based on income, would be a terrible idea. If you can afford internet access then anything that is on the internet should be equally accessible to you (adult sites, etc are obviously an exception). Cable companies would decide for us which websites can eh popular and which can't because of load times, costs etc. They have ruined tv, please don't let them ruin the internet too.
—Beth Tanner, Wyoming, MI

Tiered internet access puts both content creators and content consumers at a disadvantage, but it hinders the growth of new business. Companies like Facebook and Twitter, and Google, would never have been able to get off the ground, let alone thrive and create jobs in an environment that takes advantage of them. Net Neutrality is what keeps the internet, and the free exchange of ideas that it stands for and was originally designed to promote possible.
—Andrew Tagliaboschi, Bowling Green, KY

Internet is already far slower and more expensive in the US than other developed countries. The last thing we need is for these monopoly cable companies to slow down any internet site that does not pay them huge amounts of money. It hinders the free speech of any who cannot pay. This is not the newspaper, it's the internet! No one owns the internet!
—Liz, Blacksburg, VA

Gaming is my major hobby, and I sink a lot of my spending money into making sure I can play online with my friends. I also have a small writing blog that I will occasionally post some of my short stories to. I would rather not have to shell out more money just to continue doing the things that I enjoy and that I'm already paying money to accomplish.
—Alexander Garcia, Middleton, WI

Net Neutrality is important to me because it aids in the equal dissemination of information. If net neutrality is taken away, perhaps only one or two major news corporations could rise up and dominate internet traffic without telling the whole or the correct story, while smaller companies are forced out of business completely due to lower consumption of paper and little internet traffic. This should be important for everyone. Please keep the internet neutral.
—Nathanial Curtis, Galt, MO

Fact One: European nations regulate Internet providers to require net neutrality. Fact Two: STEM majors are often nerds. Fact Three: Nerds often care about the Internet. Conclusion: If net neutrality is killed, American STEM students will seek employment in Europe/Australia, weakening the U.S economy.
—Cam Elliott, Carmel, IN

Net Neutrality is important because the Internet is used and depended on by millions. A lack of Net Neutrality would only benefit a few and harm millions by allowing discrimination based on sites.
—Jeff, Milwaukee, WI

Dear FCC, Today I can write here and speak my mind. I have a way of finding this website (and it has a way of finding me) and allow me to exercise true freedom of speech. The very fact that I can write this is the best argument I have for Net Neutrality.
—Dhany Rodriguez, Linden, NJ

In a developed world, we are all dependant on the internet to provide us with the freedom to exchange ideas and connect to the world. However, with the threat of the net neutrality repeal, we would allow cable companies and cellular providers to create a monopoly on communication freedom. Businesses would be actively prevented by large companies like cox from reaching a clientele, unless it was happening through their connections. And think about businesses that aren't related to the internet, but are requiring the internet for communications: banking, software, manufacturing, all requiring the internet for exchange of information. Once their freedom of operation is gone, they can and will be bullied by internet providers to fork over bunches of money. They are effective being granted permission to take over America's large scale economy. And on the domestic side of things, most of the people in the United States have become dependant on cable to communicate. Phones, tv, email, file transfer, online shopping, and many other things are performed on the internet. Imagine if suddenly, everyone who uses a certain cable provider suddenly had internet that ran 60% slower. First of all, social media would come to a large halt. Since a lot of people couldn't use it as well as they used to, people wouldn't use it as much. Freedom of speech would be stifled. Which would give those cable companies more room to perform even more sinister operations of takeover. It would become a police state of sorts run by cable companies. And on the online shopping side of things, economy would slow down since ordering things online wouldn't be as convenient as it used to be. I remember from history class something similar happening during the first industrial revolution. With the introduction of large machines that made work much faster, businesses started charging much cheaper prices for goods. Competition was out out of business, and the large corporations were able to start charging tremendous prices for things and no one was able to do anything about it. Eventually, regulation was passed and economy stabilized, but that didn't stop them from completely breaking many businesses. Something similar is happening today, with the rise of the internet happening much like the rise of the first industries. History is going to repeat itself if this law is repealed. DONT KILL MODERN SOCIETY. KEEP THE INTERNET NEUTRAL.
—Connor, Omaha, NE

Net neutrality is good for everyone, and it's not remotely detrimental to ISPs. The only winners of non-neutrality are cable companies, and everybody hates them for a reason. Please deliver us from their greed.
—Amanda, Medford, OR

I am a school teacher with two kids. We're a one income family because the cost of daycare prohibits my wife from working. The increased cost across the board that this will cause will force people like me to reduce our internet dependency for financial reasons. Cell phones have already started the trend - two smart phones is costing more than our weekly grocery budget for four people. I hope that net neutrality doesn't get abolished. I like my nets.
—David, San Antonio, TX

The internet is one of the last bastions of free information that is readily available to the general public. Cable companies and internet providers already have near monopoly levels of control over pricing of the internet, they don't need more control.
—Smitty Wergenmenjensten, Trenton, MI

Dear Sir or ma'am, I beseech you to make a stand for Net Neutrality. The internet is something more than a commodity, its a community. An area of the world where personalities can meet, exchange interests, argue, and intrigue. It is the truest bastion of freedom of speech, as glorious and gory as ever been imagined, terrible with beauty and majestic with malice. If you act in favor of the cable companies, then you will effectively be putting a gate between the people and this...coliseum...crafted by the people. And you will let them charge for the exclusivity of walking up the steps to the church or beg for alms around the side. Please choose to make a stand and provide the same internet connectivity to all the people, not just those who can pay more. Let us rise and fall based on our character and intellect, not just our wealth. Help us
—Valtee Belcher III, Kingwood, TX

America is already horribly behind in internet speeds compared to most European countries, not to mention the fact that internet providers charge way too much for not fast enough speed. I pay $80 a month for 25 mbps and I have never once seen my download speed at 25 mbps. Giving more power to the cable companies would hurt everyone who uses the internet except the companies placing the restrictions on everything.
—Dustin Brown, Kalamazoo, MI

Information is power, as is the ability to control its dissemination. In today's interconnected world, giving this power to corporations would deleteriously affect our right to peaceful assembly. I realize that the first amendment protects citizens against the government (not other parties), but the reason it is enshrined there is because it is fundamental to democracy. The government's duty is to protect its citizens from violations of fundamental rights, regardless of the source of violation, and it is meant to act when individual action alone cannot suffice. Technology always moves forward. Please consider the Internet a public infrastructure with a vital role to play in achieving a democratic ideal: an informed populace with the ability to hold those in power truly accountable.
—Chris Wong Sick Hong, Tulsa, OK

Net neutrality is important to me because, as a writer and artist, I need the internet for the research necessary to create my stories. If the facts I need no longer load just as fast as everything else, I can't do my work. I need net neutrality in order to do my job.
—Bethany Heim, Clackamas, OR

RECLASSIFY ISPs as common carriers!!
—Ms. Dora R. Blackman, plainville, MA

If the cable companies get to choose who gets the best speeds than the average person on the internet will be funneled towards whoever has the most money, not the most accurate information, or the best quality product, or the small business owner who just created a website to expand their consumer base. 99% of my time on the internet is spent reading articles, webcomics, and watching video on youtube. If the companies charge for speed, I'll have to wittle down the independant webcomics I read, lose track of them, and stop supporting these artists who are only just making a living, not raking in big bucks. Youtube will survive but in what form? They already ignore the rights of their creaters in instances of fair use laws, because their afraid to get sued. What articles will I find? Not the little, unbiased ones aimed at helping me learn facts in life, but the ones paid for by big companies who don't mind misleading the populace to get more money. If you kill net neutrality you tell america that we're owned by big money and we'll have to suck it up or move to the shitty parts of the internet.
—Virginia Brown, Tempe, AZ

The issue here is money. Do you think the cable companies need to fuck over a lot of people for more money? The cable company CEO's have plenty of it. This is fucking silly and I urge the FCC not to pass legislation that fucks over the public for a paltry bribe.
—Keith, Palm Bay, FL

Save Net Neutrality. Stop letting corporations get away with shenanigans like this for their own profit. The internet is for the public good, not the good of a few already-wealthy people.
—Jork den Van Bosch, Aartselaar,

Seriously, how can you even consider getting rid of net neutrality?
—Mr. Luke Barre, cranston, RI

Net neutrality is vital to the growth of small businesses in America. Taking away the peoples access to fair and equal internet speeds is unacceptable. Please do not take away our net neutrality!
—Cody Carter, Battle Ground, IN

Dear FCC, Can you please chill on ending Net Neutrality. Please do your job of regulating ISPs to be fair to everyone. equally. We are already in an 2nd Gilded Age. You don't want the history books of 50 years from now to basically paint your government agency as a bunch of scrooge mcducks... -Sincerely, a kinda pissed off black dude.
—David Kellman, brooklyn, NY

Because giving companies who care nothing about the well being of their customers and ONLY care about cash flow the power to decide the speed at which individual websites load fucks over customers. This gives them the power to censor competitors and information they deem controversial. This also allows the government to bribe companies to get rid of or drastically cripple sites that are anti government. Getting rid of net nutralitiy destroys free speech and YOU KNOW THAT. Stop fucking over the people.
—No, No, MD

It's further discrimination against the poor. It's just another way to make a buck off people who can't afford it to begin with. It's another way the government is working for the rich instead of everyone. This is only awesome for the rich. Nobody wants this and you're forcing it through with an overwhelming amount opposition. The government acts as a servant for the people not the rich.
—Ryan Dockins, Boise, ID

Simple. Ruin the internet, and the people will stop using it. We're not locked in. Very easily could we return to the golden age of the telephone. Keep it cool, or you'll be in complete, fascist control of a system nobody's bothering to use anymore.
—Tyler Levesque, North Bay,

I'm still in shock as to the fact the net neutrality is in danger. Seriously. This corpocracy that America has become is getting out of hand. This will affect the rest of the world too and I know the rest of us want to keep net neutrality around. The corporations have enough money, they cannot be allowed to suck it out of the rest of us. Save net neutrality.
—Julia, Christchurch,

I'm paying my ISP for a service. If I'm paying for 60Mbps, then why do the people I'm trying to access need to pay again for me to get it? All the people who claim to be against net neutrality want is the ability to get their own slice of Amazon's business without having to work for it. In most places, it's called extortion or protection. And while there may be some places where you have an option in who your ISP is, there are many places that have local monopolies. Net Neutrality is one of the most important issues in preserving freedom that faces us now.
—Charles F Royal, Fort Worth, TX

Net neutrality is important to me because I run a website from my home, and it would then make take longer for people to access it.
—Christopher Jon Taylor, San Marcos, TX

Net neutrality is incredibly important in keeping the internet fair and providing everyone with an equal opportunity. Cable providers already have a near monopoly in their respective reasons and giving them the power to arbitrarily determine how fast a given website can be loaded would give them the ability to determine which websites are loaded and therefore visited. Ending net neutrality would ensure that any established institutions could unfairly discourage competition by buying better website access rather than improving their services or listening to customers. An end to net neutrality would mean an end to the internet as a level paying field. Even activist sites like this could be rendered useless if the cable company disagreed with the message. An end to net neutrality goes against anti-trust logic as well as the basic premise that information should be free and widely available. It would be locking up what is easily the most significant invention of our time and giving it to those who will abuse it for profit.
—Keegan Mehrtens, Peabody, MA

ISPs should be regarded as common carriers. Consumers pay for access to the internet, to the content they choose, and ISPs should provide that service without any traffic shaping which limits that freedom.
—Paul Pietkiewicz, Mountain View, CA

The end of Net Neutrality would be a death blow to the Internet. Which, rather intuitively would be a bad thing. the death of Net Neutrality would reward the rich and kill any new start ups. If Net Neutrality had never existed Internet giants like Google or Netflix might never have been created. So many modern institutions were the result of small "garage" start ups that wouldn't be able to afford to compete with giants like Comcast or Verizon. This would leave any future creations with huge hurdles, almost forcing them to join with the larger companies; further worsening the problem with monopolies that are already strangling American business. In conclusion, I can only try to emphasis how important Net Neutrality is to the Internet and to America as a whole.
—Levi Cross, Greenville, IL

Dear FCC, The internet is a very beautiful thing. Its a living, breathing, beast of technology. Connecting 2.5 BILLION users to the incredible internetsphere. Now, I dont know what the cable companies have been telling you, but the Internet should be free. Its transcended beyond being a luxury for the rich. It is now on a globally accepted scale that the internet is awesome and everybody loves it. Even people who cant seem to afford the internet can still use the internet. You have cable companies trying to shove capitalism down our throats in a pretty horrid way. I love that I can surf the web knowing i will always get the same speed. Charging for EXTRA fast speed or completely over-pricing the crap out of it is a SIN. Limiting Websites to slower speeds is BLASHPHEMY. Look, all Im saying is that your attempt at SOPA flaked out pretty fucking bad. Now, most of the internet population has not been properly informed of the tom foolery with Net neutrality. Shit, most of them dont even know what net neutrality is. But, MARK MY WORDS. MARK'EM I SAY, they will find out, because the internet is forever and even though it tends to lie, it has a tendency to hide the truth in plain sight.so when my fellow brothers and sisters of cyber space see that ad on their screen informing them of net neutrality they will. realize whats going on. And then, and ONLY then will Shit. Will. Hit. The. Fan. Beware.
—Sebastian, pembrome pines, FL

In Citizens United v. Federal Election Comission, the Supreme Court interpreted freedom of speech to include spending money. I believe our country is trekking through a very treacherous path with this mindset... for the Internet is the final frontier when it comes to free speech. If we begin to mutilate this medium of speech by ending net neutrality, we might have very well ended the modern incarnation of our sacred right. Please, I urge you to protect net neutrality!
—Guillermo Baralt, San Juan, PR

I'm tired of the US lagging behind the rest of the modern world in terms of access to the internet, the largest platform for free speech and information that exists. We have pathetic speeds and limited regional availability because there is no incentive for these corporations to compete.
—Dustin Molzon, painesville, OH

Grow a pair and stand up to the corporations for once. Don't be a tool for lobbyists to pass their own ideas off as yours. I would vote you assholes out of a job if you weren't appointed and beyond the reach of citizen outrage.
—No, I tell you?, NY

To whom it may concern. I believe net neutrality to be one of the most important tools in today's modern age. After all, this is the technology age, obviously because of the great advancement of knowledge resources that are readily available and continue to encourage the endless possibilities associated with those resources. I will posit an analogy for you. Again, this is know as the technology age correct? Why isn't it called the oil age? According to periodcapital.com, worldwide oil usage has increased by approximately 12% between 2000-2009, however, internet usage, according to unctad.org, has risen by 26%. The reason, in my opinion, is because the oil has been commoditized, thus being driven in price more so than ever by supply and demand, but also foreign tensions, when there are untapped reserves still in the United States. By the way, who in their right mind, in the lower, middle, or upper middle class is happy with the prices of gas. I can't tell you any. The people who are, are the one's with vested interests, who incur greater return while the 1% struggle. Is this really where we want our internet services to go? Commoditized to the point where we are buying based on usage, even while the the CEO's of major ISPs are making more than most will even see in their life on a system that IS NOT broken right now, nor will it be with sufficient investment in ISP infrastructure. I will leave you with this. Lowell McAdam (CEO of Verizon) is one of the major players in regards to lobbying against net neutrality. Just a few short years ago, Mobile broadband was unlimited with Verizon, that's not the case anymore. Not only are data caps enforced to the point that any overage will cost you at least a $20 dollar bill, but moreover, the plans set forth by Verizon are highly un-affordable. Obviously, you are paying for a service that is the best in the country but the only reason it is that expensive is because it has been commoditized with a near monopoly of that service. In my opinion, not only will net neutrality be harmful for the everyday user because of lack of options to buy from, without it, ISPs will no longer be forced to stay honest about their prices driving the price up, and the quality down because of a bear market scenario. Thank You Blake Berry
—Blake Berry, Hartford, AL

Net neutrality is important to me because I immigrated to this country because I believed in totally free speech. Slowing down a grassroots blogger's site and allowing Perez Hilton's site to load at full speed just because he can pay for it is not free speech. It's just another wedge driven into wealth gap.
—Jonathan Summersbee, Sarasota, FL

Allowing internet service providers to pick and choose who gets the fastest internet would be like telling drivers that they would have to pay extra to use the passing lane, or that drivers who pay extra would be able to go faster on those same highways, bypassing the common speed limit. As a family physician, I use the internet to look up unusual diseases and uncommon treatments, many of which are housed on smaller servers, not on larger websites. Losing Net Neutrality would make it more difficult to find this information, which would truly hurt innocent people. The only thing ending Net Neutrality would do is make more money for those internet providers, while hurting everyone else.
—Frank Iannetta MD, FAAFP, Lake Hiawatha, NJ

Net neutrality is the only thing stopping the internet from being a privilege only for the wealthiest members of society. The internet should be a place where everyone can post their opinions and if that is restricted according to how much money you have it becomes biased.
—Joaquim Braga, Sao Paulo,

If you go on with this, it will just severely hinder the abundance progress we are making with the oppurtunities that people are given and I do not want that taken away after seeing some good on it being able to do so many things and better their lives with this tool.
—Riley Kavanagh, laingsburg, MI

net neutrality is freedom of speech for millions. voices that are taxed to be heard or listened to or not free voices. net neutrality is the biggest tool at the disposal of the innovators that make america great. among everything else that a free and neutral net provides is instant access to any useful fact or bit of knowledge from a bigger pool of resources than any single library on earth. this allows me and anyone else to produce, create and innovate at a much greater pace than ever before in human history, all to help drive our nation and the world forward. please do not end this
—Christian Nafziger, gretna, LA

What were you all thinking letting Net Neutrality be shot down? This is bad for all of us regular "Joe Shmo's" out in America. This only helps large corporations have their way, and leave us holding the bag. Netflix shouldn't have to pay more to appease Verizon. And of course those price hikes Verizon's charging Netflix is put onto us, the customer. All that so some rich Verizon executive can live even more comfortably. I figure they make so much money now, that the extra income they're getting from all of this doesn't even register. Please put this regulation back in place to protect us regular folks. I'm not against Verizon executives making money, have at it! I just don't want to be paying the tab...
—Eric C McJilton, Las Vegas, NV

The internet is a tool that has become inseparable from modern life. Adding artificial restrictions and driving costs would be akin to forcing Americans to pay more to have larger water pipes installed in their homes or charging extra for not having their toilet route directly to their shower head. I, for one, enjoy not being crapped on.
—Andrew J Machemer, Madison, AL

I don't want to go back to the old media. Where only those with money have a voice. This is such a blatant 80's movie villain tactic and it would be disheartening if it worked.
—Tommy De Vos, Halifax,

The internet is only as interesting and varied as it is now because of the level playing field it provides everyone. You have be good at what you're doing or providing the best service at best price to be succesful/internet famous, and that's someone everyone has a chance at. I am completely against ISPs controlling the way I surf, or doing heinous things like throttling a popular internet services speeds simply because they rightly refused to pay a fee, extortion style as in the case of comcast and Netflix. I am 100% FOR reclassifying Internet Service Providers as common carriers and the FCC throwing out it's terrible rules.
—Carlos Coto, West Covina, CA

Net Neutrality is important to me because I do not want to live in a capitalist oligarchy. Your monopoly is already bullshit, and you're now attempting to further control the content we consume. Always know that the economy is consumer-side, and always has been. You've been warned.
—Glenn Radley, Winnipeg,

The death of net neutrality would benefit so few people and increase their already enormous sway. Please use some common sense and uphold net neutrality.
—David Napolitano, Rocky Point, NY

Please protect the last place of free an open discourse from those who wish to destroy freedom in the name of profit
—Jonathan Morse, Round Rock, TX

The end of net neutrality will be the beginning of artificial scarcity created by major cable providers, to the detriment of the common good. Cable companies already enjoy a great deal of monopolization of their respective marketplaces, and it would be indefensible to hand them yet another advantage. The FCC has a chance here to prove that they represent the people of this country and are not in the pocket of corporate interests.
—Jonathan B Dailey, Kearney, NE

Throw out those proposed rules and start from scratch. Killing net neutrality is the same as killing the internet. Literally the only people in favor of getting rid of net neutrality are the cable companies that would, through discrimination and extortion, have the most to financially gain. Killing net neutrality would harm all consumers and content creators. Content creators and businesses have a hard enough time succeeded on the internet without having to pay the gatekeepers for the privilege of fair treatment. Throw out your corporation-funded rules and start again. This time, classify ISPs as common carriers. This time, remember who you're supposed to be working for.
—Cm, Ventura, CA

It is one thing to attempt to play the game of business to the best of one's ability. This is not inherently a bad thing. But if left unchecked, people stop trying to win the game and start trying to rig the game in their favor. This never, ever ends well, and often causes incredibly wide-ranging damage. This has been demonstrated in the 1980's Savings and Loan scandal, and more recently in the real estate bubble. The best way to handle such things is to make sure the rigging never starts. Lock them out, and tell them to learn how to play the game better than cheating. Or else we'll ALL lose.
—Eric Mersereau, Toronto,

The internet is allowing for the spread of information at unprecedented rates--anyone with a connection can learn anything, and can produce anything. This gives me hope for the future. But without net neutrality, this great equalizing power of the internet is removed. Net neutrality levels the playing field, and means that quality is the main factor which determines success. Without net neutrality, internet success will be hinged on money. And the rich don't NEED to be more successful.
—Caity Wallace, Savage, MD

Ending net neutrality would be one of the stupidest things ever done.
—Dan Stapleton, Birdsboro, PA

Keep net neutrality! Reclassify ISPs as common carriers!
—V Doe, tampa, FL

The net needs to remain 'free' for all. Allowing cable companies to glean more profits at the expense of free speech for the masses will only perpetuate monopolies while stagnating small business and entrepreneurship further crumbling the American Dream.
—Kyle Sagers, La Plata, MD

This is a really awful idea. I'm a poor college student and I already have a ridiculously slow (allegedly high-speed) Internet connection because only Time Warner Cable is allowed in my apartment building. Give me a break, here. Jesus.
—Cameron Mitchell, Los Angeles, CA

Net neutrality is the backbone of the Internet as we know it.
—Devon, Canton, MI

I don't like the fact that the cable companies think more of profit than their product.
—Daniel, atlanta, GA

Net neutrality is the basis for how the internet works taking it away would greatly chill people's freedom of speech
—Adam Houser, waterville, OH

Dear FCC- The net neutrality issue breaks my heart. Why is this even an issue at all?So much of my favorite content online is from smaller websites that would suffer greatly from these internet restrictions. I have a website myself; I maintain it as a hobby and my friends and family (as well as a small group of folks who listen to my radio show) enjoy it. I remember discussions and articles scoffing at the audacity of foreign governments controlling and restricting internet access. I thought, "Surely we, with our freedoms and rights, are beyond such ridiculous notions." Was I really so wrong? If this continues, soon ask of my entertainment will be restricted to whomever pays the most. I can't even imagine the advertising. This is a crying shame. I plan on writing my governor, state representatives, and congressmen in reference to this issue. Should any of them support it, they will lose my vote. I also will inform Verizon that once my contact expires, they will lose me as a customer, because they support restricting my freedoms like this. My cable company will be hearing the same. Things like this make me wonder what it even means to be American anymore. Do we just sell out to the highest bidder? Please, keep our internet free and neutral, to foster a true melting pot of ideas and information. The majority of my internet use depends on it. -Amanda Burke
—Amanda Burke, Geneva, FL

Come on. It should be blatantly obvious why Net Neutrality is important. The fact that your organization requires us, the people of these United States, to sit you down and explain it to you, shows just how broken this agency has become. To be blunt, we need Net Neutrality because corporations do not have the American consumer's best interests at heart- that is reserved for profit. If Net Neutrality is ultimately discarded, Internet service providers WILL use it to solidify an already terrifyingly powerful hold on America's internet access.
—Liam Perry, Canoga Park, CA

If you are opposed to Net Neutrality you are an UnAmerican greedy person without a spine or morals. A hypocrite of the worst kind, you would be betraying the citizens of America. And for that, you can eat a bag of dicks.
—Michael Chancellor, Los Angeles, CA

I'm not kidding about eating the bags of dicks.
—Michael Chancellor, Los Angeles, CA

Guess what? It's me again, with another bag of dicks for you to eat
—Michael Chancellor, Los Angeles, CA

Net neutrality is important to me because America doesn't need the broadband corporations dictating where web traffic goes. A newly started website shouldn't have the choice of kicking up vig to these companies in order to survive and thrive or going into the ISP business themselves. Please do not allow a situation wherein 3 large companies are able to form an oligopoly and prevent new start up American companies from reaching their full potential. All this will accomplish is allowing the next Facebook or Google to be a foreign company. If someone actually took the time to read this, then thank you.
—Samuel R Kitchens, Owasso, OK

Because the internet mostly works fine right now and removing regulation from corporations has never been a great thing. Also South Korea has like a million times faster broadband then us, and we invented the internet. This is absurd.
—Ryan Croker, Orange, CA

Dear FCC, Net neutrality is important to all Americans, because it protects ordinary citizens from unfair and unethical practices by corporations. Secure the right to equal internet access by reclassifying ISPs as common carriers. Sincerely, Rachel M.
—Rachel Mogan, Austin, TX

It is important to me that I can choose products and services from companies independent of the speed of access to their websites. For example, online banking is becoming ubiquitous, but banks excel at finances, not internet. So, I would like to choose to use the best bank based on its performance and experience, rather than a bank that stands out from the rest because it paid for higher tier internet access to be more available to access online.
—Daniel Tyson, Frederick, MD

Because I pay $60.00 a month for certain speed Internet, not for pages that pay to load while others don't. We cannot allow the greedy cable companies yet another way to screw over the general public. When we allow greedy corporations to pass laws that only benefit themselves everyone else loses.
—Michael Stefaniak, Watertown, WI

As a novice writer for a new website net nuetrality is essential for the success of me and my fellow writers. The cable companies have no right to control the speed of which users connect to websites.
—Micah Allee, Haysville, KS

Net Neutrality is the only way to allow citizens to buy internet service at a fair price. By negating net neutrality, the only winners are the billion dollar cable companies who will squeeze the public for every last dime. The PEOPLE should be the main concern in the USA, not billion dollar corporations. Keep net neutrality!
—Dale NIchols, Newport News, VA

The internet is the only place I can read books. I don't think library can afford to pay more for more access. Please don't kill my pass time out of greed because that's all it is. A money driven industry driving for more money.
—Jazmyn Cole, Washington, DC

Come on, FCC. It's clear to almost everybody who doesn't work on behalf of major cable corporations that Net Neutrality is a fundamental good. I support Net Neutrality and I will vote accordingly. Get your hands out of your pockets and do the right thing. Support Net Neutrality on behalf of innovators, small businesses and the American people at large.
—Kristopher Wright, Leander, TX

Net neutrality is freedom of speech.
—S, no, NY

The internet today, for many Americans, is the most important outlet for information that exists. To compare with 30 years ago it is a household's newspaper, television, telephone and radio all rolled into one. To give two or three corporations exclusive control over pricing access to this is just about as monopolistic as it gets. It would ensure that only large companies that can pay for the access will be able to compete and will only get larger.
—Brennan Plunkett, San Francisco, CA

My work is conducted over the internet and it is dependent upon my ability to efficiently upload/download large files. The level of wanton greed for its own sake on display here is rather shocking, even for soulless evil corporations like yourselves. How about this? You can kill net neutrality, but in return, every person who gets fucked over by it gets to come to the houses of each of your CEOs and personally violate their asses with large novelty dildos for a time period of no less than fifteen minutes. I think that sounds fair in return for what you're trying to do to us. Have a nice day!
—Adam Turner, Puyallup, WA

Net neutrality is imperative in keeping our constitutional rights. Freedom of speech will be meaningless because the corporations will effectively control and prevent access opposing views. This has very scary ramifications for our future. Please!! You are in a position to protect us and our children. Access to sites freely have helped my daughter get the medical care she needs because I could research without the corporation's agenda put before her wellbeing. Please, please help us keep net neutrality.
—Elizabeth Coddington, wellington, FL

Dear FCC, This decision marks a fundamental change that will create the path for future development of modern society. Crowd sourcing and open discussion are at the forefront of confronting issues that are critical to the growth of every industry, and possibly the survival of modern society (See: global warming, cultural acceptance, watchdogs groups, reporting of special interest groups activities in global politics...) Not supporting net neutrality WILL have a lasting adverse effect on the social, fiscal, and political development of the United States. This issue will be a determining factor in the future stability of our nation. Thank you for your time and consideration.
—Rick Cross, Anchorage, AK

I am in support of net neutrality!!!!!!!!!! Cable companies in the US already have too much political influence. Leave the net neutral!
—Mike Tolbert, Colonial heights, VA

Net Neutrality is important to me because I'm not the wealthy president of a cable company. I'm a poor nobody who very much appreciates the freedom of speech, freedom over property, and social mobility Net Neutrality currently affords us. I understand that some people think a lack of regulation will encourage more free market competition, but that's not going to happen when a new cable company can't even get off the ground because the connection to its website sucks. Corporations have always oppressed the less-rich and the less-powerful to get wealthier, and a lack of Net Neutrality would allow that to be limited only by what the corporations think they can get away with. And we'd be powerless to stop them, since any website speaking out against them could easily be censored or slowed to a crawl. Net Neutrality should be a right, not a privilege. Especially in this economy (not that any cable company executive would understand what I'm talking about).
—David, Tofield,

Do NOT adopt these new rules. The only groups in favor of ending net neutrality are the communications companies that would benefit monetarily. Internet access is fast becoming a necessity in an ever growing and changing global economy, and restricting it would place undue burden on low-income individuals. Do not allow those with the money to lobby the government to be the lone influence in a decision that adversely affects millions of Americans.
—Aaron Fettig, Grand Forks, ND

Regulating broadband - not a violation of free market principles because there isn't a free market in broadband period (local monopolies/duopolies for one). So yeah, +Net Neutrality, given actually fixing the entire mess is implausible at best. *sigh*
—Jacob Saunders, Granville, OH

Good evening, My name is Tom Dixon. I am a small business owner, as is my wife to be. I'm one of the little guys, the upstarts and, someday, maybe I'll be a huge success. It will take powerful content, relentless self promotion, sincere networking and constant education. Those are all things that the internet as it exists today offers. It also offers my voice and my vision to be broadcast under the same rules as any of the major players. May the best idea win. I'm not naive enough to think the world is a meritocracy, but up until recently, the internet provided the closest thing to it. I don't have the money to sway your opinion. I'm no Lowell McAdam or Brian Roberts. But, for now at least, I have as equal access to this website as any other in the world, and I'm going to use that access to tell you to leave this powerful tool for innovation we call the internet the hell alone. Thanks for your time. Tom Dixon Tom Dixon Photography Sheila McClain Simply Delectable
—Thomas Z Dixon, Casper, WY

There are bigger problems with the Internet, such as securing critical exposed United States infrastructural gateways for power and water, that should be addressed prior to even discussing how to make Telco companies richer. Do not misunderstand, I do realize that the Telco companies need to make money; however they should profit for innovation and progress and not by strong arming (read lobby) governmental bodies to pass legislation that would ultimately stiffle any compititon and give them the ability to charge MORE for what we have already rather than compelling customers by being truly innovative. This is nothing more than a money grab for the Telcos. Perhaps the extra charge, or an express lane if you will, should be used to deter accessing critical infrastructure rather than regular folks getting access to bandwidth to watch the new episode of 24.
—Keith Balding, lawrenceville, GA

If you go through with this, a new Internet will form under your nose. One designed by us. One designed to blot out corporate sponsorship. And you will never be allowed to take part of it. WE ALL all this advertising and data mining and other corporate bs to happen because it is a trade off for content. But we will no longer stand for corporate interests telling us what we can and can not experience.
—Jeremy, ravenna, NE

Ending Net Neutrality is an awful idea. Keep everyone equal, don't let ISPs dictate connection speeds. Connection speeds in America are already far, far behind those in other countries. Allowing two-tiered speeds for the internet will simply make everything worse. Think about this: we have the ability to access all of human knowledge and express our ideas at a press of a button. If ISPs have the option to limit speeds to make things basically inaccessible, they are killing that ability and making the human race collectively worse. FCC, throw out these new rules rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Sean Michel, San Jose, CA

I work for a small seo company that is barely making it by as it is. If we have to pay another bill just for faster internet that would hurt us severely and put more strain on several people who have invested years into this project. Captialism is great but this isn't capitalism, it is price gouging because the internet should be free.
—Chalie Shikany, Atlanta, GA

Net neutrality is important because it protects the first and fifth amendments, contrary to your statements. I'm not trusting someone who doesn't understand the bill of rights to monitor my internet activity.
—Ms. Someone who understands the Bill of Rights., Paradise, NV

Net neutrality is integral to the operation of the internet. Possibly the greatest invention of our generation it allows the free sharing of ideas, information, services and so much more. By allowing private companies to determine what is able to be viewed by private citizens we are denying every american the opportunity to truly enjoy the free sharing of information.
—Corey Murray, san antonio, TX

Net neutrality is how lots of small businesses communicate to their consumers. The phone companies cant control how much they can call people. Why should they be able to limit other forms of communication?
—Brock, Line lexington, PA

Because this is a matter of protecting free speech.
—Miles graham, Oswego, NY

Net neutrality is important to me because I don't believe that weaker regulations are good for consumers.
—Evan Martin, Novelty, OH

The internet was created to be an opportunity for anyone, anywhere to access what they want. If Net Neutrality falls, equality on the internet falls. The internet is not the place for paying for "fast lanes." We cannot give service providers the power over the people to choose what is fast and what isn't. The internet was made to be free territory, and should stay free territory.
—Cassie Cosimi, Bellevue, NE

As an average person who spends 5 percent of his income on internet, the concept of increasing the cost of internet is not going to help anyone. It is going to lead to a reduction in use or a rise in expenses for the average home. By removing neutrality you are doing nothing more than hurting the average household so please don't do it.
—Jeremy, Raleigh, NC

The internet is a global construction, hence the term "world wide web." Any interference with Net Neutrality would not only negatively affect hundreds of millions of Americans, it would also create major problems for the billions of internet users from the rest of the world who currently do not suffer under the oppressive policies of Comcast, Time Warner, et al.
—Jordy Worton, Cambridge,

Because net neutrality is one of the few forms of free speech that is still upheld.
—Steven Steinman, manhattan, KS

Because the internet was meant to share information! Don't sacrifice the public's right to be informed for these corporations bottom line!
—Adrian Cuevas, Tulare, CA

The fact that net neutrality is even being considered as anything other than a widely available, cheap, and public asset is pathetic. It is the most obvious and blatant breach of the U.S.'s social contract with its citizens and is the latest of outrageous attempts of large companies forcing their customers to unwillingly pay more than they should, or have to. The fact that the U.S. government can't protect us from people and companies like this only proves one thing: its time is limited. Those in the FCC and the government need replacing, and deserve it. If you can't protect the citizens you swore to protect, whether it be from physical or economical harm, you don't deserve to serve your people or consider yourself a part of the US government. It's pathetic that this website exists. It's pathetic that we're debating something like this. It's pathetic that companies even have remotely enough power to persuade you, FCC, into believing that they have anything other than good intentions. Good intentions leave the door the second the CEOs become millionaires, and you protect them. Instead of giving the common person a chance to succeed, you instead suppress all of them and allow the top to continue to grow, because that means you also profit from it. If there's a reason for the downfall of the government, you greatly contribute to it. I sincerely hope you reconsider any remote attempt to repeal net neutrality. Do you only allow certain people (rich) to drive in the fast lanes on highways? No. Everybody gets to, because it's a public service, just like the internet. Everybody deserves to be informed, everybody deserves to have access to the internet. The fact that the FCC, all of YOU, are considering, willfully, to make the internet UNEQUAL is astounding. Do NOT repeal net neutrality, please. You do not know how much support the government will lose if net neutrality disappears.
—John Bingham, Hanover, PA

Net Neutrality is one of the few equalizers across social and economic barriers that is widely available. Please let America know the FCC works for the people NOT corporations. Thank you.
—Terry Amos, chatham, VA

because putting that much power in the hands of anyone is too dangerous. If you let regulate one part next would be regulating content which would be an infringement on freedom of speech.
—Samantha Matthew Flentje and Flentje, Green Bay, WI

The internet HAS become something of an indispensable Utility within the last decade. Just the mere fact that you cannot access basic government programs easily, or live in the 22nd century, unless you have internet access should be your tip off right there. Unlike driving, where you have to earn your right to be a motorist, access to all the collective knowledge the world have ever known up until this point in history is a basic right and should be treated fairly and equally that everyone using it can utilize its full potential. Adding a "fast lane" is like giving out VIP cards at the local public library. Public utilities are accessible to anyone and are a basic requirement for any modernized city. Regardless of how the cable lobbyists try to define it, the internet needs to protected, no one can own it or design privileges around a right. The cable companies wish to further steal money from their customers. The people have spoken, the should government represents us, not the cable companies. They are service providers, and should be treated as a service industry. Not the owner or creator of the content. The price of the internet is too high! In regards to the price we'll pay if the net isn't protect, as well as in actual money consumers will be forced to pay. I don't have the same budget for internet access as companies like Comcast, At&T, and Time Warner...and neither does 99% of America. Break the monopolies and force them to compete.
—Eric Bunyan, san diego, CA

It is important because these companies who wish to reign over the intenet have no right to impose their unfair rules on us. The internet belongs to the people, not those who wish to distort it to suit their own personal gains.
—Kalen Bellamy, Dundalk,

Net Neutrality needs to remain because the free-flow of ALL information is important and healthy for modern society. Removing net neutrality only serves to benefit greedy corporations and is detrimental to actual users.
—Gavin Brough, Wellington,

Please protect net neutrality. It's unfair to abolish it.
—Viswam Nathan, Richardson, TX

Net Neutrality needs to stay. If it is done away with, America will effectively be thrust into a technological dark age. As revealed in a recent study done by Ookla Speedtest, America has embarrassingly slow internet when compared with the rest of the world. For instance, in Switzerland and South Korea, their internet speed is nearly triple that of American internet. It's thanks to America's lack of competition that the speeds are so slow; there are few choices besides Comcast, AT&T and Verizon. With so little competition, the companies have little incentive to change or improve. The removal of Net Neutrality will only increase the hold these monopolies have over America. Furthermore, to stay in the "fast lane", websites will have to shell out more money, and that's not going to be feasible for the vast majority of websites. Take for instance, college websites. Most aren't going to be able to pay extra to keep their websites up to speed (certainly not small community colleges). And what about resources for teachers and students? I study entomology, and one of the most useful websites I've found is bugguide.net It's much easier than using a field guide, and way more comprehensive. Sites like that aren't going to be able to afford a premium just to avoid dail-up speed. I could go on more, but I'd like to keep this somewhat short. Net Neutrality needs to stay. We don't need to give Comcast and others even more power over the consumer. If they get their way, they will ruin the internet for America, and we will be left behind as the world races past us in its fiberoptic cables.
—Stephen Birdwell, Murfreesboro, TN

In an increasingly technological world, net neutrality and free speech are the same thing, and presuppose one another.
—Brian Seguine, Sewaren, NJ

The internet is one of last places for truly independent creators of content to have a voice without media company middle-men. Ending net neutrality would squelch independent artists, film-makers, writers, and most of all, small business owners and start-ups that don't have money to compete with massive media conglomerates.
—James Myers, Benson, AZ

In a world where all the news corporations and media outlets are owned by a few corporations it is increasingly important to keep the internet free of mechanisms which would allow the cherry-picking of content. Keep this last bastion of freedom free.
—Matthew Frost, Dorchester, MA

You are creating a powerful censorship tool and giving it to ISPs if you drop net neutrality. This also kills competition between websites. Only for - profit websites can compete. This spells the end for users casually publishing ideas on the net.
—Ross Dugas, youngsville, LA

The fast lanes are ridiculous and you must think the American people are full blown retarded for believing that that allowing fast lanes somehow protects free speech. Pull your head out of your asses and fix this shit.
—Clayton Trimm, Fort Campbell, TN

The Internet is, quite simply, the most important tool we have right now. Not just as a country or a culture, but as a species. Nothing in the entirety of human history has ever brought us closer to being a truly unified people. What the major ISPs are trying to set up is tantamount to institutionalizing blackmail. It would give them the authority to dictate who gets a useable presence on the Internet according to who will pay whatever the ISPs feel like charging for the privilege. Assuming, of course, that they can pay. Or, they can not pay...and be cut off from any sort of livelihood the Internet could, or might already, provide. Nobody should have that much power over such an integral part of modern life. To assume the ISPs won't abuse that power is naive at best, and foolhardy at worst. The FCC will never have another chance like this to show the American people, and ultimately the world, it's putting their best interests ahead of the 1% and their army of lobbyists. We all stand to benefit from Net Neutrality. Allowing the ISPs to do away with it because they aren't totally happy with their dividends will do nothing less than irreparably hinder our advancement as a species. I urge the FCC to preserve Net Neutrality for all our sakes.
—Joshua Sproull, Madison, AL

With this country being built on equality and freedom, how can you even think about getting rid of Net Neutrality? It goes against everything our Country stands for, it is a disgrace. The whole government is a disgrace
—Shannon Kelly, Hatboro, PA

The internet was created with the intent to be able to share information quickly and equally. There should not be a governing body of the internet to decide what information is more important than other information. I especially do not trust companies like Verizon, AT&T, or Comcast to make that decision for everyone else.
—Zach Whiteside, Hampshire, TN

Internet as a public utility has precedent. People already have to pay exorbitant amounts for internet service as it is. Internet is no longer a luxury, but a necessity. Children use it for school, workers use it to do work at home, to telecommute (such as myself), and to run home businesses. The burden is too much already. Don't let them continue to bleed our country dry!
—Heather Duffield, Cleveland, OH

We are wasting our human capital if part of the the economy is being subjected to less information.
—John Irick, lakewood, CO

Why try and fix something that is not broken? Net Neutrality gives everyone an even playing field and by allowing the cable companies to charge different rates for faster internet will limit competition.
—Greg, Charlotte, NC

I honestly cannot believe that this proposal is even being considered by the FCC. Allowing the cable companies free reign over internet speed grants them the unprecedented ability to discriminate against their own clientele based on their economic status! If this is supposed to be the home of the free, tell me then why we're allowing a 3 point monopoly to dictate what we can and cannot do with a technology in public domain? This is entirely unacceptable! If you approve this, the majority of the American public will likely protest en mass and generate a public relations nightmare the likes of which you've never seen before. Ask yourself: Is the money these cable companies paying you really worth it?
—Matt, Lacey, WA

Getting rid of Net Neutrality benefits absolutely no one other than ISPs and actively hurts the average person's economic mobility, which is weak enough as it is.
—Brian O'Keefe, Northbrook, IL

As a web security researcher, net neutrality is important to me because it enables me to test potential new vulnerabilities on a multitude of platforms in a safe way, by purchasing inexpensive web hosting on which to test my research. Throttling my hosted applications would slow down my research, as well as the research of all other benevolent security researchers, leading to a more insecure web and forcing us to test on live applications, in a potentiality unsafe and quite possibly illegal fashion.
—Caleb Brinkman, Houston, TX

The internet allows everyone, not just Americans to express their freedom of speech. Now all these companies are seeking to meddle in and end net neutrality and regulate the internet for their own purposes. Please don't let this happen. This affects voters of all ages.
—Edgar Lopez, Miami, FL

Net neutrality allows the internet to function more as a public trust. If controlled by companies, prices will increase, efficiency will decline, and we will get less out of our internet resource. And once cable/phone companies control it, it will never be free of that grip.
—Alex, Monona, WI

Dont be swayed by their blatant easily checked lies. The ISPs do not care about net neutrality. They want an easier money stream. They haven't invested in infrastructure and yet tell you they need to control the bandwidth. You know they are lying to you, dont listen to them listen to the people.
—Sean Parker, Brooklyn, NY

The beautiful thing about the internet is that it creates an even playing field for everyone. Please don't change this.
—Cail Daley, Hillsboro, WV

Net neutrality is important to me because I know that if we abandon it the big companies will raise there prices for no other reason but greed.
—Justin Parr, maysville, GA

Dear FCC, As an adherent to a minority religion who enjoys public discrimination, mockery, and "straw-manning", I find Net Neutrality to be a danger to the free expression and open discussion of religious ideas and opinions that might otherwise have no public forum or avenue for dispersed adherents to communicate and keep up-to-date on developments in or about the community, such as; legal battles, civil rights abuses, events or gatherings, local groups, etc. This is just one area of my life that would be damaged by the loss of Net Neutrality, along with my enjoyment of independent music, independent art, and sexual expression, to name a few. Thank you for your time and consideration.
—Reginald (Reggie) Santana, Glendora, CA

The access and availability of information online should not be in the hands of cable companies who are looking to make a buck. Please don't let us loose net neutrality.
—Neil LaBelle, Ashland, KS

The internet is a vital resource and should be protected just as though it were a wetland. We should not allow corporations to govern the Internet; we need only look at the banking industry to see that for-profit companies are unable to regulate themselves.
—Michael Wisebaker, Akron, OH

Why should American companies be allowed to dictate how the rest of the world does their business over the internet? Let the big companies struggle and come up with a new strategy that makes them viable in the modern age.
—Matthew Ian Wynn, Hobart,

Because without net neutrality, my business will go under, and my dog will starve to death. So if you do away with net neutrality, you are literally murdering a corgi. Is that what you want on your hands? Corgi murder? Because that is what you're getting. A dead corgi. Because you couldn't just leave things as they were, which were fine, and the rich people were already getting rich as it is. Stop killing corgis, FCC.
—Luke Collins, Oak Creek, WI

The internet is one of the last places in the free market where a person with little more than a good idea can make a living or reach a vast audience without having to go through the censoring or editing of a large company. Getting rid of net neutrality isn't the same as using fed ex to get a letter sent faster, it's more like hobbling the mailman unless you pay a premium.
—Mike Dirsten, sylvan lake,

I don't think it's right, or fair that people should have to pay extra for their webpages to load faster. I chose to watch Netflix over cable, and I chose to pay for the service. I don't understand how it is just or fair for cable companies require extra money so Netflix can stream faster when Netflix already pays the cable company to stream their programming. Its like if cell phone companies charging 911 dispatchers/cities extra money for receiving phone calls when I already pay a fee for the 911 service. It just doesn't make sense.
—Andera Leckscheid, Hastings, MN

The internet is one of the greatest tools for allowing the creativity, drive, and intellect of billions of people to better the world. Please don't allow a few companies the power to limit all the potential good that can be done with a neutral net.
—Ellen Willard, montgomery, IL

I find it perplexing that anyone can argue that restricting my ability to access information online is protecting my free speech. This is exactly what allowing ISP's to allow premium access to websites will do, and they have the audacity to defend it as free speech. Artificially limiting speech by limiting access is something that can only have negative effects. And this says nothing of the poor business effects, driving innovation out of the only place that allows small, niche products to flourish. Please, do not allow huge corporations to destroy net neutrality.
—Zachary Brower, East Stroudsburg, PA

The internet is one of the absolute last places on Sol-3 where people still have some semblance of true equality and freedom. To allow the throttling of the internet would rob many people of their ability to have their voices heard, it's essentially censorship of the poor. The internet does not belong to any individual person, national government OR CORPORATION, it belongs to everyone, even the United Nations has decided that net access is a human right. The internet is not an ATM for companies whom already have more than enough currency.
—Dave Webb, Walsenburg, CO

Dear FCC, I would like to urge you in the strongest possible terms, not to destroy net neutrality. The capability of new content to sprout up and flourish is the very basis of the modern internet, and this proposed plan would cause a great deal of this content to become almost, if not entirely, inaccessible. To kill net neutrality is to kill the growth of the internet as anything more than a platform for corporate benefit. This would be a true tragedy, and one that it completely avoidable.
—Elias Work, Bethlehem, PA

The internet needs to stay balanced to further its use as an educational platform.
—Larry Schumann, Denver, CO

Net Neutrality is important to me because it ensures everyone has an actually equal voice, whether or not they have a lot of money. Philosophers, artists, and unpublished authors need a voice too.
—Loni Ice, Russellville, AR

Net neutrality is vital to the continuation of the internet, itself invented to share resources and ideas (back in the good old days of ARPAnet). If people require increasing entry cost into the internet, it becomes a monopolized market and makes it impossible for newcomers to share ideas. The internet, being neutral, is at least partially responsible for the fastest boom in human endeavour since the start of recorded history. It set us up in the fast lane toward the singularity and now you want to help take it away from people? Just answer me this: are you genuinely going to allow giant corporations who are out only to make profit at the expense of literally everyone on the planet get away with the murder of the internet? I'll leave you with this lovely factoid: it is now considered a human rights violation to take away someone's access to the internet.
—Zeev Romm, Toronto,

At the stage our nation and world has reached, the notion of Internet access as a public utility and the broad proliferation thereof is one that would drive humanity to higher peaks.
—Gwen Carlson, Saint Paul, MN

ISP's should be classified as common carriers. It's completely insane to allow any company, let alone the ones trying to control the internet to have such a sweeping grasp of power. What comes next if they ISP's get what they want? suddenly the sites they don't approve of stop working all together. The information they deem harmful suddenly vanish to never be seen again. If you allow these companies to control the internet in the way that they want then you might as well kiss the information age goodbye. What is the point of the internet if it's not open for all as it has been.
—Paul Frambes, Ingleside, IL

Net neutrality keeps my money paying for exactly what I want, rather than what a cable company tells me I should want.
—Michael, Jacksonville, FL

Net neutrality ensures competition in the market of internet media. It has the best interests of consumers as a fundamental principle. To deny net neutrality is to deny the root values of the American free enterprise system, where anybody can become successful, where anyone can choose which goods and services to purchase and use. To eliminate net neutrality would be basically to defeat the very purpose of the internet.
—Cullen Chandler, Williamsport, PA

The tech sector is of vital importance to the US economy. If Net Neutrality is ended, innovative startups may not be able to pay the extortion demanded by the cable companies for "fair" service. As a result, they may never get a chance to succeed. The problem is exacerbated even further if a startup is seen as a direct competitor to a cable conglomerate's holdings. Google, Amazon and other tech innovators would have never had a chance to grow in their early stages in such an environment.
—David Raifaizen, Melville, NY

The internet is a public utility created and used by many groups of people. It is not the property of cable companies, that they can sell it piecemeal.
—Luke Lawrence, Kingsport, TN

Dear FCC: The Internet is one place where everyone can be equal by allowing ISP's to create two tier service you will be creating second class citizens. It would never occur to you to allow the phone companies to create two levels of service why are you listening to a group of corporations whose only objective is to increase the stranglehold they already have.
—Michelle Cox, Ancaster,

It's just common sense. The way to keep the information of the internet free-flowing, the way to allow smaller competitors to take root, the way to keep the internet a social haven as well as a virtual mall is to allow net neutrality to continue. Please don't let it be money from the big guys that decides its fate.
—Stephanie Englebert, Mission, KS

If we ever want the economy to recover we need to allow businesses big and small to be able to grow. The internet is a vital part of that. Killing net neutrality forces businesses with high traffic sites to pay more and keeps newcomers out. A new company with a new website who suddenly gains traction (say from the Reddit wave of death) would suddenly have to pay more to allow the elevated level of web traffic to come through. Instead of reinvesting in the company and keeping entry barriers lower, these new businesses would have to pay money to companies like Verizon, AT&T, and Comcast. Why? Just because they want more money. I'm not arguing that it isn't smart for them. Of course they want it that way. Money is money. Shouldn't we instead promote growth to a wider variety of business because new businesses bring new goods to the table instead of allowing already huge companies to get more money without actually giving anything good in return? They bring literally nothing good to the economy but take more money for a worse service. It's a win for them and the lobbyists that are taking their money, but is that what we've come to now? Is greed the only thing that runs our country? I would like to think that our nation is above that.
—David Hanks, Provo, UT

Because Cable companies are, at least in my area, a government backed monopoly, the only company we can get is comcast. Killing Net Nuetrality would make the Cable companies into ridiculously powerful and it would force everyone to pay even more for their bad service. Killing net neutrality would basically limit free speech, the internet is one of the easiest ways to express yourself.
—Alexi C-V, Lake Forest Park, WA

The Internet is by far the most significant and important tool in the 21st Century. It has opened up a universe of possibilities for people all across the world to communicate and share ideas. Even as I type this message to you, millions of people are making and maintaining meaningful connections with others. In fact, were it not for the Internet, you wouldn't even be reading this message. The Internet has allowed for the dissemination of world news in a heartbeat, and has made it nearly effortless for businesses to render services and offer products to consumers. It has put the sum of human knowledge and experience at our fingertips. The last time you wanted to know something, where did you turn? The use of this invaluable - and indeed, essential - tool of the modern era should not be at the behest of corporations, whose only concern is in making money. Rather, it should be allowed to continue to be what it always has been - an open and unbiased forum for people worldwide to communicate, conduct business, and freely express themselves. I sincerely hope you will make the right decision and defend the neutrality of this exciting frontier from the corporations who wish to revoke it for their own gain.
—Zac Kaplan, Tucson, AZ

We pay enough for internet as it is. Let's try and save some money for the average American, instead of giving high end CEO's and corporations more money they don't need.
—Steve, reynoldsburg, OH

Net Neutrality should be important to anyone who cares about the freedom to express themselves. The internet is our modern day library system as well as our modern day town hall and soap box on the corner. If the Bill of Rights means anything, this wouldn't even be questioned.
—Russell Moesta, Chula Vista, CA

Unrestricted access of the service that I pay to use, to access the sites I want to use, should not NEED protecting, but should be implied by the mere purchase of the service in it of itself. The fact that these companies have made it come to this,made it to where they need to be told no, is nothing short of disgraceful. It should not matter why net neutrality is important to me, it should matter that it is important to me. It should matter that all of a sudden, billion dollar corporations are trying to limit the first amendment rights of citizens of their own countries, and that they need to be told no. Letting them do so would not only be unjust, but by its very definition, unconstitutional, underhanded, and unacceptable. I hope you take these words into consideration. Should you, I hope you have a good day; should you not, I hope you find a way to sleep at night.
—Connor Nolan, Mesquite, TX

It started off equal, why should anyone decide they have more of a right to high speeds than anyone else? Don't enable them.
—Catherine Mellor, Lodi, CA

Net Neutrality is important to protect sites that may be classified as competition or sites that protest against the service provider. It's important to help small sites be usable, for people to get their opinion heard. Without that there is no freedom of speech because if you have a blog that they disagree with they can make sure it won't load for anyone to be able to read it. The only benefits to getting rid of net neutrality go to the service providers; meanwhile everyone else will be hurt.
—Karleigh Jones, Peoria, AZ

There are so many reasons, but I'll just put one down here. Small business. I buy from a few indie companies that sell online through their own website. I would hate to see these companies and the people who have invested so much in them fail because someone decided to slow traffic on their site to a crawl.
—Melissa Williams, West Elizabeth, PA

The internet is a tool that is utilized for many purposes by millions of people every day. If companies are allowed to regulate who gets to access what information and at what speed, it's going to impact smaller businesses, or business that think it's crap to pay more just to have a functional website. I thought that essentially holding consumers by the throat and telling them that you have to use my product when I say you can use it is tantamount to highway robbery and monopoly. That's ridiculous and against the very idea of the internet being the "information superhighway" not the "information toll-road."
—Kimberly Bowers, Los Lunas, NM

Without Net Neutrality searching the web would be even more difficult. If I want to find an answer to something, instead of having to find the answer, I'll also have to find the answer that is hosted on a site that is paying the billionaires so I have the ability to even see the damned thing. Everyone should have the right to the whole internet, not just the rich.
—Grizzly, crothersville, IN

Dear FCC, The internet is the last place many people go to be without judgement or prejudice. For many and most, giving cable companies the right to determine who deserves what service makes that safe haven disappear. Not only that but it would promote big business to get even bigger with both direct (i.e. Comcast, Verizon) and indirect results. The companies that can afford to pay for these "fast lanes" (i.e. the already big ones) will by default get more traffic in both advertising and home page viewing based on the fact that the smaller, still growing, or less successful businesses can not afford the same luxurious treatment the already big businesses can. So wen it comes down to it, destroying net neutrality is just one more way to make the average man feel victimized (whether it be "legal" or not) and to expand the gap between the commoner and the wealthy. Thank you for your consideration
—Nick Radick, Lansdale, PA

It is disgusting what Verizon, Comcast and AT&T are corroborating with. Businesses in real life do not have a neutral enviroment. The current captalist system is rigged in favor of a few major companies. And now, they try to make that a reality in the internet, the last true equaliser in our shared planet. It strikes me how insane it is that the people should really have to gather and organize to explain, collectively, to a regulatory organ, why equality and freedom are good things. And why those opposed to them are enemys of advance and the common good. It seems even weirder, to me, that the FCC should pretend not to understand the subject and act in favor of desperate, grotesque and imoral lobbying moves such as those practiced by the cable providers companies.
—Arthur F. Padua, Franca - SP,

Level the playing field for no one and put all the power in the hands of those who the bottom line is always more important
—Franklin Meneses, riverbank, CA

It's unfair to charge a premium for speed.
—Jenny Lapham, Charlotte, NC

Long story short: cable/internet service providers are monopolies making obscene profits already, and should not be allowed to regulate themselves by bribing the FCC or posting former chairmen to the FCC. Expecting them to behave out of the goodness of their hearts is naive/ignorant at best, and deliberately obtuse with intent to cause harm at worse. This is not about making the internet better for the end user. This is about getting more money out of the end user, and anyone else they can gouge.
—Regina, Kenneth City, FL

The wide open wild world of the internet requires that the playing field stay level. I can believe and trust the chaos online because it mirrors the real world I experience. Away from the glowing screen world I can ignore corporations and the privledged in the same way I can ignore online ads once net neutrality dies it's unlikely that I'll be able to trust the online works to be an accurate reflection of real people and their often insane viewpoints. Instead of a massive beautiful chaos of people sharing and shouting it will be worthless like trying to become informed by watching TV.
—Mal, Evansto, IL

Dear FCC, I believe the internet should be, and, in all likelihood, must be free from oppressive companies such as Comcast, Time Warner, and any others. I ask that you do anything and everything in your power to prevent these companies from gaining control of anything more precious than a pile of dirt. Thank you for your time, Brendan
—Brendan Ware, arlington, VA

The internet has been one of the most democratizing and equalizing inventions in modern history. In order to remain a positive tool for progress, it needs to stay free-as-in-speech. Do not let corporate interests decide who gets to speak and who is silenced.
—Justin L Bremer, Anaheim, CA

"All animals are equal, but some animals are more equal than others." That's pretty much what is happening here, as cliche as it is. The internet, in all it's uncouth glory, is an equal playing field. If you take that away, you get a very large group of people very angry at you. It's not only a question of freedom, but of fairness. What of the people who work online and suddenly have their internet speed halved because they can't afford the "premium" internet. They might not be as productive at their job and before they know it, the hours they work are reduced or worse yet, they're fired. All because some greedy ceo wanted more money. This is disgusting. I can't voice that enough; I am disgusted. If something this, obviously, corrupt gets out into motion I will be ashamed to call myself an American. Any country that let's something like this happen to their "free" people is beyond hope, for what's to keep companies from charging premium everything? Premium doctors, you pay more you get helped before the Average Joe! Premium air, breathe cleaner then Susie Q! Please don't make that first step to the dark side, I still have some hope in humanity. Don't kill it just yet. Please.
—Rachael Thomas, Duncansville, PA

Dear FCC Personel, Information transmission systems best serve commercial and civic purposes when broadly and equally accessible to all potential users with no bias towards any specific party. This is extremely evident in the governing of current information systems such as radio wavelengths, telecommunications, and even interstate highway systems. Publicly regulated civic systems, like those mentioned, have been the primary driver of technological economic expansion. Private commercial interests expand inside these layers of civic infrastructure. Allowing communications companies to consolidate power and allocate information flow with only short sighted commercial interest is ultimately detrimental to the commercial and civic well being of the economy. Alienating and handicapping competition and innovation breeds stagnation, apathy, and eventual collapse of a free market system. The current system of net neutrality is the preferable situation for people and their interests to flourish in.
—Spencer McClelland, Cincinnati, OH

Just thought I'd chime in, and drop a reminder that I still support a free, neutral internet, regardless of what the cable company lobbyists would have you to believe. My reasons are that the middleman (cable) should not have the power to play favorites and stifle entrepreneurs by not granting them equal access to download/upload speeds, due to not being able to afford the fast lane. The broadband providers' powers are growing out of control with these recent mergers that you failed to stop, and this will be the death knell of the internet if this is allowed to pass. Please do the right thing.
—Heather Samons, Dublin, OH

As a recently graduated high school student, I can tell you that I depend heavily on the Internet for research. In my studies, I have used everything from online academic journals to documentaries on Netflix. Now, I've seen the reports on how Comcast strong-armed Netflix into paying more for Comcast's services. This is akin to allowing the United States Post Office to charge National Geographic more to ship their product because magazines take up more room in the mail truck. Too many people have worked far too hard to spread information and almost limitless knowledge throughout the world for net neutrality to end now. As a student, an American, and a seeker of knowledge, I ask you to protect net neutrality from corporate interests.
—Andrew Nelson White, Fort Mill, SC

Starting online businesses have been a way for many people to survive the economic downturn. Right now it is an even playing field. If Net Neutrality ends it allows big businesses to pay for an advantage over the upstart companies that will kill their business. Please keep the playing field level!!! The ending of Net Neutrality is just another way for cable companies to make more money with less service. This isn't good for anyone other than big business.
—Denise Kadar, Poway, CA

A free Internet is a true market place of ideas. Eliminating "net neutrality" skews the balance of power in this free marketplace to those entities with the power and resources already at their disposal. Please do not eliminate or cripple net neutrality.
—Brian Perez, Philadelphia, PA

I am sick and tired of politicians granting corporations special privileges just because they have giant piles of cash. The country is very obviously against the disassembling of net neutrality yet those in charge would see it completely destroyed. Letting companies abuse our free internet will only create more upset and angry citizens. They may provide us access to the internet, but who are they to determine what is important and what is not important. Certainly there is a conflict of interest in there somewhere. The internet is a tool of great power and I don;t want to see it gimped because companies want to nickel and dime their customers even more than they already do.
—John Lauri, Long Pond, PA

The world wide web, a term "worthy of a science fiction universe" has united the world as few other tecnologies have, all the world, and all of this was born on the United States of America. It is therefore a shame to me to witness how the government of the United States may attempt against this union, by excluding the citizens that may not wish to pay extra money for a service they already enjoy, fostering discontempt amongst the people that you are meant to serve. - Francisco
—Jesús Francisco Quevedo Osegueda, San Salvador,

Net neutrality is important to me becuase the internet is the voice of the people and true crowd sourced information which I believe should be important to everyone.
—Robert J Hubick, middlesboro, KY

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers. All data should be treated equally. Net neutrality is vital to the American economy and fairness to all of us. I'm tired of the cable companies running everything and doing whatever they want. They are monopolies, and I don't understand why this is allowed. NET NEUTRALITY FOR EVERYONE. PREVENT CABLE COMPANY FUCKERY.
—Erin Martell, ALISO VIEJO, CA

Preserving net neutrality is necessary for the future of our country and world. This statement is not overdramatic. I make it because I think fairness is important, a principle America was founded on and the majority of the population seems to agree with. Net neutrality lets the small companies reside beside the larger ones, lets everyone have a voice on the internet, and shows everyone that you can start something and be heard. This is something I experienced and something I want the future to preserve.
—Victoria Halevy, Palatine, IL

Net Neutrality Is Important As I Believe The Internet Is And Should Remain One Of The Only Places Where A Person Can Express And Explore Viewpoints And Areas Of Interest Based On Personal Choice Instead Of Highest Dollar Paid.
—Timothy Bond, Morristown, TN

Allowing companies to control the flow of information will hold our species back. A short term monetary gain for a long term human loss.
—Patrick Skinner, savona, NY

I support net neutrality!
—Charles Holman, hoover, AL

Hello FCC. I don't know you personally, I've only heard about you through some research I've recently undertaken after learning you are moving forward a plan that would allow internet service providers to rig the game. I use that phrase very deliberately here as I don't believe many people are fooled by the ISP claims they will not abuse the power presented them. Rather, they will rig the game so as to allow themselves preferred speeds and slow down everyone who is not connected directly from their wallets into the ISP's hands. I ask that you classify ISP's as common carriers so as to protect the average, and non-average, consumer from corporate abuse.
—Casey E., Abbotsford, WI

Net Neutrality is very important to me, because I'd rather have all websites be fast, than just the ones that pay the cable companies.
—Aaron White, Garden City, KS

You have already heard all the arguments in favor of net neutrality, I'm sure. I won't bore you with another rendition of the same. Instead, I would just like to remind you of exactly who is making this argument, so many times and in so many forms: Everyone. This is an issue that cuts across every demographic, from the grandma who likes to play bridge online to the anarchist who blogs about overthrowing the government, everyone cares about keeping the internet neutral. Please understand that people are interconnected as never before, and the average person has effortless access to an incredible amount of information. The elimination of net neutrality would not go unnoticed and almost certainly would be quickly reversed. Do not put yourself on the wrong side of history in the name of a temporary victory, or for the despicable motivation of secret money. It is very rare that the right thing and the smart thing are the same, but this is one of those times. Just think about it.
—David Rios, Corvallis, OR

The internet is the same for all people, and should not be better for those who have more money.
—Ask the NSA, ASK THE NSA, GA

There has never been anything like the Internet in history. Humanity has unparalleled access to information and to an egalitarian space that allows everyone equal chance to be heard. Huge corporations like Verizon, AT&T, and Comcast will always find ways to get around regulations to keep them from owning (see: ruining) everything, but that doesn't mean you need to hand them an EASY victory. Stand up to them. Do what the FCC is supposed to do. Protect Net Neutrality and equal access for EVERYONE.
—Amanda Hefner, Lincoln, NE

The amount of dollar signs dancing in the FCC and providers eyes is just disgusting. I can't believe this isn't a joke. Net Neutrality should NEVER be up for debate.
—Ashley Feehan, Calgary,

Because big companies that can afford your ridiculous bribes aren't the only source of my internet traffic. In fact, they aren't even most of it.
—Grace Albritton, Richmond, VA

The privatization of valuable resources is already out of control in this country, the internet despite being provided by private companies, is a largely public network, where access to sites only depends on your service provider, not which company owns the site. The fact that these mega-companies are literally the only people anti Net Neutrality should speak volumes about what people want. I'm not a huge internet person, but the internet shouldn't be governed by the voices of few, it should be governed by the people actually using it.
—Caoimhe Carty, Oakland, CA

To prevent an ordinary person with a dream to have equal access to the internet is borderline unconstitutional and destroys the american dream. Net neutrality is a must.
—Benjamin Birnbach, Potomac, MD

Net neutrality prevents large, heavily-trafficked websites from having superior access than smaller websites, thus enabling capitalism to actually WORK online by giving everyone an even playing field.
—David Nelson, Hemet, CA

Freedom!!!
—Marina Meadows, Miami, FL

Dear FCC, I do not see how there can even be a consideration of dismantling net neutrality. In a time where citizen's voices are drowned out by corporations and money, how can we justify limiting those voices any further, by supporting the shrieking lies of corporations like Verizon and Comcast. It is repugnant. Please, my voice is already so limited by what I can spend and how I can vote, please I beg you, do not give the microphones to the biggest pocketbooks.
—Margaret Brandau, Albuquerque, NM

Allowing large corporations or any company in general to decise who gets what on the internet is ridiculous! Our society has come to rely on the internet for most of our information, to restrict thst knowledge is a crime and we the people do not agree!
—Sarah Skinner, Savona, NY

The end of Net Neutrality is another nail in the coffin for the American Dream. Net Neutrality allows for a level playing field and is currently one of the few ways one can find success through pure hard work and dedication. Allowing a few corporations to decide which sites can succeed or fail through extra fees creates a wall that will further hinder small businesses and start up companies from competing with the big corporations of today. The removal of Net Neutrality serves to bring more wealth to big business and make life harder for those that still believe in the American Dream of finding success through hard work rather than pandering for the affection of big business.
—Ryan Javor, Deep River, CT

It's impossible to get unbiased news anymore. All of our news is currently driven with a liberal or conservative spin. Please protect the last and only bastion of free press in this country. They may not be popular but they're needed. Please don't make me turn to MSNBC or Fox News. It's a sham.
—Joseph Matthews, St Joseph, MO

I am writing in support of net neutrality for reasons likely already mentioned more eloquently here by others. Allowing cable companies, which already charge Americans significantly higher rates for internet access than other countries, to have the sole say as to what information people can access is nonsensical. It inhibits the small business growth that politicians all pay lip service to at election time because small businesses cannot hope to compete on an internet that disadvantages them from the start by charging to have any hope of reaching potential customers. The FCC is permitting cable companies to become the definition of monopolies. To further permit - even encourage - those monopolies to limit what information their consumers can access would exponentially compound an already unfair scheme. The FCC needs to protect the public interest beyond just shielding America from curse words during prime time by saving net neutrality. Classify ISPs as common carriers.
—Katherine Proctor, Madison, WI

I find the proposed rules to be a step in the absolute wrong direction that the internet should be handled, and oppose an abomination of such a policy being approved.
—Stanton Burchett, Centennial, CO

Don't give big cable companies control over the internet.
—Emma G, takoma park, MD

Net neutrality is the shield that protects one of the most valuable resources available in the modern world against those who would turn it to personal gain. What good could come of putting that power in their hands? Discrimination starting now could only end badly.
—Dan E., Cottleville, MO

Companies would have the power to pick winners and losers online and discriminate against online content and applications. That is a bad idea that would would end up inhibiting free speech.
—Genevieve Morrow, Waukesha, WI

A free and open internet is the single greatest technology of our time, and control should not be at the mercy of corporations. Open internet stimulates ISP competition, helps prevent unfair pricing practices, promotes innovation and the spread of ideas, drives entrepreneurship, and protects freedom of speech.
—Jacklyn Harris-West, Baton Rouge, LA

Because giant communications conglomerates can in no way know whats best for the people when their sole goal is increasing their bottom line.
—Alex Lane, Columbus, OH

Because access to public information shouldn't be controlled by a greedy company.
—Steve Firak, Woodstock, IL

Net Neutrality needs to be upheld to avoid giving Cable companies the power to bully and blackmail websites into paying for high rates of service.
—Seth Woodward, Anaheim, CA

The downfall of net neutrality will only assure that those with money can continue to have a older voice than those without. The rich get richer and everyone else will get screwed. Keep the Net neutral!
—Leon Blaisdell, Nashville, TN

Eliminating Net Neutrality is a violation of the first amendment of the U.S. Constitution. Allowing privately-owned companies to decide whose speech gets to be heard based on how much money they have? That's evil. That's sickening. It goes against every principle that this country is supposed to stand for. Stop sucking Verizon's cock.
—Geran Miter, St. Albans, VT

Money, the root of all evil. Broad statement but the base of it is true, when all is focused upon greed no good can come of it. Allowing the isp's to force web entities to cough upttheir own money in order for decent access to theirsite is ludicrous. The sole purpose of this is further remove small business/ people from the equation and only a select few who have the money to be heard. I am for net neutrality and I hope I've made some sense.
—Sean, Tucson, AZ

Net neutrality is not only important to me, but it is also important to everyone else who uses the internet. Now, here in the United States of America, there aren't a lot of people that don't use the internet. This is the richest and most wealthy country on the planet. So now, our large service provider oligopolies want to demolish our rights as Americans by making competitors and little websites charge ludicrous fees for normal speeds. This is not real net neutrality, this is not what the people want, this is not what the United States of America should be having to deal with. I want the FCC to throw out it's current net neutrality rules and to reclassify ISP's as common carriers making the internet equally accessible to all. Internet Service Providers, with the key word here being provider, are trying to bring in an age of oppression and wealth for few. These companies did not invent the internet. it is not theirs to restrict. This madness must end.
—Cameron Pursel, Newtown, PA

Net neutrality is neutral Net.
—Mike Campo, Coos Bay, OR

As a freelance writer and artist, net neutrality is of the utmost importance to me. It is what allows any of us nowadays to get our passions seen. If there's one thing history has proven, it's that money does not create anything and does not create anyone; people with talent and dreams need a place to showcase and bleed their souls out into the world. The internet, since its creation, has been a wonderland of ideas. And to segregate that kind of freedom based on who has more money than someone else, is just one more nail in the coffin that is America and the world as a whole; it would be the new, technological brand of slavery. If the cable companies are given this power to monopolize their preferred and most monetary clients, and net neutrality ceases to exist, we can kiss our dreams goodbye. If Mozart was born into such a world, we might have never heard his music. No company, no person, nothing, should have this sort of control over its people. It's an online dictatorship in its purest and most horrific form.
—Caleb J Alexander, New York, NY

The internet is one of the greatest resources of the modern age, its value to our generation and to the further improvement of mankind is immeasurable. Everything that has happen in the few decades since its creation has moved, evolved and upgraded with amazing speed. We are at the point in time where technology is updating every ten years and making newly created technologies obsolete. This ease of development was only possibly due to the speed and efficiency at which the internet was able to spread information and connect likeminded people. And just recently we have seen websites such as Kickstart, and Netflix come in and completely change the game. So I'm confused why in your horrible attempt to amass even more money and power you would favor one of the few decisions that would make a villain in the eyes of the world., it just doesn't seem like the smart move to pull. The internet can't be stopped it is beyond human control, throw your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. The internet has become about adaptation just like the real world. No matter how large the empire, no matter how much money it has, if it can't adapt to the times it will not survive, and if it can't please the people it will be devoured by them. Learn to play by the new rules the internet belongs to the people.
—Viktor Zenelaj, clearwater, FL

We need to preserve equality of information and individuals. We need to preserve the chance to free discourse. We need to preserve a level playing field. We need to preserve the opportunities created. We need to preserve the hope that the internet can make life better for everyone, everywhere.
—Sean Lavery, Philadelphia, PA

If theres no net neutrality, What do i do if my isp tries to milk my bank for more money and i struggle to pay my bills because of a slow connection? Or my insurance? Or web sites that speak out against them? Also, many americans dont have s choice of isps. Theres only one in my area unless you count expensive and slow satellite connections. With all the mergers, we have even less choice. Utility deregulation has never once benefitted consumers.
—Alan Karna, Pembine, WI

Because if the government is going to allow greedy corporations to gain a monopoly over a sector as vital and encompassing as the internet, capitalism fails.
—Jonathan Alvizuri, Flushing, NY

Net Neutrality is important because without it, cable companies that are already charging us an arm and a leg would extort us under the guise of a law passed by the senators they purchased. Tell the FCC to throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Arthur Baggins, Texaco, HI

Net neutrality is at this point the last hope of sanity or human intelligence we as a species have left, freedom to profit has to have limits, internet is a utility
—Andrew D. Wickenkamp, Lincoln, NE

Please keep the net neutral. It allows every person on the planet to connect to each other and encourages a global community that transcends borders. Please don't sell this intellectual frontier to the highest bidder.
—Jessica Mercouri, Little Rock, AR

Please keep the internet available for everyone. I support reclassifying ISPs as common carriers.
—Pam McNulty, Grants pass, OR

It's only fair. I'm an average person, with limited power to have my voice heard. But a neutral internet gives me just as much power as the rich guy, or the wealthy corporation, to have what I say heard by everyone. Unless, that is, ISPs can charge more for faster, better distribution, in which case my opinions will, once again, go unheard.
—Michelle Conley, Las Vegas, NV

Without Net Neutrality, the internet will become much less accessible.
—Adam Haley, El Cajon, CA

Net neutrality is important because acquiring and submitting information through all platforms should be free. It is not fair that only those who can afford it should be able to have their website load faster.
—Christina, Chicago, IL

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—Colin McAllister, LaCrescent, MN

I use my internet for school as well as recreation. As a student who is basically required to borrow thousands of dollars JUST to be able to ATTEND school, after which I will struggle to find a job in our crap economy, so I can pay back said thousands of dollars, I CANNOT AFFORD TO PAY EXTRA MONEY FOR THE SPEED REQUIRED TO FINISH SCHOOLWORK!
—Samantha Oxby, Cadillac, MI

As a prospecting web comic writer/ artist, net neutrality will allow me to give my readers and subscribers the chance to read- without forcing me to pay higher rates and allowing the viewer to, you know, actually READ it. As well as harming the enjoyment of hundreds of MILLIONS, it is also a violation of freedom of speech. With this my voice cannot be heard, not by my choice but by the choice of others by DRAMATICALLY slowing down my page as well as the pages of others.
—James Cook, North Kingstown, RI

The internet is the world's greatest tool to educate, inform and connect people. Beyond this, it is the greatest way in which any American citizen can voice their opinion or exchange ideas. Please do not kill internet neutrality, do not let it become a commodity that only a small percentage of the population can use to the detriment and oppression of everyone else. Sincerely -Robert M.
—Robert Mullen, Bakersfield, CA

Net Neutrality is important to me because it means I get to keep in contact with my many friends all across the world with a reasonable amount of time, as well as keeping up with the internet courses I'm taking as a student. Net Neutrality will let me keep doing these things which are definite improvements to my life, and I definitely think it needs to be treated as a public service.
—Lucas Tiedeman, San Antonio, TX

As a freelance graphic designer and entrepreneur, I cannot afford to pay my hard-earned money to corporations that have more than they could ever spend, just to make sure my content gets delivered. If net neutrality disappears, it would cost me my dreams. Please, don't kill my dreams.
—Colby Jackson, Mobile, AL

In the interests of preserving easy access to ALL of the information available online, it is important to maintain net neutrality.
—Garrett Young, Rock Hill, SC

#1, I would like you to read this: http://www.cracked.com/quick-f ixes/5-absurd-cable-company-ex cuses-killing-internet/?utm_so urce=facebook&utm_medium=fanpa ge&utm_campaign=new+article&wa _ibsrc=fanpage Ask 5 people on the street and I'll bet you 3 of them tell you they hate Comcast's BS fees. #2, I would like you to recognize that without net neutrality, posting that opinion has a dollar sign attached to it. Dollar sign too small, opinion squashed and you'd never have read that article. #3, be realistic; there is no way you are going to be able to regulate this shit. How long has thepiratebay.se been around? Are you going to desperately pour more ever-disappearing economical resources into fruitless struggles? I'm a single man living in a 1 bedroom apartment. I work in an animal shelter. I adore my job. I have worked tirelessly (for a government entity no less) for several years doing something I absolutely love. I'm just a regular Joe. These laws might not affect you, but they sure affect me. I ask you this, because I don't believe for a second you aren't intelligent enough to see what's actually happening here, and therefore an act of this kind would be deliberate tyranny: Are you corrupt enough to see this through?
—Shane Spafford, West valley City, UT

Net Neutrality is important to me because the Internet is the one place that isn't dominated by big companies that like to shut out the little guy. Please don't ruin the Internet. Doing this will destroy the internet.
—Zack Wainwright, Jefferson City, MO

Net neutrality is essential to sharing information and ensuring freedom in our nation. The Internet is a public good and should be classified as a public utility.
—Casey LaFrance, Macomb, IL

I hope you guy's get ass cancer!
—Joseph, Florida, CA

I am not a terribly bright person. I won't pretend to know much about politics or the legal system, etc. This being said, I do like to think that I know a thing or two about right and wrong. So, the way I see it, is that cable companies are trying to pick and choose what people see on the internet. a website that has the money to shell out to be seen goes fast, while a website run from home by someone without the extra income is slowed down. essentially, If you don't have money you can't have a successful website. So internet start ups will become a thing of the past, for many this will mean loss of what job they might have.
—Alex Wesa, FARMINGTON, MO

Net Neutrality gives the citizens of the United States a fighting chance against the big telecom oligarchy. If Net Neutrality is not enforced, nothing except telecom profits will improve. Innovation will go down, customers in America will get an ever worsening service, and we will become less and less competitive in the world market. The rest of the world already laughs at our internet services at the cost we charge them for. There is no justification for not having Net Neutrality.
—Bo Jung, Chandler, AZ

As the Internet becomes increasingly integrated into our daily lives net neutrality is essential for the American people and the economy. To allow any company, committee, or individual bias to shape the narrative of politics, the way we do business, or the trends of culture goes against the ideals that we hold dear in this country. The right for a person to make a choice of where to get our news, what product to buy, and who we look to in music and entertainment are necessary for an informed electorate, a free market, and evolving social changes. The Internet has gone from a luxury to game changer in all aspects of our lives. The only sensible option is equal access and protection under the law and continued vigilance of the interest of the American populous and the big picture of the American economy. Thank you for your time.
—Justin Kennedy, Perry, GA

Net neutrality is important to me because I can't financially afford Comcast or Verison, and the recent ruling has caused the cost of Netflix to go up. Net neutrality encourages competitive pricing in media and innovative startups which are beneficial to consumers like me.
—Scott Gorman, State College, PA

Fuck! Go fuck your-fucking-self. While we're at it, (here it comes..) ..Go fuck yourself!
—Jessijones12, 772441, TX

Getting rid of net neutrality would cripple the internet and give more power to all of the companies I already loathe. It's a lose lose situation for everyone but ISP's
—Jim Musser, Pittsburgh, PA

News media is dying, cable TV is dying. In 10 years free and equal access to the net will be the only way to ensure that Americans will be able to communicate with one another, to get updates on current events. A free and open exchange of ideas, and information is the most important aspect of ensuring a healthy democracy. If you turn this power over to private industry you will be turning over a vital part of our society in the next century.
—Alexander Zeese, Washington, DC

I fully support net neutrality!
—Adela Bower, beaverton, OR

Keep ISPs classified as common carriers & preserve net neutrality. I don't want ISPs discriminate against online content & applications as no private company should decide for me what I can easily access on the internet.
—Martha J. Miller, Gainesville, FL

Because the ability to share information and ideas needs to be equal for all people, not just more equal for those who pay.
—Sean Stahl, North Fort Myers, FL

Everyone should have the right to the same internet.
—Cody Wopshall, Muncie, IN

Net Neutrality is important to me because I am not a greedy fucking cunt. I like my internet just the way it is, preferably faster and cheaper. I also know that net neutrality is important because I am not ignorant. There should be no fucking discussion around whether or not net neutrality should exist because anyone with any common sense will agree that, yes, net neutrality should obviously exist unless you stand to profit from it which is probably about .001% of Americans. I do not know how you cunts got to your fucking seat in office but you obviously did not use your fucking intellect. Either make shit happen that the majority of Americans want or give up your fucking position for someone who actually gives a fuck about what is right and wrong instead of what earns them more money you selfish dogfucking cunts.
—Thomas Cole, Keene, NH

I pay a monthly fee for internet access so my traffic can go from site A to B. Site A pays a fee for their access to the internet so they can send information to site B. If Net Neutrality is extinguished you will allow telecom C from intercepting and dropping site A traffic and force site A to pay additional fees to make it faster. This will then force site A to raise the price on MW to access their service. This a basically creates a highway owned by GM where only GM cars can go the speed limited, but Ford cars are forces to drive at half the speed unless Ford pays additional fees to go 55 thus inflating the price of Ford cars creating an unbalanced market.
—Chris Bigg, Allentown, PA

Net Neutrality is important because it protects freedom of speech and the free expression if ideas.
—Jeremy Corn, Austin, TX

Net Neutrality is important for the economy, among other things. Verizon, ATT, and Comcast would be soaking up all the money from charging websites for faster service, and virtually none of that would be translated back into it's employees to circulate. The websites that don't pay will fall by the wayside, such as those for people who make a living as artists and would not be able to afford or otherwise be impacted by such a charge and make life harder. Other unique websites would quickly fade out, stifling creativity. People would choose not to put their voice onto the internet because they would have to pay extra they may not be able to afford on top of server costs and/or domain costs just to make sure that people could hear it. These companies chose to supply internet, and now they seek to control it for their own interests.
—Joseph Leo Strike, North Port, FL

As it is, the internet and ISPs have their fair share of problems what with disconnections and drops in speed at peak times. Not to mention terrible call centers, not one of which has ever fixed a technical problem for one of their customers, ever. But I digress. The internet does not belong to you. Sure, customers are using hardware which belongs to ISPs in order to access it, but that doesn't mean that you can control how they use it. Eliminate net neutrality and you will be reducing the quality of service. Most people won't know a great deal about how ISPs and the internet work. They will merely call to complain about how slow it is, and when the "problem" is inevitably ignored, or they are told that they have to spend more money to have a normal speed, they will be leaving ISPs as customers and going for ISPs which promise to uphold net neutrality. Yet another way to bleed customers dry using whatever tactics you can think of. Ironically, businesses are only hurting their customers by doing these in order for their greed to prevail. Imagine a boardroom with a group of big-wigs in a company all sitting at a table thinking about how they can "increase sales" and "evolve the business" and other typical corporate speeches that you will have heard in ANY corporation anywhere. Someone comes up with the bright idea "well if we can't get more customers, we can squeeze more money from our existing customers." High fives and cheers erupt in the room. More than anything, net neutrality should be upheld because you cannot control how the internet is provided globally. Everyone in the world will have normal connectivity with net neutrality intact, while America limps behind every other country in the world in some backwards, embarrassing little ditch that it dug for itself in order to fleece it's own citizens for every penny they have. Generating money should NEVER be a reason for trampling on people's rights. What's more; this is the internet. You cannot pull the wool over anyone's eyes anymore. Get used to it.
—J B, palm beach, FL

I am a owner of small business (app development) and I would not be able run my company without net neutrality. If I had to pay more money simple to use the internet at a normal speed or to have customers be able to view my website then I would be out of business within a year. Please please keep net neutrality and don't let these greedy companies win.
—Nick Bouyounes, San Diego, CA

I think that its ridiculous to require internet companies to pay cable companies more money so that their services work properly. The people that pay for the internet service are already paying so that the services they subscribe to will work properly. Why should the cable companies be paid twice for the same distribution of content? All that this new law will lead to is the internet companies raising prices for their services to offset the amount they have to pay to the cable companies. This law is a direct backlash from the cable companies to the "cord cutters". Cable companies have lost "cord cutter's" cable subscriptions due to insane pricing and terrible customer service, and are looking to retaliate.
—Sara Rabun, Jacksonville, AR

What? You don't make enough money as it is? It's not right. And you know it. Shame on you.
—Ally, Maryville, IL

Allowing a company to decide what information should be easily accessed and what will be delayed to the point of inaccessibility violates the first amendment rights of those who are chosen to be ignored. By allowing these companies to pick and choose what websites are seen based on their own biases, the freedom of the internet, within legal standings, will be violated.
—Courtney Davey, Flourtown, PA

If the FCC actually cares about consumers, they will preserve net neutrality. Not a single person outside of Washington views the ISPs favorably. They are deplored and recognized for what they are, monopolies who exist soley to increase their control of already grotesquely limited markets and thereby increase already absurdly large profit share. Do Not allow the millions of dollars spent by corporations speak louder than the voice of the citizens your agency is in place to protect. Preserve Net Neutrality.
—John Milton, Atlanta, GA

Net neutrality is obviously important. Letting the corporate big wigs control the largest non tangible factor of this generation spells nothing but trouble. We already pay them for bandwidth. Why should they get to charge certain people more.
—Michael Troup, Fresno, CA

Once again, the federal government is proving its ongoing allegiance to big money while allowing the small business to be brushed aside. Are you next going to allow the power company to charge me more for the electricity I use to run the light bulbs that are provided by a smaller manufacturer? Are you going to allow the phone company to charge me more for calling a phone on a different carrier? So why would you let the ISP provide service for one site at a higher speed than another just because they paid for it? This is fundamentally immoral, and once again, Washington politicians have wiped their arses with the intent of our Constitution.
—Robert Fulton, Morrison, IL

Corporations have already done everything in their power to control whatever it is they want, while 1. avoiding as many taxes as possible, and 2. screwing as many Americans as they deem necessary. Don't let them do it again.
—Rae Disco, Stickney, IL

I fully and wholeheartedly support Net Neutrality.
—Andrew Beekman, St. Petersburg, FL

The greatness of the United States is predicated on the First Amendment - the unalienable right to not only freedom of thought, but freedom of expression, is cemented in the fundamental tenets of the founding of our modern society. The rhetoric with which corporate 'persons' subvert this right from the populace, lacking in the resources of lobbying and legality, erodes the character of our union and denigrates our place as the most free society amongst the nations. It sounds grandiose to equate net neutrality with the core of civil liberty, but access to information, free thought, and free expression represents the most modern frontier upon which the American people defend their freedom. I do not see an infringement on the rights of Comcast or AT&T when I can read any blog of my choosing or enjoy a freely distributed artistic performance; but in deciding the accessibility of free speech by virtue of its place in a hierarchy of corporate value, I do find my rights as a citizen curtailed when such forms of expression are not found meritorious by a corporate person by virtue of their place in the hierarchy of paid content. We do not burn books by independent writers because they don't pay a premium to their publishers. We don't abolish songs because the recording artist doesn't hold a contract. Please choose the rights of the people over the checkbooks of the wealthy and keep net neutrality protected.
—Aidan Mouat, Chicago, IL

The Internet is meant to provide unlimited information between networks. Arbitrarily charging whatever they feel like depending on the site or service is not only a violation of the principles of what the Internet stands for, but a slap in the face of the average everyday person. The only people who oppose net neutrality are the companies and their lobbyists. When there are no true advocates that are not on the lobbyist / company payroll, it's easy to tell that no one really supports a move which restricts everyone else just so the rich and out of touch cable company executives can make an even more ludicrously large paycheck. Do some sites or services take more bandwidth to perform? Sure. Is it so radically so that people should have to be charged different tiers for what - in theory - is the same thing (i.e. access to media, information, and contact with others) because the cable companies think that they should? I won't even answer that rhetorical question. Everyone else is thinking the same thing. Everyone in legal power who supports such a move isn't capable of looking at big picture either, because a move that unpopular will have extremely negative repercussions. I'm sure there are others who can state the case more eloquently than I have, but the premise is the same: the only people who oppose net neutrality want to put both hands deep in your pockets to their hearts' content.
—Aaron Alvarado, Leavenworth, KS

I'm a single mother to two children. My oldest son is severely disabled. In order to provide better for them and get him the best healthcare I can, I've gone back to school. Online, because working two jobs, that's the only way I can go. Net neutrality keeps my tuition affordable for my life situation. Take that away, and you jack up my tuition, and the tuition of thousands of parents like me, which will result in many, if not most or all, of us being unable to continue our education in the only way that works for our lives: online. There are so many ways net neutrality no longer being a "thing" will impact our lives; I think this is probably one of the strongest.
—Des, Leesburg, FL

Fuck google. You dont listen to "we the people." Im talking to you, whoever reads these things. America is broken. Lets change that.
—Daniel, Eagleville, PA

Ending net neutrality is by far the worst idea I have ever heard of. I could make metaphor after metaphor comparing this decision to all varying degrees of ignorance but I wont. I will say: This is obviously a huge scam and the only winner is the cable companies (who basically already have a monopoly and barely provide decent service as is). I sit here trying my hardest not to burst into a flurry of cursewords and debauchery but it gets harder the more I think about how screwed up this is. I already pay enough for the crappy internet I currently receive, why then do you think for any second that I would be ok with having to pay more for the same crappy internet. End this charade and stop negotiations over this idea and reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Good day
—Nathan Fisher, Alabaster, AL

"Net Neutrality" ensures that, like our great country, we are free, free to visit the internet, free to enjoy information without any type of hindrance. No website should have to pay to be "more" equal than other websites on a free experience that is the World Wide Web.
—Fernando Quinonez, Rio Rancho, NM

Net Neutrality is the beauty of the internet. The ability to use, consume, and add to the internet without limit is one of our greatest strengths as creative human beings. Having individual companies dictate internet traffic simply to bolster their own wallets is unfair. Please, we need Net Neutrality.
—Adolfo Coyotl, Jackson Heights, NY

Because I want reliable, fast internet for everyone. The only way to ensure that is to keep net neutrality, and not to give cable companies free reign. Anyone who thinks that net neutrality isn't important is either being bribed by lobbyists or just simply not very smart.
—Aidan Ramsay, Eugene, OR

Net Neutrality is important to me because it is a symbol of what America is supposed to be: Free and Equal. If you allow the cable companies to do away with that, they will gain unattested control. That isn't how it is supposed to be, they should be held accountable to the people they provide service to.
—Zachary Berwaldt, Medfield, MA

Regulating the internet is one thing. But restricting access to those unable to pay creates unfair monopolies by ISPs. Isn't the goal to get internet to everyone?
—Tevye Friedlander, Berkeley, CA

Please stop the corporate mongering and show some respect to the citizens that already have little choice but to continue funding these idiots. Let's see a broader market with more choices and fewer mergers. Regulation is a necessity because these corporations will NOT regulate themselves.
—Grady Layton, Webster, TX

I currently design web pages for friends and family who are starting their own business. For example, right now I am working on a website for my friend who is a freelance editor. There is absolutely no way she could afford the price to pay for the higher speeds, so killing net neutrality will make her website useless. In this day and age, the only way to effectively market is online. Ending net neutrality will destroy small businesses. Even worse, losing net neutrality is going to limit small colleges from conducting any business online. Payments are processed online, classes are taken online, grades are posted, etc. and smaller colleges will not have the money to pay for speeds that are high enough to make their sites usable. This is going to make it harder and harder to get a degree, which is nearly a death sentence today. You can barely get a job at McDonald's without a degree.
—George, noneya, AR

Without equality in signal, it will be far more difficult for a facebook, or twitter, or any number of other internet start-up companies to exists at all. Innovation will decrease, money will be lost, and advancements in technology, education, and even civics would be stunted from what we can achieve with the internet as it exists with net neutrality.
—Z Wiler, charleston, WV

Net neutrality will help keep the small internet buisnesses afloat instead of letting them be help under by big companies like amazon and the like. The internet is a place where like-minded people can connect and without net neutrality we will lose that.
—Natalie Corlew, Bothell, WA

Dear FCC, net neutrality is important to me, because I was lucky enough to have been born in a time where expression of ideas and information is at its all time highest, a world where people from all walks of life, be they the oppressed masses of a country, or a scared teenager too embarassed or scared at how quickly their life is changing to talk to those around them, can find someone, somewhere out there to talk to without fear of being ostracised, or humiliated, or even with less fear of more serious reprisal. Some of my best friends have been in places where the extent of the law meant loving the wrong person could, for them, mean jail time or worse. I fear that the loss of net neutrality could mean these people would fail to find the places where real, human interaction is bred. If service providers are allowed to restrict bandwith to whoever they please, it will mean all communication will be restricted to sites who can afford the monetary or popularity-based costs of keeping their bandwidth healthy.. sites which can be more easily monitored by those who would censor ideas which go against their agenda... and while I realize I am basically putting forward that a largely American stage should set the pace for other countries inhabitants to discuss things without their governments involvement, I do believe that if its an American decision to make, it should be American values that weigh in, to put simply: Our country was built on the belief that everyone should have a right to free thought and the privacy to discuss those thoughts with whoever will willingly hear them speak, so shouldn't we keep the internet a stage for that kind of discussion to take place?
—Ronan Camble Quinn Murphy, Hoquiam, WA

Have you ever tried to play a Massive Multiplayer Online Role Playing Game with slow internet connection? It is the bane of gamers worldwide... And with Net Neutrality gone, game connections will suffer if they can't pay. Which means mobs of gamers angrily storming the streets. And nobody wants that, right? Right. Because let's face it: There's nothing worse than gamer geeks motivated by revenge and anger towards a corrupt system hellbent on taking away their online lives.
—Ryan Escherich, San Diego, CA

Net neutrality benefits consumers. Please support the consumer.
—Erin Long, Bella Vista, AR

Dear FCC please do not let the cable control internet speeds. Protect the american people.
—Joshua Nuhfer, Charlotte, NC

Not only are consumers not using thousands upon thousands of fiber optic cabling laid down due to these corporations, now they want to use their monopoly to GOUGE content creators. Not only should these companies not have been allowed to get so large and the monopoly so strong in the first place, but it's absolutely abhorrent the government would even CONSIDER allowing them free reign in this matter.
—Michelle Archer Waterman, Cockeysville, MD

Net neutrality is extremely important because we already have monopolies in the energy industry and they keep setting us back every time we want to go towards solar or other nature friendly resources. If net neutrality were to fall we might have another monopoly on our hands and this one could set us back to the stone ages considering the internet is the biggest source of information in human history.
—Hegel, Charlotte, NC

As a disabled veteran net neutrality is extremely important to me. I schedule a lot of my appointments online and discuss results of tests with my doctor online as well. I am not a rich man, I make just a little above minimum wage, asking those like me to pay more for what should be free would ultimately be detrimental to me and those like me. We would see our access to basic services crippled beyond belief while those who have deep pockets would bulldoze us into the ground. Please, do not implement this poisonous plan to end net neutrality.
—Eric, Ladson, SC

Net neutrality is the very backbone of the internet. To abolish it would be to systematically destroy everything that the internet has become.
—Jose E Rojas, HOUSTON, TX

I'm curious; at this point, do cable companies even need to church up what they're trying to do? I mean, if they were to say the following... "Look, we're basically unstoppable; we can afford to keep trying forever, which is a lot longer than the time it will take for us to win. Soooooo... f**k you, we assume. It's our understanding that that is how commoners talk." ...would that change anything? What would the amended public response be? "For your insolence, you shall feel the full measure of our impotent rage and helplessness! Unleash Petition Hell!"?
—Kaleb Johnson, Parsons, KS

Telecommunications giants offer notoriously poor customer service, charge outrageous fees while offering no recourse for disgruntled customers, and operate thusly and freely under the protection of a geographic monopoly, even further limiting the general public's recourse to their shoddy and ruthless business practices. Allowing them free reign to rule over the rights of citizens to use the internet as a platform for their First Amendment rights, in addition to the VA Hospital-esque service they already "provide", is against every principle set forth in Anti Trust legislation and is reminiscent of the oppression of a Chinese Dictatorship. This simply CANNOT be allowed to happen.
—Greg M, Columbia, SC

Keep The Net Neutral! The internet is becoming the primary means of communication. To allow companies to charge for faster internet speed, and also to slow down everyone who doesn't pay, is to restrict communication to the rich. This violates the US constitution, as well as common sense.
—Helen Duarte, Palmer, AK

The internet is the most important tool we have for communication, entertainment and study. Don't take away the only laws we have protecting our freedoms from the corporations who want to buy them.
—Sean Bullivant, Columbia, MD

I've written this letter several times before, including one to Tom Wheeler. The internet has become as basic a part of our culture as the air we breath and streets we drive on. The entirety of human knowledge available at ones finger tips; truly as astounding a feat as there has ever been in the history of humanity. Aside from holding everything that we've ever been, it also holds the keys to everything we ever could be. The ability for anyone with a browser to reach out and share ideas, to create new enterprise, to give back to society as a whole is one of the most important features of the web as we know it. This freedom is what made the internet great, and to allow for it to be reigned in by a few corporate interest is despicable and against everything the internet was founded for. I would encourage you to act in all haste to protect this wonderful resource for future generations, so that we can continue to know the kind of growth that we have for the last 30 years.
—James C. Gill, Concord, CA

The internet is a source of knowledge that has allowed the lower and lower-middle classes to become more aware and more socially conscious members of society, and forming a two-tiered internet would mean just pushing those who cannot afford higher priority internet right back down. To advance as a society, this cannot happen.
—Jake Oxley, Kansas City, MO

Because doing the right thing now (I.e. supporting net neutrality and not the schmocks lining you pockets) isn't going to come back around and bite you in the ass later. Happy customer=peace. Pissed of customer= giants like Google fiber replacing the monopolies you rely on for bribes, violent protests against you and your corporate sponsors, and being thrown out of the job when someone in power comes along that actually cares what people think.
—Anonymous, San Marcos, TX

I live in rural Iowa where internet access is the lifeblood of many businesses here. If forced to pay higher costs for more visibility, faster load speeds, or more reliable service, a disproportionate number of truly, actual small businesses in the area would suffer. I'm not talking about one of those "less than 200 employees" small businesses, but the actual family run specialty stores, with 10 people who RELY on nation (or in some cases world) wide exposure. Don't let the guys in suits step on us, just because they can afford a lobbying firm.
—Robert Fedeler, Mason City, IA

Net neutrality is as important as the air we breathe in these modern times.
—Robert DiFabio, Varennes,

These cable companies are already screwing us over by charging way too much for laughably pathetic Internet (with millions of people outside large cities having no choice in ISP and no bump in their slow-even-for-America speeds in the forseeable future). It's really hard to support a corporation's rights when the consumer has no rights. They all know that the Internet is essential in this day and age, so they've conspired to give us the worst service they can because we have no other choice. What they're doing is like seeing a starving man and charging him $200 for a rotten apple.
—Kerri, Attica, MI

I am on disability and do not have much money. Changing net neutrality will make sites that I want to visit more costly. The internet is one thing that works equally well for everyone. What I choose to look at with my spotted amount of data should not be subject to doped control. I paid for my data already what I use it for shouldn't matter.
—Andrew Shook, Tulsa, OK

I primarily use the internet for education: of myself, of my family, and of my students. I live and teach in a rural, poor area in Tennessee with little access to the amenities and privileges afforded to those in larger, richer cities; we have more cows than people in my county. The internet levels the playing field by allowing me to get the same news, information, trends, literature, art, and culture that metropolitan areas have access to. I can educate myself and my students to a degree closer to that of better funded and higher performing schools. Without net neutrality, I and many of the denizens of my farming community will be relegated to second rate information and communication based solely on the merit of our bank accounts and arbitrary filtering. In the 21st century, the internet has become a utility much like running water and electricity. It is vital to the advancement of the human race to allow free, unrestricted access to a tool that has the potential to make us better than what we are.
—Heather Rowell, Woodbury, TN

Please see John Oliver's comments about this issue. He said it better than I could ever hope to. Net Neutrality is too important to lose.
—Jason Ellis, Plattsburgh, NY

It is necessary to prevent corporations from monopolizing the internet even more than they already do. There are already very few choices for cable or internet service providers in the US, which has resulted in outrageous prices and a general apathy by the companies towards their customers. Why should you care what your customers think when you're the only game on the block? All websites should receive an equal amount of bandwidth, because the regulations on preference and restriction of internet traffic will be set by the companies who are providing service in the first place. This enables them to charge exorbitant prices for what is now considered standard amounts of bandwidth and to quash any websites that they do not approve of or are competing with them. The industry should be under considerably more supervision than it is, and deregulation will only make a poor situation worse.
—Michael T. Wolfe, Lancaster, PA

Net Neutrality is important to me because I can't afford huge rate increases that I know would come in the wake of its cancellation. I use the internet often and for many things, since I'm disabled and my mobility is limited. I implore you to classify ISPs as common carriers and protect my rights to free speech in a monopoly free industry.
—Kristian Hausch, Akron, OH

Internet providers have the citizens of this country by the balls. The oligopoly they have formed is insultingly obvious. How the hell can my internet speed just randomly double, FOR FREE?! It's like tripling the price of an item and then offering it for half off. This attack on Net Neutrality has chilling repercussions for the one positive that has come out of the hellscape we call the future. Allowing these companies to rewrite the rules to serve their own purposes is heinous to say the least.
—Rashad Baiyasi, Bay City, MI

As a working mother of two I use the internet to help me further my studies, help my children with their homework, look up resources to assist in their development, and pay my bills, among other things. Most of the sites I use are not from major corporations, but are user submitted. I've learned how to shop on a budget, make wonderful meals from what I have, and helped my children with their reading and math skills. Net neutrality is extremely important to people like me who work for a living. These cable and ISP corporations are almost stereotypical in their villainous attempts to squash the internet for everyone who doesn't pay out the nose. Please do not let them succeed.
—Deborah Mendoza, interlachen, FL

net neutrality is important to everyone. the internet has allowed each and every person access to the most important of all things, ALL OF HUMAN KNOWLEDGE (and cat videos). to create a system that charges more for access, and to allow the internet companies the ability to slow down a page to near uselessness would destroy the internet as we know it. it would suppress the sharing of ideas, and access to information.
—Brandon Brooks, savannah, GA

It is important to consumers to continue to have Internet freedom without limited or "bought" access.
—Patrick McLemore, Enid, OK

Dear FCC, net neutrality is important to me because I don't want it to take five hours for Team Fortress 2 for load.
—Sebastian Bowerman, Tacoma, WA

Dear FCC, Come on, man. Just....Come on. I could go all out and give all these reasons and patriotic buzz words, but honestly, what do you think is going to happen when all the sudden people have to pay for accessing sites on an independent basis? People will stop using as many, and it's going to play all sorts of havoc with commerce. Just....don't. That's all I have to say.
—Charles John, livingston, TX

I rely on the internet for my job. I live in a small town and your proposal will make it impossible for me to do my work.
—Melodie Selby, College Place, WA

You do realize that giving the cable companies this level of control will effect you right, that you wont be able to watch your latest episode of scandal or downton abbey or whatever on netflix at decent speeds (comcast has already illegally slowed netflix and they will do it again legally). do you have a special internet that is separate from ours and or reality. Or do you honestly believe that the cable companies won't hobble competitors services making it impossible to make new business of the same size and scope of netflix, youtube, facebook, or amazon screwing with the economic growth that we need. don't be short sighted.
—Dustin Bell, Brooklyn, NY

I am absolutely in favor of net neutrality. Please do not allow these rich corporations to ruin a fair internet. As the head of a low income family, I have trouble enough paying for the internet alone now - we certainly can't afford cable. In today's day, the internet is no longer a luxury, but a necessity. Verizon and AT&T are lying about how the American people feel about this, and I really hope that those of you in the FCC are intelligent enough to smell bullshit when it's right under your collective nose (and I'm sure you are)! Please protect net neutrality and keep the internet fair and balanced for everyone. Don't let a few rich companies dictate the world (emphasis there) wide web. Consider throwing out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Shaun R, Sanford, ME

Hello! I feel the internet should remain Net Neutral. It is important that it is net neutral because it is a way for those without a multimillion dollar podium to still be heard. The cable companies would silence those that speak against them in an instant, as many other powerful entities could do to any individual they wished. I hope the FCC does what is right and does not let the cable giants take them for a ride.
—Conley McPherson evans, Mesa, AZ

A two-tiered internet makes no sense. It would be the equivalent of a toll road where they charge according to the value of the materials being transported. The end user pays for a specific amount/rate of information flow. Why exactly should the ISPs charge on both ends? The customers of the ISP are already "compensating" the company for the data that traverses its wires. Should cell phone companies start charging people according to whether the call placed was a business call? Protect the open internet and treat it like the utility it is.
—Joel Therrien, Westford, MA

Net Neutrality is important to protect because it allows for competition in the internet. If companies are made to pay for faster service the cable companies will punish any site that doesn't pay causing those companies to lose business. Which will reduce competition. Without competition no new companies can get started without significant initial investment.
—James Remley, Miltonvale, KS

This is just another way for big business to take more money from the rest of us, aren't you getting enough from Gas prices?? Damn give a bitcha break!
—M Ingles, lewisburg, WV

We need net neutrality. It isn't fair to the world that people should pay more money for more service to their sites. What about start up websites or growing businesses. You guys are literally making it difficult to do what we've always been doing and for it to be taken away is evil. Your changing the world for the worse. Don't let it happen. Let's keep net neutrality. It doesn't make sense to play favorites and to pay up to get better service. Enough i s enough.
—Zackia Cabrera, Bronx, NY

These companies that are against this are very close to monopolies and do not need this to help then make even larger profits. I will never vote for anyone who backs this and will spread the word to anyone who will listen.
—Donald McCoy, Maricopa, AZ

Net neutrality is the most important civil rights issue of this generation. Net neutrality ensures the existence of the free press in the digital age.
—Tony sylvester, Canton, OH

As someone who is severely disabled I am rarely able to leave my house for anything other than doctors visits. I spend the majority of time in my room in bed with my laptop. The internet accounts for 90% of the contact I have with friends and family who I rarely get to see face to face. Being able to do things like stream videos helps me take my mind off my health and relax a little. I'd like to be able to have a job one day, but it's impossible for me to hold a normal one. The internet is basically my only hope for work or socializing, I don't have other options.
—Kat, stoneham, MA

Net neutrality is important because its power. The companies who control the internet would control almost everyone's way of life. They'd control friendship, gaming, blogs, personal opinions and much more. If you allow companies to control the internet we all lose.
—Joshua Gillespie, Littleton, CO

The internet is, in essence, a virtual world now. It is a place where people gather and socialize and make money, just like in the "real world". So why are we supposed to let cable companies decide who else can live in this world and decide where people can visit? They should not be allowed to own the internet, and by giving them the freedom to pick and choose what sites can receive attention (decided largely on who already has money) is ridiculously unfair and counter to the American ideals of equal opportunity for all. The internet is one of the best "places" for equal opportunity: no one needs money (or much) to set up a place or a business online to grow and reach their goals. Don't let the cable companies ruin that!
—Shannon, Kenosha, WI

Net Neutrality is important because the internet is the future of freedom of expression, it allows any person to be an artist, a film maker, or a writer and it lets them put their work out there for millions of people to see. Taking away net neutrality takes away that power to show people what you have created and says you are not allowed to share your voice unless you have enough money to pay for it. In short I want the films I make to be viewed at high speed and I don't want to pay for that, the cable companies already get enough of my dollars, they don't need anymore.
—Maci Branch, Overland Park, KS

I cannot afford the cable bill I already have. I do not care to see my access to information limited by my ability to pay a corporation that's already making more money than they'll ever need. If the cost of accessing consumers goes up, guess what's going to happen to prices? Yeah. Same thing that happened to the food I buy when the gas prices went through the roof. Enough is enough.
—Allison, Ballston Lake, NY

If net neutrality is removed, free speech will be only for rich assholes. Smaller companies and startups, some of which might even revolutionize the world, will be hidden away forever. Simply put, rich asscuts will get more rich and the poor and new people will be hidden away FUCKING FOREVER.
—Aditya, New Delhi,

Net neutrality is important to me to maintain an environment that encourages development, not one that stifles any small company that might someday challenge a market leader.
—Henry V Woolsey, Champaign, IL

If Net Neutrality is erased, the rich will stay rich with no opposition and the poor and entrepreneurial will stay poor, crushed under the weight of corporate America's wallet.
—Diego Cerda, Cicero, IL

This is important to me because as a startup developer i do not have the money to pay an isp for my site to work better. The internet is the way it is because of Net Neutrality and the new rule do not preserve the status quo.
—Hillary Hueter, San Diego, CA

Net neutrality is necessary for true freedom of speech and to allow the little guys to compete fairly. Do the right thing!!!
—Luke, allen, TX

The internet has become a public utility, no matter what the cable companies, et al, would like to think. As such, changing the rules to favor these companies is a terrible disservice to the American public. Please do not allow these rule changes to go forward. Many of us private citizens will not be able to afford a "fast lane" and to suggest that the alternative is NOT a "slow lane" is laughable. Again, please do not allow these changes to go forward.
—Anne E Wallick-Bauhof, Minneapolis, MN

Net neutrality is extremely beneficial for citizens and a lot of companies, and ending net neutrality only benefits a small few, who end up making billions off the people. We can not let a few cable companies line their pockets at the expense of basic Internet rights for the people.
—John Connelly, Bethesda, MD

In today's America, the Internet is not a luxury - it's a necesity. Job applications are online. Healthcare sign ups are online. Friends and family are online. The internet isn't just a place to check e-mail and look at dancing babies anymore: It's the Telephone 2.0. It needs to be regulated, kept neutral, and cable companies need to be forced to play fair. Already Comcast is merging with a competitor and moving into a monopoly. They're also increasing net speeds but placing caps on data so that you hit caps faster and pay more money. Already price gouging and lack of competition is hurting the American people in this area. Net Neutrality is important to me because America is important to me - When we start restricting communications and access to information, we're no longer a free nation that prides itself on knowledge. We're just a country that wants to watch the rich get richer.
—Benjamin Boerner, Acworth, GA

The internet represents nearly unlimited access to information, education, and opportunity. To relegate such access to the privileged few would further separate the gap between the upper and lower classes, and remove the lower classes' last vestige of equal chance.
—Max Spitz, Owings Mills, MD

The internet is a utility just as much as water and power. If private companies are allowed to regulate the internet based on whatever they feel like infringes on my access to a basic feature in human life today. It would be similar if a power company charged more to power your refrigerator than your light bulb.
—Caleb Davis, Jacksonville, AL

FCC, I can't express how important it is to the freedom of our nation for you to preserve net neutrality. The amendment infringement arguments being made by the cable giants against you are clearly frivolous, and you only undermine your own authority by pandering to their needs. If you decide to stay in the pocket of the corporations in question, you should be worried about your role in the future of american information distribution. We will not stand for this.
—Will Lange, san diego, CA

Net Neutrality needs to stay. Cable companies should not be able to dictate who and what gets faster service and they should not be able to exploit and extort other companies or internet based sites or businesses like Netflix and charge them exorbitant fees just to run. It's greedy and completely immoral and corrupt
—Debbie Flores, San Antonio, TX

Net neutrality is important to me because I don't want the blogs, forums, and other miscellaneous-small entertainment sites to be bullied and extorted.
—Scott Morse, Weymouth, MA

Cable companies already hold monopolies in most parts of the country. Which is a damn shame and something should be done about it. If we lose net neutrality these companies will literally be able to muscle and force other countries needing ISP's to bend to their will. Which undoubtedly will raise costs that will eventually be transfered to consumers causing people to stop using the internet. If people stop using services over the internet think of the damage that could be to the economy as a result. Hell these companies are already big enough to force municipalities from using what fiber optic networks are available. It's a shame that this is even a debate. I know for a fact anyone who votes for a not free internet, has been bought and paid for by big cable companies and ISP's.
—Jeremy Pozderac, Litchfield, OH

I'm a taxpayer and I vote for net neutrality. Banks are regulated for the same reasons that internet providers should be regulated. Americans need the FCC's protection from potential unfair practices.
—Mark Burton, Jacksonville, FL

The American Consumer Institute (if you want no one to question your motives, just put "America" in the title) wants the FCC to leave ISPs alone to do as they please, while also being funded by cable company lobbyists. Similarly, the Heartland Institute, which claims that cable companies should have a right to charge Internet businesses out the wazoo, is heavily funded by Comcast, Time Warner, and AT&T. When you have to shell out millions of dollars to pretend that you have friends, that should be your sign that you're the most desperate, miserable person in existence.
—Jeremy, Culver City, CA

The internet is a public service. It is freedom of speech, freedom of the press and a decisive tool in the free market. Access should be universal and, honestly, a government provided service that taxes pay for. More people online can only be a good thing for education, commerce and society.
—George Travis, Seattle, WA

Ed = Net Neutrality Rocko = Comcast, AT&T, Verizon, etc. "Ed Good! Rocko Bad!!" "Ed Good! Rocko Bad!!"
—Andy, Indianapolis, IN

I think getting rid of net neutrality will infringe upon our rights to free speech. It will basically lead to censorship of what is available to the American people, as the internet and cable providers will get to decide what information their consumers can access at high speed, which is, of course, more favored and more likely to receive traffic from the public. What would happen if a site posted articles or information that is unfavorable about the providers? The providers could essentially hold this information hostage from the public by making it harder to access. Are we just throwing out the constitution and making it up as we go now? Do the rights of the public mean less than the profits and money of big corporations? I think getting rid of net neutrality is ridiculous and encouraging the rise of corporate interest over the interests of the public, whose rights the government is supposed to be protecting.
—Laura Lanier, Sunderland, MA

Dear FCC, Net Neutrality is critical to the internet's functioning in general and me in particular. To address the former, the internet currently functions as the greatest repository of knowledge humanity has ever created; the only way this could possibly be better is if that knowledge, all of it, was easily accessible to the general public, which, with Net Neutrality instated, it currently is. This has allowed a connectedness that humanity has never before enjoyed, and the ability for people and businesses to reach each other and customers like never before. If Net Neutrality was revoked, as you are currently planning, this would be hampered, and would lead to back-handed deals were providers intentionally slow the internet of those they are paid to slow, as well as enabling larger companies to outcompete smaller ones through the use of the "fast lane" that has been proposed. This change would affect me personally as I use the internet regularly, and visit sites that would most likely pay for the "fast lane" due to the heavy traffic they receive, which could result in fees I would have to pay to access them. As a college-bound student, I cannot afford this. As a final note, what is the benefit of allocating such control to telecommunications corporations? They already reap billions in profits, and, to put it bluntly, have found nearly every way to screw customers over and milk every cent they can from the public. What good does this do for the public? Or are you acting in the interests of the telecom corporations?
—Ian Barron, Clinton, CT

I don't want corporations deciding which websites I can access, which essentially what they're lobbying for. Companies with the most money will muscle out smaller start ups.
—Kelly Roth, Culpeper, VA

I need net neutrality because I am a college student on a tight budget. Does anyone believe that cable companies will give the fast lane to public colleges without the prices raising tuition? I can't even afford the tuition now, and I'm still at a community college....
—Devan Baugh, minneapolis, MN

Net neutrality is important if we want start up businesses to be able to succeed. If we get rid of net neutrality, only companies that can afford it will be able to handle their traffic, which will kill any start up business. People already pay for their internet, and businesses often already pay more because they use more. Abolishing net neutrality is just extortion, and is wrong. It impedes free speech, gives the rich yet ANOTHER unfair advantage, and will ruin all the good things the internet has brought to the world. Don't be evil, even Google knows that.
—Alexa Trusty, Oakdale, MN

Ending Net Neutrality will literally hinder the future growth of the human race. Right now we have at our disposal a tool with endless potential to inform, connect, and trade with our fellow man. Placing artificial limits on a resource when it's main virtue is its vast and unbiased wealth of tools and knowledge will lead to nothing short of a regression of our culture. I work for a cable company but I would rather lose my job than see this revolution of information be strangled to death by the greed of my employers. This isn't even to speak of the lunacy of a company that charges me a higher price in order to access content at premium speeds, and then charges content providers a higher price in order to allow me to access their content at the speed I pay for. As an employee I see firsthand all of the unethical practices that are already industry standards, but this is an inexcusable abuse of power.
—Hugh Alexander McFaddin, North Augusta, SC

I want to protect net neutrality. I think that allowing cable companies to provide slower internet speeds (regardless of what they say, that's what they plan to do) for companies that cannot afford to pay them a premium will only hurt the competition on the internet, thus creating more monopolies on content which is provided and the people who provide it. It does not take much creativity or foresight to see how destructive such an act would be and how many bad consequences would follow a decision to get rid of net neutrality. Please allow the internet to continue being a place where everyone has the ability to create something and benefit from it by not having to pay premiums to be used.
—Terrence Edmonds, Hudson, FL

The people of America want net neutrality.
—Samuel Harper, Colorado Springs, CO

Look, I don't pay more for power, and that's basically the same electrons.
—Bradley E Moyer, Lancaster, PA

Net neutrality is fundamental to the way our society works and develops in this day and age. To end net neutrality is to end the age of internet development and progress that we have enjoyed and benefited from for years. There is no doubt that our economy and technological advancement have benefited from the internet being a free place to grow and develop. One needs to only look to Google, Netflix and Amazon to see that net neutrality is beneficial to our society as a whole. All of these companies started out small. Without it most new startups won't be able to survive against the larger companies that already have a foothold. ISP's are already making large amounts of money and have little to no competition in their respective areas. Mot people throughout the country have only two choices for an ISP and others have no choice or have no service at all. Internet access in America is already abysmally insufficient compared to other countries and without competition it shows no signs of getting better The only people who would benefit from the death of net neutrality are the Big companies that already have a stranglehold on our internet access in this country. Do we really need to give them more control and money while gaining nothing ourselves? I think not.
—Blake Dillon, Houston, TX

We can't let the ISPs kill net neutrality - they're not investing in upgrading our infrastructure and it will only raise prices for the average consumer. The ISPs will charge more so that they unthrottle your cable line and let you get the same bad speeds you have now.
RECLASSIFY THE ISP AS COMMON CARRIES AND LET NET NEUTRALITY STAND
—Dustin Reiman, Edgewater, MD

Net neutrality is important to me, because I really like not having a greedy MOB owning what is now an essential piece of technology, something that is now essential in furthering human advancement, our entire species, but only so long as Net neutrality stands! I'd rather we do away you your ilk, you leeches on the backs of whales, I'd rather the government do away with you all and make the internet free for all. But I don't live in a fantasy land, I know you cretins will continue to have a hold over the internet, that said, you are all deplorable! Countries all over the world, at best, LAUGH at our internet situation, at worst, they pity us and our primitive ways! In the words of one great internet personality, " I'm not gonna change hearts and minds in a day, you don't give a man a peanut and expect him to have a farm the next day" But I sincerely hope, for the good of mankind, for the good of whatever little human conscience you gold hoarding, Law-wrecking, ignorance spewing, saggy hate filled goblins - that you get this through your head; net neutrality is beyond you, you do not mess with it or you will invoke a wrath you can scarcely understand - the wrath of the internet.
—Samuel Rodriguez, Baldwin Park, CA

Internet service providers should be treated like any other utility provider. They supply my home with a service in the same way my water department and electric company do. They are in no way different. Just like I expect my water pressure to be the same if I'm fixing a glass of water or filling my swimming pool, my Internet speeds should be the same without having to access some sites slower than others. We are lacking in speeds already compared to the rest of the world, the corporations have had free reign over the Internet for far too long. It's time for the FCC to nut up and regulate and lay down guidelines for net neutrality.
—Zach Martin, Hardin, KY

because i am an american and being able to express myself as freely as anybody else is important to me. not having my rights run over by faceless corporations (hello comcast and verizon!) is also important to me. DO NOT FUCK THIS UP! You (the FCC) already sucks major dick, DO NOT make anymore mistakes. Go down in history as heros, not villains. Stand up for the country. Do your job. Be good people.
—Conor, Chicago, IL

A free and open internet is obviously important. Besides, if cable companies need more money, tell them to offer less awful customer service and more reasonably priced cable, and less people will switch to services like Netflix and Hulu in the first place.
—Spenser Karr, New Orleans, LA

Given the already existent broadband monopolies, these companies can't be allowed to additionally control the content that their customers have access to.
—Adam Castelli, Springfield, IL

We need net neutrality to encourage long term creation and growth, not just to the companies that benefit from these new laws.
—Joshua Evans, orlando, FL

I am not that wealthy neither are the people who run some of my favorite sites basically if Net Neutrality ends so will my site and millions of others. I don't know if I can put it more simply.
—Simeon Murphy, Bellingham, WA

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—You Suck, Carlsbad, CA

Net Neutrality is important because without it we will be forced to leave small blogs and small business pages behind, due to the fact that they will become virtually unaccessable, and this will kill off small businesses and small writers who depend on this internet traffic, but can't afford to pay premiums for the "fast lane" internet. Don't let corporate giants ruin the American dream even more than it already has!
—Jamie Carr, Crossett, AR

The end of net neutrality would give the power to major internet service providers and their CEOs while completely ignoring the citizens who have no choice except to use those providers. With citizens forced to choose amongst Verizon, Comcast, AT&T, and other major corporations, said corporations would be able to control the internet however they wish, leaving citizens with no ability to choose service providers who actually listen to their customers. These corporation allege that net neutrality violates any number of rights, including the right of free speech. In actuality, it is the end of net neutrality that violates the right of free speech (amongst a number of other rights afforded to citizens by this country). Net neutrality is important, because the right of free speech and equality still exists in this country, because the CEOs of major corporations have no right to monopolize the internet service provider industry, and because these major corporations and CEOs are making more than enough money from people who have to use their services. Net Neutrality is important, because no one owns the internet and major corporations have no right to decide what is on the internet and what is not on the internet. It's not their decision and it violates to rights of the citizens of this country to discriminate against certain content just because of the ideas of specific CEOs and their corporations. Personal preferences and ideas (and ideals) should not be forced upon those who have no choice in the matter.
—Paula, Batesburg, SC

I don't trust companies without regulation not to focus on increasing the profit margins at the expense of consumers and Internet users, and the arguments presented that oppose net neutrality don't convince me. Why? These companies could significantly benefit from this and they can't even be bothered to find logical arguments for their positions. Because even their best efforts fail to convincingly deny less than pure motives.
—Amanda Martin, Phoenix, AZ

1. Net Neutrality benefits the citizens of the *United States. Killing Net Neutrality, as the proposed rules will, creates a Capitalist monopolistic nightmare, where individual voices will be suppressed in favor of corporations. 2. The Internet carriers don't need any help at all; in fact they're a trust (or monopoly) that charges premium prices for Internet access that lags behind Europe's cheaper, better Internet. 3. It will suppress innovation. All of the big corporations today that employ thousands of workers, Verizon, Google, Facebook, et. al.) started out as startups, who would not be able to compete in the deregulated environment you're creating. Don't reward and reinforce monopolies. It's bad for the American citizen.
—John Casey, Brighton, MA

Net Neutrality is important to me because the Telecommunications market is already an Oligopoly (The illusion of a competitive market, while all companies simultaneously raise prices with out increasing services). This merge would further strengthen their grip on the market, leaving us with a "take it or leave it" option with no other alternative. The reason they are fighting net neutrality is because they know they need operate within the law. Instead of working with in the law to maximize profits, they are changing the law to their own benefits. That is not how this works. Only the law can stop this. This is why the FCC exist. Stop this merge, fight for equality and speak for those who can't. It won't be easy, but things worth fighting for never are.
—Alexander Weiler, San Diego, CA

The internet has created a forum for international communication unmatched by any technology ever so much as imagined in the past. The most destructive thing possible to do to this ultimate exchange of information is to allow anyone's access to be hampered, or to also free information to be choked out.
—Alan Favier, Portland, OR

New Web services are changing everything and to have the internet bottlenecked would kill the amazing changes we are seeing. It would also force companies that require higher bandwidths (e.g. Netflix) to raise prices to compensate for the charges, which would essentially be bribery, that the cable companies would put in place, thus directly hurting consumers. Most areas are already under what amounts to monopolies already, giving these companies more power can only lead to ruin for America's future.
—Kyle Benge, Whiteland, IN

Ending net neutrality seems like an excellent way to stifle the growth of any new business venture that can't afford to pay the no doubt exorbitant fees that the ISPs would impose, and it would doom the every day consumer to being limited in the web content they can browse. Being unable to access information in such a manner is simply unacceptable. Please do not end net neutrality
—Phil, San Jose, CA

It is important because America is a place where no matter who someone is they stand a chance to succeed just like anyone else. ISPs should be held to a higher standards and quality. We enable standards on emissions, mpg for vehicles, and quality for buildings yet the one thing that can connect people to education, medicine, and one another is left out. How is the greatest and most developed country on earth not ranked 1st in internet connection? Net neutrality will not inspire healthy competition. It will not create a marketplace that encourages change or improvement. It will allow ISPs to control a sector that is becoming more important everyday and become reigning dictators of certain states. The extra revenue will allow them to charge less for services thus choking out the small ISPs until they are forced to close or sell out to the larger companies. This type of suffocation is unethical. Gas prices were controlled to prevent this tactic so why is this any different? Please listen to we the people.
—Sean Gunter, Fayetteville, NC

Being an ISP does not mean that you own the internet. Stop allowing monopolies to be built and do whats right for the public you supposedly serve.
—Shawn, Mount Sidney, VA

I believe the only truly global medium of capable of supporting unbiased reporting as well as information dissemination is the internet. Net Neutrality is critical to maintain this open forum. Without Net Neutrality, internet service providers will be able to influence what content is viewed by its subscribers, by costing sources they dislike out of existence.
—Daniel Grinols, San Antonio, TX

Net Neutrality is necessary to keep the internet as open as possible. It is the ONE method of communication where people from all walks of life can come together to create things, build things, collaborate and change everyone's lives for the better. Kickstarters have been funded by good people for good reasons, internet forums are used to help others and organize event to help them. And yes, there are problems with the internet, but those problems are not the concern of major ISPs. They are cowardly, money mosquitos out to suck the blood of an already anemic economy and for the behavior they've shown, including bribery, lying and bullying of smaller companies, they should be treated as the parasites they are. But until the internet becomes a truly free utility for everyone to use, we need them. However, that doesn't mean they deserve any sort of special treatment for being greedy dirtbags. If you honestly can't understand why they need to be common carriers, then you have nothing in common with the rest of us.
—Manuel Hernandez III, Redmond, WA

Freedom of speech must not sacrificed for corporate interests and greed.
—Freeman Bryson, Lima, OH

The internet is important to me. I use it for school, entertainment, job hunting. I would love to use it to do my job, but all of these activities would be far more frustrating without Net Neutrality. I want my internet provider to be held to the same kind of standards that power and phone providers are held to because the internet is more important than the latter and almost as important as the latter. Some companies owe their existence to the internet and, if net neutrality is destroyed then those kinds of companies might start to die or at least stop appearing. Additionally I will continue to get shitty service from my provider and have no competing service to go to that actually has policies that I agree to. I will be stuck paying premium price for a terrible product. The consumer needs net neutrality. Cable companies need to be controlled, or at least limited, in influence.
—Taylor Miller, Pascagoula, MS

Net neutrality keeps the internet free and equal, which is it's very purpose.
—John Newkumet, Boulder, CO

Net Neutrality is vital to the survival of the internet, one of the last places where the ideals of capitalism, a system that pushes the idea that any man or woman is given an equal opportunity at success should they have the drive to attempt to achieve it. Simply put if Net Neutrality falls then we are on step closer to a truly Corporate America, a place where freedoms are only given to those who are privileged while others are oppressed simply because they don't have money and are prevented from being able to earn. A fair chance is not a handout, it is what every American supposedly has a right to, something that if some corporations had their way nobody but corporations would have.
—Wesley A Sansom, Saginaw, TX

Is it really in the best interest of the FCC to join the ranks of corrupt federal entities? Doing away with Net Neutrality is objectively supporting and nurturing monopolies. But in the end what importance to tax-paying voters have? Why should we factor in to decisions affecting federal law?
—Justin, Morristown, AZ

I can't believe that we even have to deal with this. Under literally zero circumstances does it make any sense to hand control of the flow of information to a group of companies. Can you say conflict of interest? It's going to put more money into the hands of large companies and direct traffic away from those with less money. But you know who spends the most money? Regular, everyday consumers. I.E. the very people who will be negatively affected by allowing the overly-rich to decide what information we get. Honestly, if this is going to be allowed, then let them go into all the libraries and burn the books that they don't like. And we should also let them destroy any art they find distasteful. And hey, why not let religious zealots like the Westboro Baptist Church design the entire country's education policy? Come on, let's not fuck about. Strike this garbage down and keep going with freedom.
—Justin Satov, ottawa,

The internet is a human right. Allowing companies to monopolize over it restricts the access of knowledge and communication. Please fight for the people, not the dollars.
—Dakota Olson, Keswick, IA

I need Net Neutrality simply because I love the Internet we already have; it's a fun, free, incredibly convenient and an all-around fantastic creation, and no good ever, EVER comes out of "fixing" something that is NOT broken.
—Kay DeLiguori, Brooksville, FL

I fear that net neutrality is a part of my first amendment right of free speech. I also fear that it would give an illegal monopoly to the already too powerful cable companies.
—Travis Hilbig, Seattle, WA

The lack of net neutrality prevents competitive business practices and reduces consumer choice. It essentially forces cable companies to become monopolies where only one option for internet service exists. The internet is an absolutely necessary utility in modern society, just the same as electricity, gas, or water, and should have similar regulatory requirements to prevent corporate abuse.
—Brian Rodrique, Blackstone, MA

Ending net neutrality is oppressive and assuredly against the first amendment. we don't like what you are saying ... well now your website is slower and costs more to operate. The oligopoly which is communications conglomerates today is already a soul-sucking over-charging shady business tactic using monster of biblical proportion.
—Barclay Weslake, Fort McMurray,

The rich and powerful shouldn't be able to control the net. It should be a democratic place.
—Jamee Warfle, Arden, NC

1st amendment. The internet is the only means of legitimate mass communication for humans in the future. We must maintain equal access.
—Taylor Lopez, Cypress, TX

I am a poor college student, i cant afford better internet. My livelihood, in an essence, depends on the strength of my wifi. The cable companies are big enough already, and i dont wish to be discriminated against, because corporations are clearly people, and can invest the amount of money i will earn in my entire life into this issue 100000 times over, right? Seems fair right! So what im saying is, I will not stand for this, and im 100% certain that every single american not affiliated with the cable companies would agree with me. Thank you for your time
—Nicholas Belevich, Furlong, PA

I am incredibly lucky to have been born an American with the freedom to access any information I want however I want to do so. If I pay for 75mbps internet access, I should be able to access whatever website I choose to at the speed I'm paying for. It's patently ridiculous to charge both me AND the website I'm trying to access for my ability to access it. Broadband and cable companies are just trying to charge two different groups for the same exact service, which I'm pretty sure is fraud.
—Julianne LeVieux-Elliott, Denton, TX

Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Michele Sonntag, Shoreline, WA

The internet has gone from a luxury to a necessity. It is as much a utility as phone systems, and like them it must be recognized as common carrier. The great potential of the net as equalizer and voice of anyone without fear or favor has been established time and time again, and if it is to continue to realize its potential this must absolutely continue to be the case.
—Kelly Luck, Kansas City, MO

Not preserving net neutrality will permit telecoms to operate what would in effect be a protection racket. You would think companies with regional monopolies would know when to say enough hahaha who am I kidding we're doomed.
—Ben Stafford, Woodbridge, VA

More expenses doesn't exactly help anybody.
—Jerry W Conner Jr, FAIRVIEW HEIGHTS, IL

Net neutrality protects Americas freedoms and basic rights to equal access to not be discriminated against because of our wallets or the wallets of the sites/people we enjoy. Show Americans that you stand with the people and not the 1%
—Michael Smith, Antioch, CA

Its called free enterprise and the a neutral net is as close to an even playing field as we are probably going to get. If the cable companies get their way the future Facebooks Netflix and twitters will never get off the ground and the status quo will have no reason to improve or even continue maintaining quality, since no new competition shall be allowed. It is in fact the opposite of a free market and to support what the cable companies want is frankly the un-American.
—Todd Morr, Oceaniside, CA

In this new world we have created, a cyber world, fresh and budding, are we to create something of a caste system where the rich can control and rule over the poor. I feel this has happened before in history and it didn't work out well. There are way too many improtant things to worry about in this world, and yet we have to fight for basic cyber freedoms. This seems a bit off. Why can't we just keep the rich companies a little less rich and the poor on par with the more succesful in the cyber world. Lets all focus on better things....
—Jason McCracken, Bozeman, MT

Net neutrality gives everyone a voice. We should not return to the days of information monopolies. Internet service providers should not be given the power to prioritize content.
—John Quirk, Caledonia, MI

Information should not be more readily available to the wealthy. You are increasing the wealth gap (which I'm sure you do not care about), and denying impoverished citizens the right to fast and accessible internet is one means to level the playing field. The FCC chairmen are cronies for the cable company, and this blatant corruption needs to stop .
—Matthew Pagani, Rochester, NY

The internet is the greatest experiment in human society in the history of ever. It is because of the internet that I can learn so much about the history of the US and how monopolizing corporations ruined the streetcar industry by lobbying the government. Don't let the internet become next.
—Alec Hoyland, Bedford, MA

Net neutrality keeps the internet free and stops the cable companies and verizon from ripping us off!
—Mr. Chris Pellitteri, Rancho Cucamonga, CA

It is more important than ever to maintain an equal playing field for all involved. Maintain net neutrality. It makes internet and the country and the world a better place. Do not let greed dictate the future of the internet. It is so very important to the future of the internet. Thank you.
—Aaron Wilson, St. Louis, MO

Dear FCC, I'm sick and tired of politicians and corporations buying our freedoms out from under us one piece of legislature at a time. Uphold Net Neutrality and keep the internet free to innovate.
—Jason Vickstrom, Long Beach, CA

To me, Net Neutrality is the opposite of Microsoft in its early years. It keeps ISPs from acting as more of a tollbooth than they already are. It keeps them from being bullies and extortionists more than they already are. It keeps them from picking winners and losers. And while they may be worried about their First Amendment rights being infringed, they often create nothing and have no IP to protect in that regard. And if your "First Amendment rights" consist of trampling on the rights of others, you have no support from me. That's why I support Net Neutrality.
—Aaron Myhre, Calimesa, CA

how could you possibly feel that net neutrality should go away. if you agree with the big companies trying to force it out, you are really only saying that you are incredibly corrupt
—Richard, columbia, CT

The internet has become an importan commodity in todays culture. I liken it to power or heat. It has become such an integral part of our lives, that to allow the service providers to do whatever they want would not be dissimilar to allowing power companys to charge what they want for service. Who loses out if internet costs skyrocket? The very people who can benefit from it most, the poor and underprivledged. The internet has become a vital part of learning as well. Would you think it's fair for someone to be unable to complete an online college course or miss out on any of the other learning opportunities the internet has made available just because they cant afford to make an already rich company richer? No thats just plain Un-American.
—Evan Ridgway, Brighton, MA

If it isn't obvious why net neutrality is important, then you're all a bunch of stupid assholes. Do the right thing for people for once and not huge corporations.
—Brian, Arvada, CO

Without true net neutrality, internet providers are attempting to charge a company providing content, while already charging for the internet service from that same company as well as the consumers of said content. This is a gross abuse of their power as the stewards of a global communication platform that is much larger than any of them and should be classified the same as the aging systems which it has displaced (telephone and broadcast television). The FCC has regulated these companies for a century to prevent just this type of abuse and manipulation of the market, yet somehow with this new medium, the understanding that access to information as well as the ability to provide it within a level playing field is being lost. The internet is the single largest area of innovation within our country from both creative and innovative standpoints, yet the lack of net neutrality could quickly and easily spell the death of the next google, or facebook, or twitter on which our country depends. We employ and attract the greatest talent in the world, but that cannot continue when only the largest corporations are permitted to succeed due to pay-to-play restrictions such as these. I implore you, please do not let these companies place toll roads on the most open, more free, and most important medium of our time. We pay our bills, as do the providers, that should be enough to guarantee traffic gets where it is going in a fair manner.
—Mark Stansberry, Atlanta, GA

Net Neutrality is extremely important for allowing smaller/independent content creators to reach people.
—Owen Martin, Raleigh, NC

Because highly regulated utilities, many of which are granted local exclusive monopolies on service provision (cable companies), should not be allowed to throttle the most popular uses of the internet - or create a de facto tax on innovative businesses.
—Chris Schreiber, Bellevue, WA

Dear FCC The reality of net neutrality is one of logical process. One can view the understandable positions of the corporate mind, but one cannot truly empathize because they are such undeniable shit heads. They state thusly that it is to our benefit that we allow them to make us pay more to retain a service they deprived us of, that being equal speeds of connection. Its all a bold face political movement, one trenched between the rules of psychotics and those who have no understanding of the common man. By creating an internet where people are not free to equal connectivity, it assures abuse of what was a powerful tool for human learning and understanding. Places like wikipedia, making by on donations, would have yet another struggle in place, another hurdle to maintain a source of human learning. Preposterous. I ask only to ruminate more on the content of your character, than the content of the lobbyists cheque books.
—Joel Stibbs, Maple Ridge,

With respect to the economy, productivity from the average worker has more than doubled since 1978. Net neutrality ensures that every business on the internet can compete on a level playing field. Ergo, destroying net neutrality will damage the economy by the money multiplier factor of the combined total of employees. It should be noted that monopsony and monopoly models consistently point to an inefficient use of resources, wages, and decreases the American economy's ability to compete globally. This also includes the talent pool from executive levels down as a decrease of elasticity on a pure competition competition model shall base the labor wages lower than mrc or mrp. The global market will of course compensate.
—Robert Williams, knoxville, TN

Failing to use common sense, like in this instant, is the reason this country is falling apart piece by piece. This shouldn't even be a dicussion, just cut the bull shit please.
—Robert, New Rochelle, NY

Dear Sir or ma'am. Having the internet continue to function the way it always has is Incredibley important to myself, my friends and family. Being in the struggling middle-class the last thing we need is conglomerates being given even more opportunities to take more of our hard earned money. Ending net neutrality will simply cost consumers more for an inferior product. Cable, phone, and television companies already make more than enough profits off the backs of hard working people.
—James Powers, Boston, MA

Net neutrality is important to me because the internet is a wealth of information that is currently available to anyone with internet access. Ending net neutrality could lead to limiting the flow of information.
—Jennifer Golden, Modesto, CA

Without net neutrality how will small start up companies ever get started when the cable companies can just oppress any start up with ridiculous fees? It's unfair to everyone except the cable companies.
—Jonathan Stephenson, wichita, KS

Throw out your rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Do you job and protect real Net Neutrality.
—Jeremiah Karpowicz, Mountlake Terrace, WA

Net Neutrality is important to me because I don't like the idea of "smaller" sites getting shifted to slower delivery. I frequent several sites that are so small they must take up a monthly collection to pay for their servers. Facebook was once a small site too, and how would they fare as a startup under a internet that pushed them to the back?
—Jarrod Matthews, Mount Carmel, TN

Don't let congress ruin net neutrality.
—Nicholas, Birmingham, AL

net neutrality is important to me because everyone should be able to express themselves on the medium of their choosing. the internet has become a canvas, and websites have become paintings. each one means something to someone, and we should all have the ability to observe and enjoy whatever piques our fancy equally.
—Jeff Stack, edmonds, WA

Equality is a right and the Internet is not the Internet without it.
—Nickolas Lozano, Fayetteville, NC

Keeping net neutrality is very important. Allowing the big companies this much control over information and entertainment is a dangerous idea. Keep the internet free.
—Donna, York, PA

I'm tired of big cable companies like Verizon and Comcast abusing their power and using their wealth to influence the government against regular citizens. The Internet is one of the great historic forums, where anyone can express themselves and all are treated equally. It belongs to all of us, like a public utility or library. Ending net neutrality effectively gives private companies, whose only goal is to make as much money as possible, control over this great thing that we've all created together. If the Internet were a giant public library, this would be like letting the doorman decide who can get in and what books they can read. It's an inappropriate amount of power for that party, and an infringement on the rights of the public to access a public good that they themselves created. This also means that cable companies can selectively favor websites that further their own agenda. How can people speak out against the cable companies if they are kept from having a forum? This is a clear conflict of interest that would result in a massive and inappropriate imbalance of power over a public good. Please tell the "doorman" that we're paying him to maintain the doorway, not tell us what we can and cannot read.
—Jennifer Nichol, auburn, WA

We, the American people, demand Net Neutrality. Do not let the lobbyists buy you off.
—Mr. Alex Dovarian, Westchester, CA

Net Neutrality is important because the internet is a free, open, and fair resource for all who can access it. It levels the playing field and brings many opportunities to the average (or not average) American. Corporations and companies don't care about consumers, and have no business trying to control something like the internet. Comcast, Verizon, and AT&T are only out to make money and coincidentally, are the biggest anti-net neutrality lobbyist supporters. Maybe if they piss off enough consumers, we can all switch to AOL or Google Fiber.
—Judith Arvizu, Glen Burnie, MD

Net neutrality means the dissemination of information to all. No expensive books, no five-figure university debts. Anyone with access to the web can make something great to help all, not just those with enough cash to overcome whatever predatory price their local internet trust demands.
—Patrick Crowley, Arlington, TX

America at one time valued competition and good ideas. We were made great through small business. Monopolies are the antithesis of ingenuity, and a lack of net neutrality would destroy competition and small business. This is a no brainer. Cable companies can suck it up. Net neutrality has to prevail.
—Patrick Hunsaker, Huntington, WV

Net Neutrality is important because the availability of information and the ability by all to spread it is necessary for a democracy to function
—Niven Wilson, Downieville, CA

Should it really be necessary to explain why Net neutrality is important? Really? Are large corporations completely evil or just delusional? It's literally as though our economy exists solely to fuck over anyone who exists below a certain tax bracket. How is this even a question. Should we allow people access to anything on the web in a fair manner? I can't even begin to comprehend how morally repugnant these companies are. Seriously.
—Haley, Calgary,

I don't want my rights infringed on, I wish to continue having the same level of service that is expected and has been marketed for as long as the internet has existed.
—Patrick Todd, Winterville, GA

Net neutrality is important to me because it means making sure ISPs can't stifle competitive services and smaller, independent websites, in favor of their own services and large corporations that can afford to buy a faster connection. Additionally, it prevents the ISPs from making money both by charging customers to access content, and the content providers to provide said content.
—Ryan Johnson, Blanchard, OK

The Internet has become ubiquitous in American culture. Almost every advertiser includes a website, Twitter feed, or Facebook page in their ads. Some employers are starting to demand applicants' Facebook credentials as a requirement for employment. Even governmental assistance programs like Food Stamps, Section 8 housing, and Medicaid have online access -- in some cases, it's significantly easier to get things done with the latter services online, rather than having to drive out to a remote office and wait in line. We've reached the point where basic Internet access (not including high-speed connections) could be considered a basic utility, alongside electricity and running water. With so many companies and services expecting their users to be online, it is now more difficult to conduct basic-level business if you have no way to access the Internet. I speak from experience when I say that things are a lot harder now if you can't get online at all (even if it's at the public library). I spent the better part of a year with no home access, and no libraries nearby. It seemed like I was being asked about once a month "Can you go online?" when trying to get things done, and answering no just made things more difficult. With the rising use of smartphones, wi-fi hotspots everywhere, and even televisions wanting access, it's safe to say the Internet is everywhere now. What the cable and DSL providers are trying to do is capitalize on the rising use of this service. They claim that we're going to be getting the same quality of service and connection speed for 'lower-tier' services, but what they're probably going to do is reduce the speed for those sites, and claim the 'high-tier' sites are faster as a result. You don't speed up one car by making all the others slow down. As we saw in the recent case of Comcast vs. Netflix, the ISPs will likely charge other companies for the privilege of a 'high-tier' connection. If those companies give in and pay the fees, there's only one way they will be able to justify the cost: charging their customers more money. Thus, the cost for subscription services like Netflix will go up, as will the prices for one-time-payment services like Vudu. Other providers that don't currently charge, like YouTube, will probably institute a "premium" service that requires a monthly payment... and what they will probably do is make this paid service look faster by slowing down the non-paying one. Do you see a pattern here? There's another likelihood. Those ISPs who are charging third-party providers for a "high-end" connection? I don't expect them to give access to these 'faster' services for free. There's a good chance that they'll either just increase their subscription fees for everyone (claiming that it takes a lot of work to maintain this), or they'll have an extra "premium" service that gets these "high-speed" connections. The end result is this: third-party providers will have to charge their customers more (or begin charging) just to get out of the bog that will be "standard" service. ISPs will begin charging more for access to these "premium" services, throttling back anyone who doesn't pay, or even denying them access to those services altogether. It's bad enough that these companies have a monopoly on their respective regions. (In my area, if you want cable TV, you have two choices: Cox, or nothing.) If we let them have this option, what they'll actually do is just slow down everything else, charge us money for the privilege, and tell us that we're getting better service as a result. Don't let them piss in my mouth and tell me it's raining.
—Christopher Mathieu, Fort Smith, AR

The internet has been used by the people to empower ourselves, create communities, and fight against oppression. It belongs to all of us, and is the one place where money and speech are not the same thing. The loss of net neutrality is the theft of what is ours.
—Becky, San Jose, CA

Dear members of the FCC Board and FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler, to end net neutrality is beyond unacceptable. Allowing functional monopolies the freedom to at will slow down or speed up access will create significant barriers for new businesses. Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers. As the recent Comcast Netflix conflict revealed, the temptation to restrict access aimed at leveraging success over one's opposition is too great. If this speed constriction was created over mere money, what other issues will lead a corporation to similar or worse actions? Thank you for your time, Robert Kenney
—Robert Kenney, Reno, NV

The Internet is a necessity in this modern world, as important as electricity and phones. It needs to be regulated as a utility. Do not let the Internet providers buy you. We vote and we are watching you.
—Bob Gilbert, Columbus, OH

Hi, I am NOT a paid lobbyist for the internet providers. Nor I am part of an organiziation of internet provider CEOs. I am one of the people that pays thier bills though. I strongly dissagree with the idea of changing or net nuetraulity rules, as I am paying for the SUPER high speed package from AT&T and I can not tell the difference in it and the standard lower cost DSL. How well do you think they will run these fast lanes if they can't keep consumer speeds up? What speed do you think they will let run a website run by a political party they do not approve of? Netflix is an example of providers deliberalty alterning the speed to shake down for more money.
—Lewis Aliff, Crouse, NC

I'd like some liberties unworsened, thank you.
—Tony, Fairfield, OH

Don't kill net neutrality. The US is already lagging behind almost all of Europe, Japan, and South Korea in terms of internet service. Killing net neutrality ensures that America will fall further behind and be less competitive, all so a handful of multimillionaires can get slightly richer. Sacrificing the future of America for a few dollars now isn't in the interest of you, me, or the vast majority of this country.
—Joshua, Atlanta, GA

For the first time in history, voices of regular people are able to be heard. Why should we let people who are allready loud and rich take that away?
—Ms. Cassie Stolte, lincoln, NE

Net Neutrality is as simple as education. Both are vital for the continued expansion of our society and solidifying our future. No one company deserves the power to regulate any aspect of the internet. Companies are temporary, the knowledge and consciousness of humanity is forever.
—Sage Gibbons, East Hampton, NY

Net neutrality is important to me for the same reason newspapers were important to the start of the United States. As a matter of fact the Internet (in a net neutral state) is the most important advancement that the human race has made since the printing press. Can you all please stop this idiotic race to subjugate the transmission of ideas and data? Yes you will make more money, but you could also do the same with indentured slavery of our bodies in addition to just our online lives.
—Andres Flores, Watsonville, CA

So I already put in a comment, but the more and more I researched this, the angrier I got. Sure, alone I may not have enough of a voice seeing as how I don't have money to throw around like the CEO's of AT&T, Verizon, or Comcast, but I have to put my foot down on this. Letting the cable companies have their way with the internet, even if they say that they won't harm it, is a horrible way to go. I cannot trust them with it, even if they supply my very crappy internet. Please, I know that it isn't easy to craft rules that will grant free internet to everyone while also appeasing the cable companies (and the government), but you cannot let them have their way. I ask as a very concerned citizen of a FREE nation to let our internet be FREE. I'm sorry for the caps, I just felt it might add more flare. Anyway, please, if you won't stand up for us, no one will. Unless we plan to revolt, but I've probably missed those meetings as I haven't heard much about a riot.
—Jorge Vazquez, Colton, CA

With an ever increasing dependence on the internet for communication, commerce, and entertainment, the abolition of Net Neutrality would give ISPs a near monopoly on every aspect of interpersonal life in both the public and private spheres. This cannot happen.
—Alexander Garner, Potomac, MD

Net Neutrality is important to me because I want the same great network that is the internet, to be open for new ideas. We all use the internet. It is a wonderful thing that delivers our communications to their destination. The internet doesn't belong to the cable companies. I was about to say that everyone owns the internet but that isn't quite true but I do know that the internet doesn't belong to a cable company, a fiber provider, a wireless service provider, or even to google. Those entities are deliverers of the internet only. They may own the lines that run to your house but they do not get to control what runs through them. They don't have to facilitate anything they don't want to because just like anyone else they cant be forced to do anything they don't want to do, but if they don't care to participate in your digital transaction they cannot prohibit others from doing so in their absence. So if an internet service provider doesn't want to deliver content at the agreed upon speed then they need to let other companies and facilitate that connection. I have gone on far too long now but I just want it clear that I am frustrated with the new status quo and wish that something would give so that we can be free from our oppressors.
—James Wilson, springville, UT

The world wide web is more then some commodity. It is more then a utility. It is global consciousness, and must be protected. It should differ from every other vital aspect of our lives where "pay to play" is so pervasive. All voices are equally important.
—philip N williams, freeland, PA

To whom it may concern: In this day and age, money is increasingly being equated to speech, and subsequently, the voice of the "average" American is being drowned out by well-funded corporate interests. Having the financial means to dictate the shape of our democracy by simply BUYING control flies in the face of all that out country stands for. I urge you to take a stand and prevent the internet -perhaps the single greatest tool yet developed by man to create an accessible, democratic forum of free speech- from being taken over by monied interests. Please: oppose net neutrality.
—C R, Eureka, CA

The internet is the first man-made place to share ideas and thoughts openly and freely. Anyone who can honestly argue against that mentality with a straight face recently had their pockets lined by Verizon and AT&T. So go ahead, do what you want and what gets you the most funding so you can "Focus on the important matters for your constituents" while ignoring what we actually say. Prove definitively that Princeton's study is correct and ignore the majority once again.
—Benjamin Charlier, Winter Haven, FL

I support Net Neutrality. Keep the Internet neutral.
—Robert Crozier, Mobile, AL

Net neutrality is only fair. It's such a common-sense principle, and we shouldn't even need to talk about it except for the fact that certain very rich people have seen an illicit opportunity to gain money by rising to Emperor Palpatine levels of corruption. Come on. There's no way they actually believe the lies they're feeding us about net neutrality like they're doing it for our own good. I am an American citizen and I have a fundamental right to free speech. It it our nation's first and most iconic amendment. I have the right to speak freely, both offline and on, without some megarich companies effectively censoring me by restricting access to what I say--by making it difficult to read what I write through either charging money for it (of which I would never see a penny) or by slowing down connection speed to a snail's pace thereby making access inconvenient and difficult. Likewise, I don't appreciate anyone else's free speech being made not-so-free in a similar manner, and in a manner that also infringes on the right to free press. I have a right to unrestricted, uncensored, unbiased information about the world I live in. That's already difficult enough to come by these days, and I highly doubt killing net neutrality will do anything to increase the neutrality of what is ON the net. The true culprit here is, as always, greed. For some reason there are people who want more money than they could possibly spend in ten lifetimes, money for the sake of money. These companies already have unimaginably vast sums of money. If I can learn to be happy with a paycheck of a few hundred bucks, selfish creature that I am, their CEOs can learn to live with just a few million dollars. TL;DR: Seriously. Don't be so freaking evil. What you're doing is illegal, it's demeaning, and it's disfranchising.
—Marita Rivir, Norwood, OH

As an independent web developer my ability to provide service to my clients would be severely hindered by allowing ISPs to dictate the sppeds at which my websites could be accessed. Tiered internet is against the founding principles of open and equal information that have made the web the tool it is today.
—Chris Owen, Ayer, MA

Net neutrality is about freedom and equality and so is America. Preserve net neutrality.
—Joshua Burrrell, Anchorage, AK

The internet belongs to the people and the minute we corrupt the last bastion of free and equal thought is the time that men should come to fear.
—kris McEwen, Newport News, VA

Net Neutrality is quite literally in the interest of all people. Rich corporations will always find ways to squeeze money out of all they can, and with the arrival of Net Neutrality this will not change. What will change however is culture, quality of life, and most importantly, the ease of the sharing of information. A more informed populace, with the amazing tool of the internet at hand becomes a more intelligent populace, and a better people. For a well known example, let's look to Wikipedia, a site visited every second by the curious student, the researchers, those who want to learn more (leaving out the possible caveats for a moment). With Net Neutrality, a non-profit organization such as Wikipedia can continue to thrive and spread across the world. With 4,000,000+ articles, anyone, anywhere can learn about almost anything they want, from the 1964 Winter Olympics, to professional beatboxing, or Quantum Mechanics. Without Net Neutrality, Wikipedia will be overshadowed by such sites as eBay, Amazon, AMC, FOX and other multibillion dollar corporations. Who are we to say what is important and what is not, to other people? As a student of Archaeology, Literature, Philosophy and Photography, I myself have needed to visit various basic websites in the past in order to research, further my knowledge and understand my passions and hobbies. These vital tools at my disposal would be trailing behind more popular services on the internet, with slow connections, putting up a physical wall between me and my learning, in the sense of the extra time I spend staring at a slow-loading page, because a small, independent organization with few servers and a small budget is unable to pay ISPs for fast lanes. These proposed "internet rules" are bad news for all involved, except those people whose pockets will be lined with green paper, whose offshore bank accounts will be well into eight figures. This is a striking example of discrimination toward most internet users. The internet does not need to be policed in this manner. People need to be able to do what they want; they need rules, sure, but by restricting the use of their internet connection, that they pay money for, that they earned, we are making the internet an awful place. If people cannot have complete freedom whilst using the internet, what is the use of paying for it, month after month? If I cannot sit down, in my own home, at my own computer and be free to browse the internet in the manner I choose, then why would I do it? If these rules and restrictions are prioritising the money-making commercialism on the internet, it is no longer a tool for learning, nor a tool for sharing, or communicating with others. It is a tool to sell, a tool to make money and a tool to keep people controlled. The internet should be none of these things - the internet is used by the people, it was created for the people, and should not be used in this way to create revenue for corporations who are extorting money from those who wish to have a presence online. I understand that money rules all. It is a sad truth that many have come to accept. But this imposed revenue-fascism is crossing the line. As I write this, I am able do so because the internet is free, and should remain that way.
—Connor Hyden, Crewe,

I am a freelance web designer. It is in my best interest and that if my clients that the internet remain free and open to all newcomers of internet enterprise.
—Caleb Hopper, St. Joseph, MO

At a time when there is rampant, unchecked, and growing inequality in this country (unequaled since the Gilded age), the FCC should be promoting equity among the citizens of this nation. They should be the organization that promotes trust busting, rather than the one that promotes monopolies and the perpetuation of beating down the vast majority of Americans who do not have billions of dollars or lobbyists at our disposal. Creating a tiered system for access to information puts you in the same boat as Iran, China, and North Korea - not great company. Stop letting money ruin what small shred of ethical reasoning you may still possess. Nonsense like this is what sickens me about the state of our country and its governance today.
—Megan Sturdevant, Golden, CO

Net Neutrality is important to preserving the truly free internet that allows innovation and the sharing of ideas and concepts that can change the world. Ending net neutrality will allow ISP providers to control the flow of- or out right crush the sharing of these ideas. No one except the ISP providers will profit from ending net neutrality. Please protect net neutrality.
—Andrew Brock, Maple Park, IL

We need LESS corporate control of the internet and more meaningful competition and municipal internet providers. Our internet is much slower and more expensive then most of our industrialized neighbors, even in big cities where the arguments that America is more expensive to wire do not hold. That is partly because of the laissez faire attitude of the regulators, the FCC is a classic text-book example of a captured agency, where there is a regular interchange between the regulated industry and the body charged with overseeing the public interest. Giving the big telcoms and cable companies more power to exploit the public is a move in the wrong direction. Remember the hundreds of billions of dollars the telcoms got to build out the internet infrastructure that they simply pocketed? http://www.newnetworks.com/ShortSCANDALSummary.htm What makes you think that lining these corporate pockets with yet more lucre will benefit the public?
—Ed Biow, Oakland, CA

Net neutrality is absolutely vital to maintain small business growth, technological growth, educational freedom, freedom of speech, and free capitalism. The internet has become the only source if information for most of the world. By removing the safeguards that keep it from being strangled by a select few vested interests for profit, you would effectively doom our civilization to an early end.
—Bob, tallahassee, FL

If there is no net neutrality, ISPs will have the power (and inclination) to shape internet traffic so that they can derive extra benefit from it. For example, several ISPs believe that they should be allowed to charge companies for services like YouTube and Netflix because these services consume more bandwidth compared to a normal website. Basically, these ISPs want a share in the money that YouTube or Netflix make. Without net neutrality, the internet as we know it will not exist. Instead of free access, there could be "package plans" for consumers. For example, if you pay Rs 500, you will only be able to access websites based in India. To access international websites, you may have to pay a bit more. Or maybe there can be different connection speed for different type of content, depending on how much you are paying for the service and what "add-on package" you have bought. Lack of net neutrality, will also spell doom for innovation on the web. It is possible that ISPs will charge web companies to enable faster access to their websites. Those who don't pay may see that their websites will open slowly. This means bigger companies like Google will be able to pay more to make access to Youtube or Google+ faster for web users but a startup that wants to create a different and better video hosting site may not be able to do that. Instead of an open and free internet, without net neutrality we are likely to get a web that has silos in it and to enter each silo, you will have to pay some "tax" to ISPs.
—Michael Danforth, Edmonton,

Net Neutrality is the epitome of free speech. It lets anyone be heard at the same volume as anyone else. It also encourages learning and educating yourself on different viewpoints. It allows people to be creative and innovative. It helps make huge leaps in our society and understanding each other. America has already turned into an oligarchy. Are you going to let the internet become the same? Shame.
—nope and I because its the don't have to say a damn thing about internet myself, Beverly hills, CA

Net Neutrality is important to me because I shouldn't have my right to access websites affected by the corporate interests of my ISP. Violating Net Neutrality will have a chilling effect on free speech and the Internet as a whole.
—Kartik Venguswamy, Washington, DC

Im looking into supporting myself and my family through content creation on youtube and in other places. Allowing cable providers to dictate who does and does not receive an acceptable level of service and discriminate against content puts my livelihood at risk, and flies in the face of our nation proud tradition of a fair market and our history of preventing consumer abuse by monopolies.
—Jacob Miller, weatherford, TX

The thing that astounds me the most is that it really shouldn't even be up for debate. The motives of the internet providers are so blatantly greed that I cannot begin to fathom why they are even getting an audience. And the fact that they are making headway is even more disheartening. In fact, I imagine, the only reason pedophilia couldn't be made legal here is that they just don't have the financial backers lined up. Therefore, pedophilia = end of net neutrality. My logic is just as good as the logic utilized by the cable companies. Make the right call FCC.
—Reeves Garnett, Alexandria, VA

Net Neutrality is important to guarantee the freedom of speech on the internet. Our country is not designed on freedom of speech being only available for those with enough money. Although the internet is an invention and originally seen as a privately owned venture, it is now so integrated into daily society that it should be considered as universally available and affordable as power, water, sewer, trash, etc. As for myself, as a digital artist who sells my art online, my future would be put on the line by an internet that takes bribes for higher speeds. I could never keep up with corporations to keep my art viewable in a reasonable amount of time. I would give up and invest my money elsewhere.
—Russell Clenney, Gainesville, FL

Please help us with this unfair treatment. How is it that in a one person household, literally living completely alone, the internet gives me so many issues. We need better services or we will find a way to not deal with cable companies any longer. If there's a will there's a way and if the company ends up losing power, it's their own fault after all for not helping us in the first place
—Jasmine, Bronx, NY

Net Neutrality is important to me because, as a linux, I frequently install software, as well as seed the Bit Torrent files of Linux distributions. I cannot have my data transfers throttled. Otherwise I cannot continue to help the Linux community.
—Mr. Jason Anderson, Lewisville, TX

I shouldn't have to pay more than other people for the same amount of internet
—Trevor Gross, east setauket, NY

Net Neutrality is important to me because it means that everyone is on an equal footing when it comes to the internet. Can you honestly call yourself an American if you're promoting less equality? People shouldn't be punished just because they can't afford better internet.
—Matthew Edward Bunyard, Manhattan, KS

Net neutrality really is very beneficial to everyone- I think it is disturbing that major cable companies are trying to charge higher rates for faster speeds. Seriously, is it not enough that these companies are already raking in billions each year in profits while simultaneously lowering investments each year? These companies are already enormously profitable, and this not harmed by keeping neutrality which is universally beneficial to all consumers of any demographic. Let's not create such a backwards step in our amazing technology that would also allow better access to those who can afford it. Let's please not allow corporations who pretend to have friends become bullies to it's consumers either!
—Peggy Eldeen, San antonio, TX

I love the internet the way it is. Would you put a bumper sticker on a Ferrari?
—Gary Miller, Denver, CO

All our technology depends on high-speed Internet. Fast-lanes take the ability to use that away from so many people...and that will eventually hurt you. Also, keeping the Internet neutral is better for small businesses, especially those that are just starting out.
—Angelica K, Sutton, MA

Dear FFC, I believe in net neutrality because Internet providers shouldn't be allowed to choose what content we can and can't view.
—Andy, Fallon, NV

Net neutrality is the key to an open and affordable Internet. A key which needs to be protected for the further advancement of our society. Applicable companies to line their pockets with more cash will only tighten the wallets of the consumer and slow down technological advancement. I already pay cable companies for the ability to access any website choose (at a less than truthfully advertised speed, I might add). Allowing cable companies the right to charge companies like Netflix for a preferred lane is akin to me driving to your house and paying Interstate tolls and you receiving a bill as well because it was YOUR house I was going to. Doesn't make a whole lot of sense, does it?
—Jacob Hess, Joliet, IL

I want to ensure that the internet remains a safe haven for people to breed ideas and not be constricted due to favoritism.
—James Vaughn, Middletown, OH

Net neutrality allows for equal opportunity for internet based businesses, and to take that away could allow a oligopoly to form, in which a few internet providers would be able to decide which businesses would be capable of succeeding.
—Charles Gill, Port Arthur, TX

I think net neutrality is important and if you did manage to take it away I would join and support any protest or boycott group I could. You guys are jerks.
—Janelle, la mesa, CA

My family can barely afford internet connection as it is. Now, we even have to pitch in every month to pay AT&T for one service, because it's become so expensive. The only reason we make the sacrifice is because as students, my family understands we need access to a vast amount of information. The internet is made up of millions of people, contributing their own two cents to this service in a variety of ways. No corporation should have the right to manipulate and deny us an equal and satisfying quality of connection. That violates my rights, and everyone else in my positions.
—Nicole, Huntington Park, CA

We all watch movies and videos online.....do you want everyone in the world to know what you watch? If you take away Net Neutrality not only will your movies and videos buffer longer, but you'll either be branded as boring or freaky depending on what you watch. Besides, why kill off something that's been fine and dandy and works? Besides, isint this violating freedom of speech for everyone? There will be more your mom jokes that become true just because.... Too long, didn't read? Too bad, read it
—Brooke Potter, Kansas City, MO

Keep the net neutral. Allowing ISP to regulate and charge more for certain traffic is wrong
—Vickie hammer, Gardner, KS

The internet in its current state is the greatest public forum. Eliminating net neutrality would silence the poor and hurt innumerable small businesses. Net neutrality always the internet to be a more equal place and provides more opportunities for everyone, not just big corporations.
—Wesley Giver, Westerville, OH

net neutrality is FREEDOM. VIVA LE REVOLUTION. DOWN WITH THE CHAINS OF CABLE COMPANY F*CKERY. YOU ALL SUCKperiod
—Anonymous Best, urone, MN

Net neutrality is important because the internet is a great source for knowledge and learning. If companies are allowed to decide which sites load faster than other sites, to decide what they believe is right for Me to learn, I think it will not be in our best interest.
—Parker Hicks, plano, TX

Net Neutrality protects our freedom of speech by allowing equal access to anything on the net.
—Cameron Phillips, Raleigh, NC

If ten old rich men get to decide which websites I can view, they have the power to destroy a capitalist economy. the main idea behind capitalism is Adam Smith's theory that competition actually EXISTS. If comcast has the power to destroy small business by taking them off the internet, then we have no competition, we have a monopoly. for the sake of anti-trust values, a small conglomerate cannot control the market.
—Filipp Krasovsky, Los Angeles, CA

Save our internet neutrality please and thank you
—Darrin Hults, Gresham, OR

Because this is ridiculous. It's not capitalism, it's corporatism. Which, really, is just communism with corporations. And that's uncool.
—Caleb Burton, borger, TX

The end of net neutrality would be the end of internet entrepreneurship. Facebook may not exist right now if it wasn't for net neutrality. If net neutrality didn't exist, Mark Zuckerberg may have not had the money to purchase a "fast lane" from cable companies. Regardless how much more user friendly and over all appealing Facebook is, people would rather use a lesser site like Myspace if it is much faster. Net neutrality's demise would change the internet from a capitalist system into a totalitarian one. Larger websites could bribe the cable companies into denying new competing websites usable speeds while ensuring that their own websites will be much faster, making websites like Amazon impossible to compete with, as new competing websites would not be able to pay the cable companies as much money as Amazon could.
—Darryn Splawn, seminole, OK

Net Neutrality is important to me because I do not want to be discriminated in my usage of the internet. Allowing companies to create a two-tiered Internet is absolutely ridiculous and disastrous to the betterment of the American people. There are many local organization such as libraries that provide free internet access to patrons, many of whom are not able to afford their own internet. Libraries, already with a low budget in many places, would be forced to use slower internet connection. This would detract from the knowledge-sharing that can be gained from using the internet to promote economic success and independence in the people. More than that, it is a fact that the country has not recovered completely from the Great Recession. Allowing companies to put a limit on internet speed can be damaging to small businesses and entrepreneurs. More important than all the economic consequences is that allowing companies to limit the internet speed will open the floodgates to further invasion and limitation of public goods and services.
—Rebecca Guzman, Chicago, IL

Please FCC don't give into the data companies that are trying to stop net neutrality in its tracks. It's just plain wrong. You helped us beat Ma Bell so this shouldn't be that hard. If we were still using dial internet would this even be an issue? Today I can file my taxes, make a phone call, and manage my bank statements all over my data connection. How is this not a communication tool deserving of consumer protection?
—Andrew Scoular, Baton Rouge, LA

Please preserve net neutrality. An end to it would be an end to innovation and creativity from regular folks (think Google would be around without these rules in place?) and will only serve to give all power to yet another group of greedy, self-interested, eltitist scumbags.
—Charles Norton, Bend, OR

Net Neutrality is the most important aspect of the internet. As a free, and open space to create and develop, the internet must be kept this way and improved, not diminished. The most recent changes that are coming from Tom Wheeler will ruin the internet and stifle the growth of humanity all for some dollars that are ultimately meaningless. I hope these rules will be repealed and reworked to allow the consumers, the ones paying for access to all of the internet, unlimited and open access to everything the internet has to offer.
—Andrew Fisher, San Marcos, TX

Seriously dudes? What the fuck?
—Luke Spurlock-Brown, Iowa City, IA

Dear FCC, Please put into law rules and regulations for Net Neutrality. There are so few things in this world that don't get mucked about with by big businesses throwing around money. Sometimes they help, often they hurt, and they always have their interests first. The Internet is a place that has helped to free us of such things, and I'd prefer it stay that way. Thank you for listening.
—Westen Masterson, Alpine, UT

Americans already pay more money for shittier internet service than the rest of the world. If you kill Net Neutrality you will basically demolish any hope we have of correcting a system that badly needs reform. Do the responsible thing and don't fix the only thing about our internet service that isn't broken.
—Eric, La Mesa, CA

It is important to me because I don't know the internet without it, and it seems that without it we stand a chance of further losing our world to tryants ruled by money.
—Kevin, Baltimore, MD

There is NO WAY in which the end of Net Neutrality would help the average citizen of this country. We would be cut off from content that - while perhaps less popular than the big megasites -- is interesting and important to us. It would also endanger freedom of speech, devalue websites from other nations, slow traffic for non-English speakers, and provide absolutely no benefit whatsoever save perhaps a popular site loading one nanosecond faster. The ONLY reason to end Net Neutrality is to put yet more money in the coffers of very rich companies already allowed to operate almost entirely free of oversight. Tom Wheeler's plan is anti-American, anti-citizen, and frankly makes me wonder just who bribed him, and how much. RECLASSIFY ISPs AS COMMON CARRIERS.
—Amy Vincent, New Orleans, LA

Net Neutrality is important because a company should not be able to arbitrarily limit my free speech and accessibility to information in exchange for money.
—Cole Mason, Chicago, IL

When the library at Alexandria burned, the world burned with it. When the Mongol Empire sacked the library at Bagdahd, the Euphrates ran black with ink. Had neither of these things happened, Columbus would have landed on the moon, instead of Florida. The internet is the greatest library mankind has ever known. People wander about every day with all the knowledge and art and basic humanity of all of history- then AND now- in their pockets. To allow corporations to decide what is and is not important would be, in plain terms, a crime against humanity. To allow Verizon or ComWarner to dictate the ability of human beings to share information with human beings would be a crime against humanity. To throttle the internet: the hope and dream of a connected future of human progress, intelligence and socialization... Would be a crime against humanity. Do not. Do not. Do NOT. Ever. Destroy humanity's best hope for the future.
—Aaron, Mount Morris, NY

The Net is a more powerful communication system than cable, radio, and telephone COMBINED, because it can fulfill all of those and more. It's the future, and you can't let the companies in danger of being replaced (Comcast, Verizon, et al) dictate what happens to it.
—Mr. Joshua Brown, Everett, WA

Who decides what sites or specific content should be allowed? If online schooling became less profitable for ISP's to support would there be a rule in place to make sure people could continue their education using a reliable connection of sufficient speed? How about buying diapers online from a site that has the best deal? What about Skype? Do we slow down connections for less popular people? This entire issue is not about making the internet better for some and keeping it the same for everyone else. The net effect will be anti-competitive and monopolistic market control veiled in so called regulation. It flys in the face of anti-trust legislation, whether by the word of the law, if not the spirit. I am all for less government intrusion. In this case it isn't government intrusion. Killing net neutrality will be a corporate intrusion into legitimate government function. Also known as fascism. It is a subversion of American principles and will only lead to the degradation of free exchange of ideas and commerce. The internet has changed the world for the better because of it's inherent equality. Allowing for speech to be passed at the same speed whether we agree with it or not. There is no cure for being healthy, just as there is no reason to place artificial preference for speech. Thank you.
—Ryan Hayes, Lake Stevens, WA

Net Neutrality is what prevents total internet control. If you don't stop this we will be like china in censorship.
—Rebecca Meyers, Eugene, OR

I don't want my ability to seek my avenues of interest defined by what makes the ISPs the most money.
—Christopher Chance, overland park, KS

Allowing higher priority for certain types of internet traffic over others threatens freedom of speech and enables monopolization of services that rely on the internet. The currently proposed rules need to be discarded, and ISP's need to be classified as common carriers in any future proposals.
—Ben Tobin, Albuquerque, NM

Reclassify ISPs as Title 2 providers. Do not kill net neutrality.
—Christie Joseph, Boulder, CO

As a disabled person who is limited to physical activities, I need the internet. Not at a slow pace or " the fast lane(which will cost x10 more than the already outrageous price of slow pace internet)". I use it to help plan my medical trips, keep updated on medical advancements and have a social life. The prices for internet now, is already high. There is no competition either. Most of the internet speeds are slower than advertised, and I don't see the companies having any incentive to fix it when they have us by our throats. In short, we, all of the us needs net neutrality. TRUE net neutrality. To be classified as such so it can receive more regulations and to even the playing field. It would be a huge blow to all of the consumers (disabled and non disabled!) and start up companies to not have net neutrality.
—Diana Barlip, Anchorage, AK

Net Neutrality promotes the proper usage of bandwidth among everyone who uses the internet, irrespective of the website they're viewing. To forgo this would be akin to forgoing other basic rights, such as the right to free speech. Startups would be hindered drastically, as they would not be able to ensure their websites load as fast as they would otherwise, since the cable companies would be in control! I urge you to reconsider your position.
—J N. Srinath, Chennai,

Net Neutrality is important for small business owners like me. Requiring payment for 'fast lane' connections means that many small businesses, especially those just getting off the ground, may not make it. The internet was not designed to be corporatized, but rather as a forum for connecting and the free exchange of ideas - for FREE. He who has the gold should NOT make the rules. Equality is also at stake. If you end net neutrality, you are tacitly admitting that you think people with more money are more important or better than the average person. Sadly, most of the corporate jerks who are instigating this probably pass off work requiring the internet to subordinates. Why should people who are out of touch with the internet be allowed to make rules regarding its use? That's right- they shouldn't.
—Ariel Scott, Coffeyville, KS

Good job FCC you idiots are going to ruin the internet if you don't make ISP's common carriers FUCKING MAKE THEM COMMON CARRIERS JESUS CHRIST ITS NOT HARD TO SEE YOU NEED TO.
—Brian A. Beard, Mobile, AL

Net neutrality is essential for our society as a whole. The fact that this is such a widespread issue, is the direct cause of internet neutrality. What type of culture would we have if cable companies, essentially regulated what people can do and see online?
—Damien DeLelles, Tempe, AZ

Hello there, please work to make the internet a public utility service for America. We want a fair and equal internet.
—Maria Page, San Clemente, CA

I'm tired of corporations controlling the politics and policies that are supposed to protect the PEOPLE of this NATION. They play their games to their own benefit and it must stop! Stop letting the communications networks from controlling you! Label them as public utilities, reign them in! Have the fucking balls to put them in their places!
—Justin Santana, Lockport, NY

As a software engineer whose primary business is building web presences for small- to medium-sized businesses, the idea of net neutrality is not only pleasant, but necessary. Without net neutrality, my clients will struggle to establish themselves on the Internet. Without an Internet presence, their businesses will certainly not thrive and may indeed be forced to close. Think about two kids opening lemonade stands. Both kids show up to the same corner at the same time on the same day and set up identical lemonade stands selling identical lemonade. For grins, let's say business is brisk at both stands for the first week and both kids make some money. One kid (Stan) takes an ad out in one local paper (the Times) while the other kid (Jeff) takes an ad out in the other local paper (the Post). It turns out the Times has a lot more lemonade drinkers and Stan starts making some good money. The local city council decides that the streets are too crowded so they place a mandatory wait time of 10 seconds between each customer, unless the lemonade stand owner can pay a fee. Stan, having fortuitously taken his ad out in the Times, can pay the fee so the city council removes the 10 second wait time from his stand. Jeff made the unfortunate mistake of taking his ad out in the Post so he doesn't have the money to pay the city council. The 10 second wait time is kept in place on Jeff's stand and his customers start leaving. They still want lemonade so they go to Stan's stand instead. Stan now makes more money than he would have previously because he's getting all of his business plus most of Jeff's business. If the above scenario were actually played out, we'd call it bribery or extortion (depending on the vantage point). From Jeff's point of view the city council is extorting him (pay us money or we'll keep imposing limits on you). From an outsider's standpoint It looks like Stan is bribing the city council (paying money for extra benefits). On the Internet, though, we're actually considering this exact scenario. It is shameful that the government would even consider allowing Internet Service Providers to provide faster speeds to the businesses who can already afford to pay more.
—Andrew Webster, Gilbert, AZ

I oppose the actions of Time-Warner, Comcast, Verizon, and other opponents of an open, free internet. They would kneecap independent businesses and business competitors (such as Netflix, an internet-based video site, which is being charged extra for their allotted bandwidth) by slowing their access to the web and charging extra for proper access. I am absolutely fed up with megalithic corporations impeding MY free speech and my ability to spread my opinions on the internet. It's sickening, and the FCC is the main body of government responsible for keeping the internet safe from predators like those looming cable-internet oligarchs. Restore net neutrality!
—Will Stayskal, Dearborn, MI

Net neutrality is the key for global unity, and freedom of speech.
—Faris Alkordi, Charles Town, WV

We have a right to free speech and we pay for it on the internet. Like comcast internet service. You have no right under the current free speech to dictate that. I will gladly back it up by using an internet provider which would not limit me.
—Ann C. Jackson, Snohomish, WA

It's the last place on Earth, that is actually free.
—Daniel Arthur Romanski, Newport, RI

I need net neutrality so that my friends and people interested in the free things I put out may access them fairly. I need net neutrality so that I'm not forced to may more for visiting the websites I need or simply want to use. We need net neutrality so that the Web may remain a place of freedom and ideas that enrich the world.
—Przemysław Orłowski, Golub-Dobrzyń,

Broadband internet is as much a utility as phone service and electricity. ISPs need to be classified as common carriers and regulated accordingly. Don't let the open internet become just one more casualty of corporate greed - protect net neutrality!
—Ms. Andrea Johnston, Batesville, IN

What good for the common man can come out of net neutrality loss? How does what amounts to a suppression of free speech benefit anyone without a fat bank account? In what way does controlling the amount of information the general population receives lead to a better tomorrow? I am behind whatever movement that does the majority of people, in the U.S.A. And abroad, more good than harm, and thriving cable companies, who fund currently fund a few politicians, would benefit few, and possibly even harm some. It's a slippery slope, right? First, cable companies, and whoever pays them, restrict access to websites that spread damaging information about them. Then, what is acceptable to say in public will change. Then, who knows? Plus, y'know, porn.
—Jacob Hnatiak, Bellingham, WA

All websites and services should be treated the same. In order to protect all people's freedom of speech, net neutrality should be protected. No particular service or site should be discriminated against.
—Jessica Rushing, West Monroe, LA

What the US does has a flow on effect in the rest of the world, if not directly effects it. Set a good example: Keep net neutrality. It is important that the internet is a level playing field for everyone.
—Devon Braithwaite, Auckland,

This isn't some resource you can withhold, like diamond companies do. This is the god dammed internet, where everyone has a fair, and equal chance to have access to the information available on the internet. Don't let these monopolistic companies let you think other wise. Do what's right for the good of the people.
—Cole, acworth, GA

The cable and internet companies have for decades had their proverbial cake and eaten it, too, enjoying local monopolies like those of utilities to protect their investments in infrastructure, with none of the oversight or civic responsibility to deliver the services promised and paid for by consumers on a consistent basis. Their ploy to end net neutrality and further conglomerate providers is nothing but a lazy cash grab designed for lowering their costs and quality of services while raising prices on consumers. That every so-called advocacy group lobbying for ending net neutrality is operated, funded and controlled by cable executives and their cronies shows this plan is good for no one but cable companies and their corporate shareholders. Internet access has become a necessary utility for everything from finding a job and subsequently completing work-related tasks, to applying to college, to managing government benefits. Do not end net neutrality.
—Matthew James Hudgins, Athens, GA

Stop messing with a good thing, the companies make more than enough money already and the internet is a utility, not a simple commodity.
—Devin, Concord, CA

Seriously? I need to TELL the FCC why Net neutrality is a vital issue? This is still the year 2014, right? Are we really undecided as to whether we should let cable companies like COMCAST, which have provided very expensive and very dicey service, to decide who gets faster download speeds and who gets to wait very long time periods for internet content based on how much they're willing to pay when the technology is available for equal rate? how many other countries do this? Oh, mainly just the USA? Really?
—Patrick Villano, San Francisco, CA

I'm stuck with Time Warner until Google Fiber shows up, so I'd rather that interim be as un-painful as possible. I'd rather services I like, such as Netflix, be able to continue providing a quality service instead of forcing them to give more money to ISPs that clearly don't care about their customers. Please, don't dismantle net neutrality.
—Michael Baumgartner, Austin, TX

Net Neutrality is important because, contrary to some of the tenuous arguments made by Communication CEOs, net neutrality fosters and magnifies the freedom of speech for the common people. Despite what the idiots in the US Supreme Court think, money does not equal speech. A rich person should not have more rights than a poor person, even though that is currently how it works in the corrupt, corporate system.
—Charles Diab, Tempe, AZ

Net neutrality is important because it protects and reinforces our freedom of speech. Allowing ISPs to slow down, speed up, or block websites at their own volition is a violation of the first amendment. I do not want some company heads deciding what I can or cannot see on the internet. Also, forcing websites to pay extra money to the ISPs in order to get on "fast lanes" will have monetary effects on the general population as well. If ISPs charge websites extra money, then free sites may not remain free much longer and sites that already charge a fee (Netflix, Hulu Plus, etc.) will also have to increase the amount of money they charge people, adding onto the consumers' bills on top of ISP charges. Additionally, ISPs could also have the power to block/allow sites based on political/religious views, and most people will not agree 100% with their provider's views, and so will never be truly happy with their provider. The internet should be a haven for free speech, not third party censorship.
—Joaquin Acosta Jr., El Paso, TX

Simply put, Net Neutrality is one of the most important issues faced by our society today. When the cable companies have the right to make for-pay fast lanes, they're limiting other people's right to free speech. Make it so the internet is regulated like a utility- in the modern world it is a necessary part of a household today- school children are required to use it for classwork, it is increasingly necessary to find jobs using the internet only, and many people telecommute to work- using the internet. It is a basic right to a first-world country. Treat it as such.
—Christopher Smith, Bowling Green, KY

I'm hearing about some bullcrap about the attacks on net neutrality, both directly and by making fake citizen's groups. Lemme tell you something: Try anything and your stocks will crash faster than you can say 'Oh shit' because nobody is gonna stand for that. So, uh, keep your grubby mitts in the cable buisness.
—Defensecraft, New Hope, MN

Net neutrality is important to me because it is a public good that needs to be protected. It has helped many people access information, goods, and services while providing business and organizations an avenue to provide goods and services. It is important to treat all data the same and not provide preferential treatment.
—George Chacon, Studio City, CA

I believe that Net Neutrality is important for a number of reasons. The biggest for me are that I may want to start my own indie game company soon and if I want to be able to advertise for my products I wouldn't be able to as easily as those who already invested in the industry meaning it would be harder for me to compete. This problem applies to any start up company out there that doesn't have a lot of starting investment. The second being that I support a lot of nonprofits and issues groups that wouldn't be able to afford to pay for the "fast lane" internet speeds, but still have important issues they would want to get out there including things that cable companies may not like. A large number of people in modern times are starting to turn to the internet as their main source for information, and if Net Neutrality ends then the cable companies will essentially have control over who gets to share information on the internet essentially giving them the right to censor people if they want to. This goes against the very foundations in which this country was built on and I don't want the FCC to just stand by and let that happen.
—Matthew Payne, Norfolk, VA

FCC, getting rid of net neutrality is simply a bad decision. It gives companies such as Comcast and Verizon the ability to make certain webpages load faster than others, effectively turning internet pages into a bidding war. Its a bad decision and takes power away from the people. Please don't let this happen.
—Lucas Maier, Issaquah, WA

The internet was not created by corporations. They should not be able to control it.
—Rose, Miami, FL

Common sense, mostly. I cannot think of a single user who actually would -enjoy- these changes.
—Jeremy Haisten, Phoenix, AZ

Pour la verité , et la liberté.
—Schwob, dombasle,

Once again the U.S. government has conflated money with the freedom of speech. Allowing Comcast, Verizon, and AT&T to charge for various rates of speed will destroy the Internets' ability to function as a populist tool, and will relegate the majority of American businesses to a second-class status. Any free speech argument made on the behalf of telecommunications companies is just a smokescreen to cover the fact that this is, quite simply, an attempt to legalize price gouging.
—Samuel Case, San Antonio, TX

The cable companies are filthy rich enough as it is without the entirely illegal monopoly they already have becoming even more profitable for them at the expense of everyone except them which is exactly what will happen if net neutrality is ended, i could go on for hours with examples of cable companies lies and extortion but i doubt anyone is actually going to read this, but just in case, i'll leave you with this http://www.cracked.com/quick-f ixes/5-absurd-cable-company-ex cuses-killing-internet/
—James, ruskin, FL

Support net neutrality, the cable companies are making another attempt to make the rich richer and the poor poorer.
—Christian T Anjos, Union, NJ

Net Neutrality is important to me because I want to learn freely and I want the same for my daughter. The internet contains, essentially, the compilation of all human knowledge. If a person may only access those portions of knowledge which pay for the most accessibility, my daughter could grow up never learning anything beyond how wonderful fossil fuels are, who the Kardashians are boning now, who Kanye has offended this week, and what unhealthy and disgusting societal standards of beauty are imperative this season. This idea is so powerfully disgusting to me that I feel the need to bleach my brain and eyeballs right now just for writing this.
—Dylan Crowley, Leominster, MA

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Protection of free speech is vital and the internet is bastion preserving this ideal.
—Jesse Byrd, Medley, FL

FUCK YOU FCC YOU'VE FUCKED OUR RIGHTS TO HAVE OUR FREEDOM OF SPEECH AND EXPRESSION. EVERYONE FUCKING CUSSES, GET OVER YOURSELVES YOU CHRISTIAN FUCKS. THE INTERNET IS THE LAST THING THAT HASN'T BEEN FUCKED OVER BY YOU PEOPLE.
—Alvin DeezNuts, Hawthorne, CA

In a technologic age, Internet access must be viewed as a necessity. This is a utility, no less important to survival than electricity. It is with utmost importance that the Internet be protected as a bastion of unfettered access to information. If net neutrality would cease to exist it would mean an absolute consolidation of power by service providers, a monopolization. We cannot allow massive corporations to simply buy legislation that allows them to strangle the greatest invention of all man kind. This proposed legislation is not only wildly unpopular, but also ethically bankrupt. I beg of you, to make the right decision, to stand with the people, not against them. For when history looks back at this period in time they will not note the amount of money the heads of the FCC reaped, they will only see a degredation of the greatest resource available to mankind.
—Ryan Harlow, Charleston, WV

Net Neutrality is paramount to the preservation of an equal internet. By limiting the data of websites incapable or unwilling to pay fees, you would be creating a two tier system by which telecommunication companies could extort websites and corporations that provide digital content. I urge you to consider the principals of our antitrust laws already in place in other spheres of business and settle this once and for all: Net Neutrality is here to stay.
—James Fields, Kansas City, MO

Please tell the cable companies to go and do some anatomically impossible things to themselves and reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Thanks, Luke
—Luke McClung, Shreveport, LA

I pay them to use their hardware to access someone's website. Why should the webmaster then pay money to let their website be seen? This is blackmail plain and simple.
—Alexander Thomas Belmore, Middleboro, MA

As a family who owns a small business, we need a free and open Internet in order to help it grow and hope to compete with bigger, more established business. A level playing field is the foundation for the American Dream. To change that would fly in the face of what this country was founded upon. The alternative would be corporate tyranny.
—Martin Mondejar, Scottsdale, AZ

The internet is a place where the world can share its ideas, limiting that in any way or making it pay-for-play would kill that idea sharing community.
—Grant Hazzard, Carmichael, CA

Go ahead. I dare you. End Net Neutrality. I'll watch as the palace burns. I'll parked across the street, laughing, watching it burn, all Halloween orange and chimney red.
—Douglas Einspahr, KEARNEY, NE

Because removal of net neutrality will create a wall that will prevent all but those who already have the money from creating a truly successful website, and that's just plain awful.
—Caitlin, Wylie, TX

Is there any other way to line the pockets of the super rich with out bending over the little guys? Do you have no shame at all? I mean seriously, if I have to explain how this is wrong, what the fuck are you even good for? You are supposed to keep these guys in check and you bend us over because they have money for you? You know who else monitors and picks and chooses who/what/when/where? China, Russia, N Korea. Do you really want the USA following their lead and help push us closer to communism/big brother so these billion dollar companies can expand their bank wallets? Why is it that websites that sell merchandise or subscriptions are more important than what the general population(meaning everybody who isn't affiliated with TWC, Comcast, Verizon) can suck it?
—Robert Healey, Kaneohe, HI

If net neutrality goes away, the backlash will be so severe that the governing power of the FCC will be brought under harsh scrutiny. You can tell that a lot of people passionately care about this issue--trying to constrain the Internet will only make people fight for even greater freedom, and they will probably win. Why try so hard to make things worse for the general public in the short term and yourselves in the long term?
—Riley Pearsall, New York, NY

Please do not let money decide what is best for the people. Make the internet public domain.
—Rachel Reeves, Seattle, WA

Net Neutrality matters to me because we all really know what the ISP companies will do if they get their way. They are simply looking for a way to squeeze more cash out of everyone, which will only hurt the economy more by hurting small businesses. They're already basically a cartel. Killing Net Neutrality is simply giving them more power. Please Keep Net Neutrality alive!!!
—Kenneth Pulgar-Vidal, Los Angeles, CA

You've screwed up nearly everything else - maybe leave this one alone? People need Net Neutrality. Get some other lobbying groups to pay you for some other stuff and let people have SOMETHING decent for a change.
—Michael Lucchesi, Fairfield, CA

In the world of tomorrow Internet access will be an essential assist for all people. But the fight for this assist is today.
—Kyle Bertelson, marysville, WA

This is incredibly selfish and discriminatory. A service that is offered to everyone should not be split so only those with a bunch of extra money to throw around are able to benefit from it. This is a service that all of us make use of- from government officials to the average college students. Many schools now even have books that are only provided online. Why would allowing people who are able to throw away their money benefit anyone aside from cable companies? It would hurt the common person as well, as now they are not able to do nearly as much and will always be at a disadvantage.
—This is not necessary, not necessary, SC

Since the marginal cost curve of internet access is relatively flat while the demand curve for internet access is relatively steep, the monopoly power of internet providers would yield greater internet access on average with net neutrality. The similar monopoly power of large content providers suggests that the welfare effects of getting rid of net neutrality could be overall negative. The dynamic inefficiency of effectively increasing the cost of making innovations that are difficult to secure with intellectual property right laws further exacerbates the negative welfare effects of getting rid of net neutrality. Finally, the end of net neutrality might allow content providers to more thoroughly escape the confines of Bertrand competition through dramatic specialization. In summation, the internet acts like a homogenous mixture of utilities, and the end of net neutrality could allow the effective formation of monopolies over these "utilities" in separate forms.
—Benjamin Glass, Ann Arbor, MI

The free and open exchange of ideas is vital to a growing democracy. It cannot and should not be monitored and regulated by companies who will promote their interestes over the common good.
—Michael Deeley, FAFB, WA

Dear FCC, If net neutrality is dismantled as Comcast and Verizon want to do it will mark the death of internet freedom. If the internet providers can charge more for some stores to run faster, what would stop them from preventing sites they don't agree with from loading at all. By putting this power into the hands of these corporations you would effectively be signalling that money permits the censorship of speech
—David Trudeau, Beaverton, OR

FCC you should be ashamed of yourself if you try to destroy net neutrality. If you control the internet, you are no better than any fascist, dictatorship government whereby what gives USA the right to be the model democracy and militarily dictate world policy. You are turning USA into a hippocrate! Shame.
—Hugo, Morgan Hill, CA

Net Neutrality is important to me as a soldier in the United States Army who has previously deployed to Afghanistan and is now currently serving in South Korea. I know from first-hand experience what internet access is like when service providers are given government authorization to do what they like: incredibly slow speeds, shoddy connection quality, and utterly outrageous prices (all options of which are packaged according to what quality of access you, the soldier, are willing to pay for to do simple things such as stream movies from Netflix or make a Skype call to family back home - and yet there was no significant or recordable difference to notice between different packages purchased). Net Neutrality is also important to me as I look forward to my inevitable transition out of the military and begin civilian life again in a few years as a college student. Ideally, I hope to at least take my basic classes online so that I can maintain a part-time job and am not completely dependent on the G.I. bill for monetary provisions. A loss of net neutrality - that is to say, the ability of individual internet service providers to pick and choose which individual websites they offer faster, more stable internet access to, based solely on the amount of profit the internet service provider can extort from both website owners and users alike - will only raise prices for college courses offered online. The educational institute will have to pay the service provider more in order to ensure their class sites are available in higher quality (and higher priced) "packages"; and online class instructors and attending students will have to bear double that financial strain, as they must pay more just for reliable access to their classes from their private residences. The entire point of online college education is to allow the student to continue to work and earn a living while still continuing their higher education on a flexible schedule, by providing access to curriculum 24/7 - ie, online. The loss of Net Neutrality would severely hamper, if not outright retard, the furtherance of education for an entire group of students. No corporation should have the ability to so directly interfere with an individual's quality of life. The loss of Net Neutrality will devastate the freedom of information that is the entire purpose of the worldwide web - one of the most important technological advances our species has made. The ability to reliably transmit information at amazing speeds has furthered our sciences in every field, increased the global economy across the spectrum, and transformed our perception of cultures and communities across continents. To limit access to this knowledge to the highest bidders has historically resulted in no less than brutal dictatorships, civic deterioration, and cultural regression on pretty much every level. There are NO benefits to allowing corporations exclusive rights to regulate the price of information, other than adding to the dragon's hoard these internet service providers will, by nature, do anything to increase - and dragons do not share.
—Megan Smallwood, Windemere, FL

I need the internet. For knowlege. For my writing. My hopes dream and future rely on a free and open internet. If originazation a like the FCC don't stand up for this right we'll be one step closer to big brother.
—Devin Mitchell Durbin, St Charles, MO

Creativity. Plain and simple. The internet is the biggest, greatest tool of our lifetimes and has changed everything, allowing people to create things we never thought possible. Put it only in the hands of the rich and relegate everyone else to the leftovers and you destroy all that.
—Natalie Gath, Pflugerville, TX

The internet is the most important technological development of the past 20 years. Without net neutrality, you're basically ensuring that we live in a world more absurd and unbelievably corrupted by corporations than anyone could have ever imagined. Please keep the internet neutral. It is a modern utility. There's not much that modern culture can do without it.
—Jerry, Los Angeles, CA

It's the most American option
—Nayahana Yates, Lafayette, IN

Net neutrality is important to me because if all men are created equal. All content created by men should be treated equally. Yes, I understand that is a sweeping generalization.
—Kali, Bucyrus, OH

Just... no. For the love of god, do not get rid of Net Neutrality or allow this "Two Lane" system. Comcast and TWC are pretty much monopolies, why give them more power? There is no way in hell that the corporations aren't going to abuse this proposed system. Putting your trust in them not to abuse this system would be like trusting a five year old to take just one piece of candy that they really like from a bucket that you've left them alone with for ten minutes... just plain stupid.
—Justin Brown, Nashville, TN

I believe that the internet needs to remain an equal playing field for all, anything else stifles innovation and takes advantage of the consumers. Please don't let large corporations choose how they are regulated.
—Evan McGahey, Los Angeles, CA

More competition is better for us as consumers. The greedy ceo's of these companies only want to stuff their pockets and monopolize the market. What choices will we as the little guys have when there is no longer a selection and are forced to use what's available at insane rates.
—Gee, Brooklyn, NY

Cable companies should not be able to decide what speeds we access websites at. No company should have any say in what information we have access to. Allowing a company to make money suppressing information is completely horrendous.
—Courtney Sykes, Casco, MI

There are two things in life I do not trust, based on simple observation and simple history: Corporations and Government. However, in this scenario I would rather the one over the other...choosing the one that does not directly profit off segregating the internet and choosing to nickle and dime anyone who wants the status quo use of the internet. It is also time to break up these super-monopolies, other countries have made faster and cheaper internet for all people by forcing competition and allowing choice...there is really no choice in my area. We all know even before the studies proved it, that the rich and powerful are citizens and we're neo-slaves in this quasi-neo-serfdom -- we're just as animals are kept on semi to moderate "open range" farms, while the poorest are the mechanized caged animals as seen on Monsanto style farms. I'm prepared to ditch Comcast and use my cell phone's 4G internet instead on my PC... I can live with that (and in fact have done so when forced by outages and technical issues), especially if things will be slow regardless due to Internet companies greedy strangle hold over the internet, but ironically it may be faster in the years to come to surf using a phone connection. (Insert very vulgar and profane remark to corporations here) - Joseph Leedy
—Joseph Leedy, Key Largo, FL

My entire livelihood depends on the Internet. If net neutrality died, my business would die due to the amount of sites and work I would lose to keep up with the costs associated for staying relevant to consumer expectations.
—Devin mohr, Chicago, IL

Net Neutrality is free speech. To let these corporates take that away is unconstitutional and intolerable. Thre will be repercussions for everyone except for those corporates.
—Chris Stecher, Everett, WA

Because I like fast internet you fucking pieces of shit.
—Trent, Iva, SC

Passing this would straight up kill modern society to make uber rich people even richer
—Matt Dusza, Downers Grove, IL

Net neutrality is essential to the culture of the internet. Allowing cable companies and internet providers to charge content providers money in order to determine the speed and delivery of their data to consumers is a step in the wrong direction. This is simply allowing these internet service providers to rack up more money by charging both sides of the fence. Not to mention, websites who would not have the budget to pay for a fast lane service will be choked out by the few that can. The internet is about expanded choices and freedom, not just lining some ISP's pocket with even more money.
—Mr. Donald S Johnson, Raleigh, NC

I already have crappy internet and letting cable companies do as they please will mean I'll pay more for slower internet. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Josh Bender, Ashland, OR

I believe in the freedom of the internet, and that it is the public forum in which everyone's voice can be heard...not just those who can afford to pay providers to broadcast their message.
—Robert Massie, Belleville, IL

I believe the internet should be more accessible, not less. Consolidation of the internet and everything that comes with it will only hurt America in an information based world.
—Christopher Kim, La Habra, CA

Net Neutrality is very important to me. As a college student struggling to get by, every penny counts. The services i currently enjoy are at a very respectable place. If net neutrality was to be abolished, then all of these services would become unreliable at best. Who gets to determine which sites get into the cable companies' "fast lanes?" one of my genuine concerns is that i will not be able to reliably access my academic web-based services i currently am able to use without restriction. If net neutrality is abolished, my campus could end up having to shell out an inordinate amount of money just to keep their services running at a respectable, usable speed. I find it more likely, however, that if net neutrality is abolished, that my campus would just make as many cuts as they possibly could to web-based academic services to save money. Possibly going as far as removing some online courses. As a student, the lack of net neutrality worries me greatly.
—Scott Dziak, Grand Forks, ND

Net Neutrality is important to me because, living outside of the US, all my connections to the US come through different ISPs and if they're allowed to throttle connections at whim, then the quality of my internet will decrease dramatically. ISPs do not require benefits, but the people who use them DO require the protection.
—Rodrigo L Mendes da Silveira, wellington,

The cable companies already essentially have a monopoly, so this kind of deregulation is unnecessary to say the least. If cable companies have their way they'll charge such a high premium for sites to be in their fast lane that any small upcoming business won't even stand a chance.
—Jason Tureman, Chesapeake, VA

Net neutrality goes against the American ideal of freedom this country was founded upon. It gives the power to those that can afford it, and those who cant will soon be out of business. To punish the smaller corporations would be to restrict the future of our society, and to only further line the pockets of a few greedy CEO's.
—Aidan Dunning, Washington, DC

The cable companies keep screwing people mas supporting their lobby will make it even worse.
—Carl amaya, Tucson, AZ

Don't let America become even worse by letting the corporate gunslingers strip away more of our freedoms and hard earned money!
—Trevor Klein, Brooklyn Park, MN

I believe that a neutral net is an essential requirement to ensure freedom of information, equality of treatment, and reasonable access to vital services. More and more of the services that are central to daily life require the internet, from banking to tax returns, to childrens homework and grocery shopping. These services would be at risk of being placed out of reach of low-income earners, further disadvantaging them and their children. I feel that removing net neutrality would be a mistake on par with the granting of corporate personhood in 1886, the rejection of European corporate control being one of the fundamental reasons behind why America seceded from British rule. I understand that I am not an American, and that my message is one of, undoubtably, thousands that will be recieved, but I do hope that this is recieved by those who have the power to affect this decision, and that you take my words into account. This is a momentous decision, and its repercussions could change how the internet grows and is accessed for generations to come. Regards, Sam.
—Samuel Birchenough, Adelaide,

By removing Net Neutrality, you would make embezzlement legal for internet service providers. Please reconsider this and let the internet stay the way it is.
—Miguel, North Miami Beach, FL

It is important to have a fair and regulated system that all companies have to follow. Allowing companies to blockade the Internet is the same as allowing a monopoly. Should a person be allowed to regulate your actions unrequited? Why not tell the birds they are only allowed to fly below certain speeds. While it wasn't before, regular access to the Internet has become an overall fact of life within this, and other developed countries. You may argue that not everybody does, but just like living within cities, or using public utilities, there are a few that choose not to. The rest have embraced them as a part of life. Don't allow corporations the power to further regulate aspects of our lives.
—Erik Bell, Henderson, NV

Dear FCC Member, Please protect Net Neutrality, giving control of connection speeds to Internet Providers would hamstring the internet in the US. The internet has more then proven to be one of the keys to the future of economical advancement, and allowing the freedom of information to take such a dynamic hit would devastate the advancement of our country. Losing Net Neutrality here would be a hole our country will never be able to recover from. So I ask again, please protect our rights not to be under the thumb of monopolies that have agreed not to compete with each other, and please protect Net Neutrality. Thank you for your time.
—Ernest Suarez, Kensington, MD

I am a mentally ill person I have social anxiety and depression which makes leaving my house and communocating with others dificult. Through the internet I recieve support and communicate with people who help my issues with them I would probably not be here today. With net neutrality I would have to pay more money than I could to talk to the people I've kept in contact with for years.
—Kiki, Orlando, FL

Net Neutrality is important to me because I value the entrepreneurial spirit necessary to sustain the American Dream- or any dream, for that matter. Losing net neutrality means losing not just an even playing field, but access to the game for all but a select (wealthy) few. Idealism aside, as a consumer I know that net neutrality is the only thing maintaining competition in the market, and that quality of service and products is sure to diminish once big companies can do as they please. On a small scale, this is bad to my wallet. On a macro scale, it's detrimental to the economy. Do not allow the greed of a handful of intimidating and manipulative CEOs to permanently damage commerce and all that the internet provides for countries around the world.
—MK Dresser, Richfield, NC

Net Neutrality is a basic human right. Haven't these huge corporations already made ALL THE MONEY?
—Dee, Medford, OR

The FCC needs to throw out its rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers instead. This is the only way to truly preserve free speech in America. No corporation should have the right to interfere with the basic function of the internet in the interest of bolstering profits and/or stifling competition. We already pay them for access; so please reject any attempts by companies like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon to effectively form monopolies controlling what is essentially a public utility.
—Gordon Childs, Ft Meade, MD

Screw the FCC. We want more freedom not less!
—Tommy Love, Liberty Hill, TX

Currently the only way I can keep in contact through my loved one across the country actively is through the internet. She and I hang out together for hours when we have the time and we play games and enjoy each others company. We rely on the internet quite a bit to remain in contact with each other and spend quality time together. I want things to remain the way they are. This change would threaten our chance at happiness until we can settle down together.
—Larry Gutierrez II, Watertown, NY

Keep the net a neutral place where free speech is a human right.
—David Paul Niland, salthill Galway,

Please don't let the U.S.A, a country that i live in and is grateful to be apart of become a country that i loathe to the point that i would rather live in a third world country... This is America and America is free physically as well as technologically.
—Devon Davila, San Antonio, TX

The internet is an invaluable resource. And if big corporations destroyed net neutrality as they're attempting to do. We would see this resource taken away or hampred for millions of lower class Americans. Please protect net neutrality so that all Americans can have fair access to the internet by having ISPs as common carriers.
—Andrey Ososkov, Plymouth, MN

Without it, the ability to even ask questions such as these. Those without money lose the ability to speak openly. The Internet is a neccesity in this modern age and net neutrality is a must. Any corporation that supports the abolishment of net neutrality is only making the world a worse off place.
—Mike, El Cajon, CA

Because clearly you're predatory creatures who can't be trusted with more power over the economic and sociopolitical well being of the citizens of the United States and the well being our public forum. You have prostituted yourselves to the greed of corporations and short term interest and seem to have lost interest in upholding the law. Furthermore, the Chairman, simply by being the chairman of this Organization (or shall I say brothel (or den)) sits as a blatant case of government conflict of interests. Its important to me because it brings the world and a vast store of knowledge right in front of us, it allows more humans than ever in history to have meaningful communication. Its important to me because I hate to see it ruined in the name of greed. Its important to me because it somehow failed to be important to you.
—Anthony, Bronx, NY

I'm in New Zealand and if America does something, we'll probably end up following. So don't screw it up for the rest of us: keep the internet neutral.
—Chris Jones, Auckland,

My position on this is as blunt and succinct as I can make it. If we don't feel a need to charge people for using the interstate as a faster way to get from here to there, why should we charge people looking just-as-efficient travel from here to there on the web? Answer: Because its bad.
—Ethan Gorham, Nashville, TN

Net neutrality is important to me because I don't need corporations telling me what is must important to me. Or stuffing smaller blogs out of high speed access. It's blatant channeling of traffic and this is not acceptable. It is time to stop listening to corporations more than people. Their voices are not louder just because they have more money. NO FAST LANES. No paying extra fur quicker delivery. I pay my internet bill on time just like anyone else. I don't need anyone telling me what I need more quickly. I can be the judge of what deserves a click and what does not.
—Serena, America, AL

Dear FCC, the internet has become a necessity. In mordern life to access information, peoples finances and even govt. Websites as well as provide a mordern forum to discuss new ideas. And it is the breeding ground of new technologies, new industries, and new solutions to problems that plague humanity. Allowing net neutrality to die will be positive. Proof that the FCC. cares more about cash then the people for whom it regulates technology, and that the FCC serves no purpose but to limit options to the consumer and hold back progress ~former beleiver in capitalism
—Brendan, modesto, CA

It's important because we shouldn't be letting some assholes hinder the progression of communication as a whole and fuck a lot of people over. Without it many sites would cease to exist and the internet as a whole would probably collapse. Let's not let that happen because some greedy CEOs think they're doing something for the greater good when they actually aren't.
—Daniel Michalowski, Taylorsville, KY

I like the opportunity to support small local businesses with my traffic and purchases. This includes any number of start-up companies trying to make it in the US these days by hiring locally and manufacturing domestically. It will be a huge loss for them if customers are not able to utilize their website and a huge loss for our economy which is starting to revive thanks in a great part to these types of businesses. Please keep our internet free from the meddlesome hands of be ISPs!
—Sarah Mosher, Seattle, WA

Regarding net neutrality, why would you change a way of being that has resulted in 20+ years of unprecedented success? Do you consider the likes of AT&T, Verizon and Comcast to be plucky small businesses in need of assistance to become profitable? Permanently classifying ISPs as common carriers is a rarity in today's world: a thing that is self-evidently good for every American. So many small businesses that could not have even existed before the public Internet existed have launched, and many have flourished. An Internet that is fair for everyone is the modern expression of the level playing field that has made our country great. I urge you to resist the unjust influence of the moneyed and powerful. Instead, do the right thing and make the 21st the second American century.
—Douglas Butler, San Francisco, CA

I am a working musician. As an independant artist, my entire career and livelihood depends on my ability to promote myself and sell my music online, and that makes it a lot harder to do if my bottom lines go up because streaming services have to pay for fast lanes, and pass on the costs to the consumers of what were initially free services... especially when it's so difficult to get people to pay as little as $1 for music online. Beyond the personal, it's painful to see how that extra would be a barrier for entry to other less established artists; this would be a blow to the entire arts culture nationwide, and arguably, worldwide. We all lose when the conversation gets smaller, with anything in the media or the arts. Do not let this be the final blow punting our great nation into corporatocracy.
—Mai Li Pittard, Seattle, WA

Net neutrality is simple. You promise to offer a product. The internet. In all its wide, unadulterated glory. You're free to go anywhere you'd like under one service provider, because that service provider is the only one available to you thanks to the unfortunate circumstance that you live in what constitutes 90% of America's landmass that isn't a major population center. Eliminating net neutrality means that for no reason other than "the provider doesn't like this," the rate at which a site is provided can be severely handicapped, to the point that the site is unusable. Go ahead, use a computer with slow internet. If it takes minutes to load a page, it WILL give up. There is not a single benefactor of this other than the cable companies, as I'm sure the countless other arguments have explained far better. And even their benefit would be short-lived and short-sighted. Believe it or not, the country has not raised a generation of sheep. If denied rights through abuse of the loss of net neutrality, the cable companies will not be allowed to stand. It'd be a shame if you were caught in the political cross-fire, eh?
—Joseph Ball, West Chester, OH

By taking away net neutrality you are effectivly allowing cable and internet service providers to become the equevelent of monopolies, which if I am not mistaken go against our institution of capitalism and free market. The internet is public domain allowing these companies to control it is like allowing them to charge higher fees for checking out books at the library that don't fit their CEO's moral principles. The internet was not broken don't try to fix it!!
—Cameron, denver, CO

Would "Google" have ever taken off if it had taken several times longer to load a page of search results than whatever existed before Google?? Would Facebook be a thing if the pages loaded at a tenth of the speed of Myspace? Would any number of online businesses have breached the skies of success if the first immediate hurdle was having to shell out bundle of cash just to make their voices heard? It's very simple, really. With net neutrality, every idea, every voice, has an equal chance of taking off, of being heard. Without it, only those already deep in the pockets can afford to continue deepening their pockets, whilst those without the funds are left at the mercy of the patience of those who would be interested enough in their ideas to wait several minutes for the page to load. Simply speaking, if you wish to kill Net Neutrality, you might as well tie a noose around the throat of Innovation while you're at it.
—Travis Vaughn, Crestview, FL

I already have to pay too much for too little when it comes to the internet. As a student, I have to use the internet for research papers and other home work assignments. As someone looking for a new career, the internet lets me scout out potential employers. Just keeping up with my other bills means I have to go online. With out net neutrality, the internet may become so expensive I can't afford to use it any more. Then I'll be left in the dark with the rest of the people who can't afford it.
—Roy Hammonds, Austin, TX

Commercialisation of a public entity is flat out wrong. The Internet started as a free and open platform to share information. It is not up to corporations to decide what is easy to access or not. In that direction lies tyranny and enforced control of information. What is to stop companies from throttling those critical of their practices? Freedom of speech cannot be commercialised and sold to those with enough money.
—Stuart Kaptein, Port Elizabeth,

Please protect net neutrality. It's important to me to get equal access at equal speed on the internet so that I may make educated choices.
—Pradeesh George, Beavercreek, OH

The cable companies' attacks on net neutrality are Un-American! I am in favor of reclassifing ISPs as common carriers.
—Alice, Delaware, OH

They can go fuck themselves.
—John Dickson, Toronto, VA

Go fuck yourselves.
—Fukfcc, fukfccville, WA

Commercial competition. Capitalist theory indicates that success should be based on people freely choosing the superior goods and services, rewarding those who provide them. The problem being that what should be, often is not. The removal of net neutrality allows those with inferior goods and services, but with greater money and influence, to squash their competition without improving their business and thus they 'win' the competition but undermine the capitalist principals that make competition good for the economy. They win without being forced to improve their game.
—Rowak Pollard, Margaret River,

Should we be paying more per unit the more power we use? No, the fee for power usage is independent of use. If it wasn't cable companies would be paying untold fortunes for power as they use massive amounts of power. Should we pay more per unit the more water we use? No, again, large companies would be the first people to complain were they charged in this manner. In fact, in no other industry does that industry want to charge you more per unit when you buy more of their product, it is usually the other way around due to economies of scale. Why exactly should bandwidth and data downloaded be any different?
—Tony Mitchell, Exeter,

Because I'm not a greedy, blood-sucking leech trying to ruin everyone's lives just so I can fatten my wallet.
—Andrew, Rosedale, IN

Because the internet is a place where monopolies shouldn't be allowed to exist, nor new businesses and services hampered, and Net Neutrality protects that.
—Aodhan Drain, Niigata City,

A free and open internet is important to me, not only as a private citizen who enjoys the fact that we live in a first world country where this sort of thing is -possible-. We are lagging behind, massively, in terms of speeds, and allowing the cable companies to drag their feet hinders us economically and socially. The internet is -essential- for almost every business. The internet must be declared a public utility, or at least regulated as one, in order to keep these prices to a reasonable level and the speeds back up to where they ought to be given our status as a global economic power
—Richard Schroyer, yuma, AZ

Why is it that every new ruling makes the companies more money while I lose more services? Cable companies already have a monopoly. There is but one choice in our area despite there being several providers. (Less providers and more higher bills if the Comcast Time Warner merger is allowed.) Now you want to allow them to legally extort money from me to maintain the services I already have. That would be fine if there was true competition. Where I could choice to pay a foreign company to provide my services as well. Where one company actually had to compete with another. But they don't thanks to FCC rules and regulations. But I'll just assume that money will be the deciding factor yet again and I will get screw per usual.
—Keith Hutchison, Erving, MA

Capitalism relies on a certain degree of freedom of opportunity. From the beginning of this nation, there has been some brand of this freedom, some frontier to cultivate ensuring that each individual can blend their creativity and drive with the needs of the many to better the American quality of life. Now the internet is the final frontier that individuals may use to create and to share their creations with others so as to better their quality of life. Please do not allow cable companies to limit the potential for growth and change. There may be a young person out there ready to build the next great internet company based out of America. And the only way they could do that is by having the freedom of opportunity to allow their idea to grow. The internet as it is already separated us into classes of the digital savy and the digital illiterate based on who has the money and access. Don't allow the proposed changes to separate us into classes of those of us who can afford to create and those of us who must just passively watch. Thanks!
—Karis Ford, Rockwall, TX

C'mon fcc, the fact that Verizon is lobbying against net neutrality should be red flag enough. Don't blow this one. (Sent from Verizon smartphone)
—Keith, Englewood, OH

the FCC is for the people of america not for the companies who want less regulations so they can do as they please.
—Brandon Burkhamer, Akron, OH

The internet is considered a basic human right. America already has a laughably slow inter compared to the rest of the world. Third world countries pay less than we do for faster speeds. I know you will only do what the money tells you to do but I will have my voice heard before you do it. Do not kill net neutrality.
—Phillip Spain, Houston, TX

The internet is one of the only places in the world where people with more money than me can't tell me what to do. I just want that last shred of freedom in this country...
—Freddie Beaman, HEMPSTEAD, NY

It's the only "place" in the Whole Wide World wherein we can go wherever we chose, where we can do what we like, where we can meet others and enjoy our free time without anyone or anything stopping us. To take away the freedom which is already nonexistent in the real world would destroy us again, pigeonholing every individual into one of a FINITE number of choices, instead of the up-to-now practically limitless list. Don't do it, it's not worth the stretch.
—Jan Rešetić, Zagreb,

Because the equality of the internet is part of what makes it so powerful. Giving up on Net Neutrality is giving someone control over the internet. After that, it almost doesn't matter that it would give that awesome power to the likes of Comcast and Verizon. Almost.
—Christopher Lindahl, Hattiesburg, MS

Net Neutrality is important for independent music artists, whose basis has been built off the vast amount of music sites online. We as Americans are already bombarded on the radio with what the record companies WANT us to hear. How can we hope to discover new music if the sites are shut down or our speeds are so severely reduced that downloading or listening to someone's music online would be impossible? I as an independent artist would have no following would it not be for the internet and many MANY different music sites. Please do not end Net Neutrality because we are a equal country and that is what NEUTRAL implies, EQUAL for all!
—Richard Bergman, Raleigh, NC

I do not want to pay money for my ISP to slow down my connection! Net neutrality is fine the way it is, don't let big companies bully us!
—Rosalina Villarreal, El Monte, CA

true net neutrality is equal speeds for everyone !
—Kim Gudmundsrud, JESSHEIM,

We the People are weary of corporations having more say in mass media - and in what opinions get heard (and considered valid) - than we do.
—Jerod C. Batte, Odessa, TX

Freedom of speech for all, not for some.
—Wesley Clark, Salt Lake City, UT

Net neutrality will granted the ability for every website to compete fairly to provide the services, which will lead to a necessity to improve this same services. And eventually the country will pay a high price for this when websites start moving to be hostedin other countries, like China.
—Mario, lisboa,

Dear FCC We, the public, are perfectly fine with the equality of the speed of the internet to all levels of the internet. We are fine that everyone get the same level of consideration when starting up websites, in that they all start on the same level. We do not want to be charged more to get the same speed we always have, or charged less to receive an extremely slow version they will tell us was normal. We disapprove of Comcast's bullying of Netflix to pay them more or slow down their time. Net Neutrality ensures everyone is linked in together and on the same page as they should be via the same speed internet as each other, as the internet seems to be becoming a commodity, and for many people's jobs, is a necessity. The cable and internet companies have been perfectly fine up until now and always will be rich and unfair business men as long as they live without Net Neutrality being shut down. They will remain powerful, rich and on top of the world without people's right to free speech and expression being shot down. They will always have the government by the balls without the need to sue them over a law passed out of desperation to avoid their needless control to stay unregulated to an extreme. Please put these men back in their places. We were all taught never to let a bully get the best of us. That includes adult life.
—Celeste Kaudewitz, Kitchener,

Don't allow the net to become a "class system", didn't we get rid of that thinking centuries ago? Stop with the haves and have nots, everyone in this tech world relies on using the internet, kids are required to use it for school, very sad when they say, Mom and Dad's internet is too slow or they can't afford it. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers and stop the nonsense!
—Tracy Goggin, Dania Beach, FL

There is already to much discrimination in this world when it comes to money. Access to information should not be based on how much money and power you have. We need to go forwards not backwards.
—Kate, Margaret River,

Internet is already expensive ($65 WITHOUT a TV Service from Comcast, one who would destroy Net Neutrality). Please don't let corporations run the country.
—Brandon Deardorff, York, PA

Eliminating net neutrlity will be a crushing blow to small businesses that rely on the internet. They will be unable to compete with the established million dollar corporations
—brad Newton, statesville, NC

We need net neutrality to not have our freedom of speech completely killed off. We need net neutrality to stop corporate greediness and the abuse on the average customer. We need net neutrality so everyone can have access to the internet to connect with everyone else around the world.
—Diana, Spanish Fork, UT

The internet is the telephone of the new millennium. We continue to fund phone service for rural areas as a common good - the internet should be no different. We shouldn't create 'haves' and 'have nots' on this important communication platform.
—Robert Hays, Woodland Hills, CA

I'm a Navy Veteran, and I want you to know, that you disappoint me in so many ways. You are striving to kill the Internet's freedom, all for that dollar sign bottom line. Don't be Evil.
—Joseph U Hopkins, Pleasant Hill, MO

Removing net neutrality will destroy the very idea and spirit of the web. The web shouldn't be shackled by big business and be turned into just another tool to extract money from people. coming from a poor family, had something like this occurred when i was still a teenage, it would have left me at a severe disadvantage with regards to my financially better off peers. Please do not this.
—Ismael Emambocus, London,

Don't fuck up the internet. We have a good thing. Leave it alone.
—Sean Inskeep, Decatur, IN

I don't want someone to place a value on the information I send. I pay for a service, access to the internet, to my friends and family, I don't want to have to pay more for 'better' access. Following that trend, the internet would only really be for rich people. I think this undermines the idea the internet has become. It's the hive mind of society, a society too large to operate entirely independently. On the internet we all have an equal voice. Without neutrality, we become the mindless sheep we were decades ago, seeing only the information the broadband companies and the wealthy want us to see. Losing net neutrality would undo the all the progress humanity has made in the last 20 years.
—Benjamin Paige, eliot, ME

Net neutrality is a vital component of free speech. If it were to be removed, the highest bidder would have the fastest access to their website. It shouldn't matter what you want to look at online. Your blender doesn't get better electricity access because it's made by KitchenAid instead of Hamilton Beach, why should Verizon's website get faster access than a middle schooler's blog?
—Mike Lopez, Atlanta, GA

lobbyists paid by companies should not be allowed to pretend to be us and claim that we want to be charged for. Net neutrality is needed.
—Adam Materne, san marcos, TX

Throw out your nonsense rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Nobody is interested in your fast lane favouritism and money-grubbing.
—Owen Murdoch, Livingston,

The fact is, if you want to talk about freedom of speech, you need to talk about a person. Every American has the right to freedom of speech, by slowing certain sites down, you're restricting that freedom. Many young Americans with a voice, will be silenced. Blog spots will run slow, while the biggest companies, get the fastest running sites. You're opening a door for more bribes and more corruption inside the industry. I have aspergers syndrome and think outside the box, I depend on independent news sites, blogs, forums, articles, and documentaries to keep me informed, where the mainstream will not.... If Netflix is slowed down because it is not paying the extra fees comcast will be able to charge, a lot of people will miss out on many great documentary films that can really open their minds up. The Internet is about sharing and information, don't let cable companies take that away from us, the PEOPLE of the United States.
—Zach, Jefferson, OR

Net Neutrality means that no one gets to tell me what I can and can not look at, that I, a 22-year-old Computer Science student, have the same rights to view, create and display whatever information I should choose as a multi-billion dollar corporation. That my right as an American to express myself however I want should not be determined by how much money I have.
—Chris Beam, Hockessin, DE

Dear FCC, I would have loved it if you had taken the other 99% (of internet users) into account when writing up these terrible, terrible internet rules. The credibility of the FCC is at stake, let alone the near-future of The Internet. By now it must seem to the public as if the FCC is being held hostage by anti-net neutrality lobbyists and bullshit advocacy groups. The Big Three cable companies are acting increasingly violent towards net neutrality, trying to bend certain amendments through impossible corners so their cause could benefit. Should they see their own kind of "Free Speech" realised, it would cripple the freedom of speech of every woman or man that needs an open internet. The internet should be a basic utility to everyone, equally.
—Gilles Rouquart, Brugge,

The Internet is not copyrighted, and should never be restricted to those who wish to use it. This is a sad ploy by rich men who want to become even richer, and to what purpose? They say that Net Neutrality infringes on their freedom of speech, but killing Neutrality also kills my right to speak freely, as well as millions of people in this country who already pay money to utilize this service. We already pay good money to access a free Internet. Don't lead our future into George Orwell's "1984." Pulling the plug on Net Neutrality will do just that.
—K Witherow, Ayer, MA

The internet is for everybody, this is like controlling the access to books based on how much the authors pay you. It's ridiculous and unethical. The magic of the internet is its freedom of information, making a wide range of interests and activities accessible to everybody, to control that to squash small economy, well its just like the mafia taking "protection" bribes. Your saying your helping just by allowing a business to profit of their own success. No business should get to control my viewing or affect the affordability of my sites. The entire premise is silly, controlling the speed of the internet? Like its a finite resource? There is no need for this, no one wants this. This whole scheme has been cooked up to make money. For this to be accepted would be to admit a failure of governance, that congress no longer listens to its' citizens, just money and big business. Is that the country that you want to live in?
—Amanda Eggers, Takaka,

More and more of the world is being run by companies that throw money at things to get their way. The only reason people don't want net neutrality is if they stand to make money. If freedom of speech is really what America strives for, there is absolutely no call to end net neutrality. The internet is one of the only truly free places people can express themselves, the more control companies have over it, the less freedom we have.
—Michael, Leeds,

Don't be stupid. Everyone deserves the right to the Internet, and everyone should be able to afford the same Internet.
—Pranay, Johns Creek, GA

Internet access has become an important tool used in everyday life. Some studies suggest it is a crucial for success in academics and business. Just because a handful of the most powerful companies can and are willing to pay for exclusive service doesn't mean they should be allowed to. A good example is the current "Buy a congressman" approach to government. These companies are not altruistic in motive, a simple glance at the amount of money they are throwing at the "Net Neutrality Problem", as they see it, should be evidence enough. A company invests in its future to make more money and crush its competion. That money is an investment in their future to make more money and crush the competion, namely any other business that uses the internet services to survive.
—Jason Goates, Springfield, OR

Net neutrality is important to me because the internet would not be as big and important as it is today if it were tiered. An open internet is important for innovation, communication, and research. A tiered internet would become what cable/satellite TV have become: Expensive and dying.
—Christopher Whipple, Naples, FL

It seems to me like a very strange idea to put so much power in the hands of people and organizations with very good reasons to abuse that power..
—Thomas, Amsterdam,

if you mess with the internet you gonna have a bad time, dont mess with the internets :)
—Hmo Nub, Skopje,

Net Neutrality is simply a way that every website, every blog, every private post can be held up to the same standards as larger ones for equality.
—Fs Asdf, omaha, FL

Net Neutrality helps secure the freedoms I have grown accustom to. I will do everything I can to prevent these freedoms from being taken from me.
—James Timms, Aberystwyth,

Dear FCC, Please protect net neutrality. You should know by now that the only people that will be helped by letting ISPs do what they want are their shareholders and the wealthy who can afford to pay more for faster Internet. The Internet has always been an equalizing ground, and should stay that way. The same for all. You, and the government at large, should work for the common man, not the one percent. It is your duty. Please protect the net. Thank you
—Jatinderpal Singh, Grand rapids, MI

Please protect citizens' rights, not corporations.
—Kyle Holody, Myrtle Beach, SC

Five words at least... Fuck comcast, verizon, at&t and more.
—John, Fuckland,

Net neutrality is in place to ensure fair business practices. There is no legitimate reason for the removal of a policy that works to protect our economy. Removing net neutrality would only be the next step In a trend of legislation that gives large companies the freedom to do whatever they want. These companies exploit loopholes at every chance they get to earn profit, the removal of net neutrality can only have negative effects for anyone besides cable companies.
—Daniel pitti, Dix hills, NY

Net neutrality is important because without it these cable companies essentially limit the greatest resource everyone has. The internet has become the go to source for information, advice, entertainment, news, and communication. To allow private companies to dictate the flow of that information is to disenfranchise a lot of people. It would recreate the "1%" economy on a potentially global scale with massive consequences. At the very least, certain websites should be exempt from those requirements by category, not by price. Hospitals, police departments, schools, and news to name a few. From an academic standpoint it also potentially alters the legitimacy of information that could be found, say a student is doing research on a project, or for a paper. From what I've seen in practice, search engines already populate results in order of who paid what, but without net neutrality you may effectively not have access to the information you need in today's mobile society. There needs to be heavy regulation to ensure that anyone can realistically enjoy the right to information.
—Briana Dangerfield, Raleigh, NC

Net Neutrality is one of the most pivotal moments in the history of the Internet. Violating Net Neutrality and giving in to the corrupt cable companies would be a mistake of epic proportion. By not listening to the word of the people and being bribed by billion dollar cable companies the US Congress is publicly stating that they have no intent on even maintaining this charade of "democracy." We the people do NOT vote people in to power so that they can be bribed by corrupt corporations to take away our basic freedoms. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Dylan Kent, Boston, MA

Cable companies need to be regulated. They are proposing a way for them to charge unlimited amounts for their services, using ridiculous logic to justify their position. They need to be stopped. In an age where the internet is so important for everyone, what the cable companies are proposing is a heinous monopoly. As a single mother who will be going back to school, taking online courses, I implore you to stop these antics and maintain net neutrality!
—Julia Cisneros, Las Vegas, NV

this will turn the internet into other utilities like gas or water, and then services providers will be able to band together and raise prices forcing everyone to pay or not use the internet. this will severely damage the average person and business alike , which will then ruin the economy. http://www.cracked.com/quick-f ixes/5-absurd-cable-company-ex cuses-killing-internet_p2/ this link shows the evilness of cable companies with this kind of power
—Jordan Felton, Cardiff,

The Internet is for everyone. Not profit. Leave it alone. Pretty please. Go take a gold-dust shower or whatever you guys do for R&R.
—Anders Birkdal, Gammel Holte,

Net Neutrality has been one of the greatest boons to the corps of human knowledge in modern history, if not all history. The free spread of information - at equal rates for all people - has toppled governments and advanced social progress. The only clear reason to allow for this challenge to Net Neutrality is greed on the part of those who benefit from ISP lobbying. With government mistrust at a high, this would be simply the most obvious movement of a decaying government system, and would usher in real anger among the many who currently enjoy the Internet. I urge you to reject the rules that would allow ISPs to discriminate and hinder the progress the Internet can provide. Protect Net Neutrality, and classify ISPs as common carriers.
—Parker Murff, Jackson, MS

Net neutrality lets the internet be a free and open market for everyone. Ending net neutrality would mean allowing those with the most money to dominate the internet and strangle any smaller competition.
—Nicole Krynski, Oldsmar, FL

Dear FCC, Although it may seem reasonable to allow communication companies to provide faster access to more popular sites so as to create the most efficient system to please as many people as possible, it is actually a very flawed perspective. Companies rationalize allocating less bandwidth to smaller sites by arguing that since those sites have such small audiences that only a small minority of web surfers will be inconvenienced by these practices, but the truth is that almost all if not all internet goers regularly visit a few small sites. People have a variety of different needs and interests which is why there are so many different websites available. They may not all appeal to everyone but each of them appeals to someone, and restricting their availability becomes an inconvenience to everyone. Imagine how aggravating it would be to have Google return 500,000 results to your search in .01 seconds and have it take ten minutes to direct you to your desired page because it's one of hundreds of thousands of equally small sites which can't afford to pay the cable companies for decent connectivity. I sincerely hope that you will decide to defend net neutrality and continue to ensure the best possible experience for everyone on the web. Yours cordially, Adrian Esqueda
—Adrian, Hollister, CA

ISPs and cell phone providers MUST be classified as common carriers and regulated as such. The internet is a core utlity. None of us can do our jobs as citizens or as workers without it. A "fast lane" for some means degraded access to everything and everyone else. Disasterous! How do we have a democracy when journalists or dissenters or new ideas are relegated to sites that are blocked or slowed down? How do new ideas and products gain traction when older competition can easily squash their ability to communicate with potential customers? Do the right thing. Prevent oligopoly control of this KEY utility for a vibrant marketplace and democratic exchange of information. Please listen to us!!! Thank you.
—Jennifer Beer, Lansdowne, PA

Do not cater to the cable companies' money. Do not sell your ethics and integrity. Listen to the ACTUAL American people who have researched the issue and tell you now that we support Net Neutrality. The Internet is not just a source for entertainment, but for valuable information for students. I am a doctor of pharmacy candidate at the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy, and to allow cable companies to have "fast lanes" jeopardizes any student's access to education. Do the right thing. Uphold true Net Neutrality, and reject the two-tiered Internet.
—Margaret Marshall, Horsham, PA

If we want to say we're free then we have to pass legislation that makes us free. Protect Net Neutrality.
—Patrick Kinney, Manchester, CT

Net Neutrality is one of those issues where the will of the people is so blatantly and fundamentally obvious, that failure on behalf of Congress to protect it would be indisputable proof that this government is not serving the people, but rather the big cable companies, even though Americans already pay some of the highest prices for the worst internet speeds in the world. I understand it's a representative republic, and not strict democracy, and I also understand that there are far more important issues in the country, but there's absolutely no excuse for this one to go any way but against the cable companies. The amount of corruption is astonishing. So much so that if Net Neutrality isn't maintained, they're basically saying "we're not your government anymore".
—Bryant Westerholm, North Charleston, SC

Don't discriminate against lower classes, everyone should be able to communicate through the Internet
—Soren Blomquist Eggerling, Hallock, MN

Net neutrality is important to me because 14 years ago I was a teenager playing a small start-up video game on the internet, that's where I met the man of my dreams. The extra costs that would now be associated with providing the speed necessary to play would have killed that game before it even got started. How many people out there will miss their chance at finding the love of their life if small mmorpg's are strangled out of existence by higher cost "fast lane" access that would be necessary for these games to function? Protect free speech. Protect small communities like our game was and message boards devoted to small or retired games. These havens only hold a few hundred people, but those are people who deserve the right to communicate as quickly as any big-name site.
—Holly Abouk, Plano, TX

I am all for ending Net Neutrality. It is the American Way, after all. A two-tiered Internet Access System will perfectly match our two-tiered Justice System and Economic System and give Corporate Personhood, particularly ultra-wealthy Cable Corporate Personhood, the same "rights" and lack of responsibility to the general welfare that the rest of their peers, particularly too-big-to-jail Banking peers, presently enjoy. Let's face it, lack of local competition isn't enough, Verizon, Comcast, Cox, AT&T, Mediacom and the rest need more in order to ensure their survival relative to the massive competition they may potentially face in some unknown future parallel fourth-dimensional world.
—John Cusick, Willard, NY

Net neutrality is important because without it, free speech is stymied. Giving ISPs the ability to put hinders on websites that would complain about them, our free speech itself is hindered.
—Alex Lear, Annapolis, MD

Removing Net Neutrality will have a severe impact on how the common man operates. Without Net Neutrality, ISPs will have the power and ability to force opinions on common users (an example being blocking a political party website due to it not sharing the ISP's views). Net Neutrality provides access to unlimited knowledge and learning on the web. Without it, ISPs would be free to decide what knowledge was distributed, effectively blocking free speech through the media and other means, such as blogs. Keeping the internet neutral is the only way to guarantee fair usage to all subscribers, and to maintain the freedoms established by the US Constitution.
—Michael Kelley, Hendersonville, TN

Dear FCC, I am Mies van Berlo, a Twenty year old student and citizen from the Netherlands, so why would I bother with writing a comment on this webpage you might wonder? Well, the andere is very simple: because the internet is a global network connecting people all over the world, which means that if appaling laws are about to come into existence, laws that will change the character of the internet and therefore of also the character of global relationships between ordinary people, I will make my voice be heard, even if these laws are not concerning my own country. Because there is more to the world than your own country, and the internet has been one of the driving forces behind that development, a development of which I believe is key to the creation of mutual understanding between cultures, and because of this, it is crucial for creation of a more peaceful world. So to the American cable companies, no, to all the cable companies I say: please keep your mitts away from Internet neutrality, so that ideas, creative concepts and global communication can keep on running freely. Yours sincerely, Mies van Berlo
—Mies van Berlo, Uden,

Because I support the idea of the internet as a world wide creative tool and network. I support the opportunities the internet provides to everyone, equally with out discrimination from detached corporations. Don't set the precedent of a government sanctioned shut down of a communicative tool.
—Nickolas Aitken, Auckland,

The internet shouldn't be left in the hands of some rich elite. The news shouldn't be up to you at the Fcc on or big company. It should be free an any one should be able to post what they think and feel.
—Ryan Uppercue, boonsboro, MD

Net neutrality is the only truly free expression left in this country. Print and television media are warped by the interests of the companies that own them; the internet, as full of conspiracy theories, massive time wasters and general bullcrap as it may be, is the last frontier for people not being paid by cable companies to enjoy absolutely free expression. Allowing the cable companies (and their shell "public interest" groups like the Heartland Institute and the American Consumer Institute) to control the information superhighway via the ability to charge ISPs and consumers whatever they damn well please for good access directly undermines that expression. It's unclear whether or not the cable titans are even considering the impact on free expression - they just want more money. Either way, allowing net neutrality to be stabbed through the heart by these companies does eveyrthing for them and zilch for the American people. Please don't allow this to happen.
—Michael Toland, Austin, TX

Net neutrality is in the best interest of the people because it allows them to use what is the biggest information and data storage system to do a lot of what they feel like doing without worrying if some corporation does or doesn't support it. That there is freedom.
—Diego Leon, Pharr, TX

Because the internet has become the new public forum. It is the medium with the most potential to inspire democratic ideals and freedom of speech for everyone.
—Jonathan Quinth, Colorado Springs, CO

The internet has almost certainly been the most democratic invention since the typewriter. It has allowed people, regardless of color, gender, sexual orientation, socioeconomic class, etc... to broadcast their beliefs to the world. As evidenced just a few months ago in Turkey, the internet can be used to peacefully demonstrate the will of the people, much to the chagrin of the people in power. And the cable companies want to get rid of that. They are trying to convince Congress that they should have the sole responsibility in deciding the volume on the people's megaphones, and, moreover, that this responsibility is Constitutionally protected! It is absurd, to say the least. With all bickering over the second amendment (an amendment that has always existed to ultimately protect the American people from the Powers-that-be), it would be nothing short of a travesty for these companies' lobbyists to succeed in creating multiple-tiered internet. And if the FCC is to be implicit in allowing this to happen, then that would be the greatest handicap to American democracy since the Jim Crow laws.
—Erik M Mahan, Great Falls, VA

Net neutrality is essential. What happened to the free market system? Already I'm being forced to pay much more than needed for what is considered a necessity nowadays in our modern lives. Abolishing net neutrality is going to just make it easier for big ISPs to exploit the common man.
—Darren Ting, Columbus, IN

Eliminating net neutrality restricts access to information based on privalege (corporate website will be able to afford fees for preferential treatment while independant sites will be left wanting). This is akin to restricting our access to specific books in the library based on which publishers and authors paid enough money to increase access to their books, leaving up and comers and small timers to be left on the outside looking in. It will stifle creativity and invention, things that truely make America great, and the envy of the rest of the world. The freedom to treat all people equally is not something we should be willing to negotiate on. Pandering to the rich is the worst form of compromise. Please maintain net neutrality and reject the proposed restrictions and classify ISPs as common carriers (which is EXACTLY what they are.
—Justin Shapiro, Chico, CA

The idea that the internet can be throttled into two separate speed tiers and that both customers and businesses alike can be forced to pay increased rates to enjoy high speed internet goes against everything that the founding fathers believed in. This does nothing but makes it harder for small businesses to break in and make an impact. The cable companies started to experience losses when streaming over the internet became preferable to jumping through their monetary hoops to watch what we want to watch. Now all they're trying to do is gain control to the alternative of what they initially offer. This is as close to an entertainment monopoly as we have had.
—Robert Dielman, Alexandria, VA

It is imperative that we have a source that is capable of allowing every human being an opportunity to contribute to this world. Whether is be in music, art or invention. An avenue for every individual regardless of financial status could forever change the landscape or our world via the internet. If you have ever come up with an idea and have tried to get a patent for it you will under stand that it take wealth not just some money, but lots of money to get it off the ground. So instead you have to walk up to someone, with all the money, hat in had and give him all your blood, sweat and tears so that the world can benefit from your brilliance. If by some miracle they agree to help, you get what is equivalent to a pat on the back, while they get to buy a new yacht with the proceeds of your idea. We must stand up to the FCC, who works for us, and say no to big business. No to destroying net neutrality, No to restrictions on content on the most powerful communication plat form ever developed. A free market need a place that is free to access what ever we can produce. Final point, the communications companies did not become multi-billion dollar corporations by giving us a good deal, they did it be bilking us out of every dime we were willing to give them for their product. Yes, this is free market, but I can't get another provider in my area to compete with them at this time, that is not free market. Here's and idea, check out "Click Network" in Tacoma Washington. Stick that in your pipe and smoke it Comcast.
—Roger Legg, Puyallup, WA

I favor equal access to all forms of information and media on the internet. The suppression, and that is what it essentially is, of sites unwilling or unable to pay exhorbinant fees to ISPs is a direct assault on subscribers' freedom of expression (by choosing what media they consume) and a direct contradiction to the initial purpose for which the internet was created.
—Tom Lower, Cedar Rapids, IA

Dear FCC, I sincerely can't even believe there is a need for me or anyone to say this, but for the love of god leave our net neutrality be. It is beyond obvious that this is to the sole benefit of these already amazingly rich companies and anyone big internet company who could dish out money for the 'fast lane'. This is the internet equivalent of there being only one place in your whole country where you could buy food, where they would make poor people pay double the price for the same product. Clearly it is nothing but ridiculous, so please stop this in its tracks before it ruins the internet for everyone. Sincerely, Someone not even from your country.
—Nikki, Den Bosch,

Protect the freedom of information. Net nuetrality is the only way.
—Ky Potts, bloomington, IN

I don't appreciate corporate monoliths manipulating government rules and regulations, at the expense of the common man.
—Greg Borchers, Jackson Center, OH

Dear FCC, I believe the internet to be a wonderful new communication tool that has enabled so many new endeavors, and made existing services so much more accessible. And a key reason behind this is net neutrality. All sites are equally accessible, regardless of who runs them, and that's how we both enable and incentivise innovation in online services. Bigger corporations cannot allow themselves to become complacent as they are always in competition with smaller startups, who may just upstage them by coming up with better ideas. And smaller startups can actually work on delivering quality services, instead of wasting their valuable time and resources trying to appease the ISPs, as net neutrality keeps a check on their ability to fleece online startups. This is not to imply that all ISPs are greedy and money-hungry. In fact, their argument that more flexibility in what they're allowed to charge online services will be better for business is a legitimate one. However, I believe in this case, the needs of the ISPs should be subordinated in favor of the needs of the public at large. The public at large stands to greatly benefit from the current environment of net neutrality, as a level playing field both empowers and encourages people of all backgrounds to make a positive difference in this world. Communication and broadcasting services like Facebook, Skype and YouTube have been able to thrive on the internet because their beginnings, no matter how humble, did not automatically put them at a disadvantage. Innovative business models, such as those pioneered by services like Netflix may have never taken off unless net neutrality had allowed them to focus on their content instead of dealing with ISP demands. Because though the ISPs may only want what is best for their business, it is a dangerous idea to empower them to control accessibility to different internet services. Soon, people will start lobbying the ISPs, and success in the online marketplace may become less about the quality of your services and more about your relationship with the corporation that owns your ISP. It's not difficult to see what an unhealthy future that would be. It is therefore imperative that we preserve net neutrality, and put the needs of the public at large over the needs of the ISPs.
—Pulak Kumar, New Delhi,

As a struggling novelist I need net neutrality so that my books can be read just as easily as more established authors. Making it more difficult to access my works will only hurt me and my fans.
—Lynda Behling, Staten Island, NY

Net Neutrality is important for protection of the freedom of speech promised in the constitution, which, if Net Neutrality is ended, companies like Verizon, Comcast, and AT&T would be able to take away for greedy profit. The end of Net Neutrality would essentially be the beginning of having to pay huge amounts for anyone to enjoy their constitutional rights.
—William Beatty, Westford, MA

seriously why? There is no good reason.
—Gael Jehanno, aulnay sous bois,

The fact that I need to point out how personal use and freedoms are more important than corporate greed is sad enough, but I guess I should. I get hosed every day by corporations in hundreds of ways. It would be nice to not get hosed on the internet too. Unfortunately I don't have millions to lobby with so I get to just throw my voice into the barrel and hope one more shout of "Keep the net neutral" will work. But I will be honest, I don't expect our representatives to represent us and our government to protect us in any way at all. For that simple reason listed above. I don't have millions to pay them with. So I will enjoy the internet while I can and watch it get wrecked piece by piece and get told how it's really good for me to take this screwing.
—Howard Nenno, San Jose, CA

The new rules are awful.
—Duran Muminoff, Toronto,

Freedom.
—Al mahan, Portland, OR

You cannot seriously think that allowing internet service providers to pick and choose which sites get "priority" speeds on the internet is a good idea for anyone but them. It amazes me that this is even in question. This sort of thing would only help those companies that are put in control, which is why they are pushing so hard to make this happen. I am convinced that there is not a single person (who isn't directly connected to these cable companies and set to make a HUGE profit) who would think this is a good idea. If this is allowed to happen, it would literally kill the internet and the freedom it represents. Why fix what isn't broken?
—Trevor Werner, Ames, IA

The idea of abolishing net neutrality seems dangerous and exploitative. Why should corporate cable have completely unregulated control? Why should they make even more money off of content that they didn't create, content created by the very people they wish to charge for the privilege? They provide the means, and I think we all understand paying for that, but essentially holding websites hostage seems a step too far. We are a country that believes that hard work should be rewarded, and many of these writers and artists deserve to have their efforts appreciated and rewarded. Sincerely, A concerned citizen
—Natalie Gaudreau, Burlington, VT

The cable companies monopoly on areas of the country is bad enough, now you want them to have a monopoly over internet traffic speeds as well? By creating this pay-for-faster-speeds ideal, it would ensure that the small businesses trying to find a niche market with the internet community aren't getting the same leg-up as the already established corporations.
—Katie Dillehay, Glen Burnie, MD

Net-neutrality is important to me, and to all of us, who don't stand to make a profit by extorting the many businesses, blogs, and social sites of the internet. Many people in this country are still struggling- ending net neutrality and thereby causing sites to charge patrons, or increase their prices is only going to be harmful to the consumer. Please do not allow net neutrality to end. Giving absolute power to corporations has never benefited any but the select few. The free speech of those unable to pay the companies' extortion fees will be violated, not the speech of the large companies themselves. They are already able to say whatever they want, slowing down the sites of people they don't like, or who can't pay, does not qualify as speech. It qualifies as cartoonishly evil. Or North Korean-esque. So please, let's keep net neutrality.
—Amanda, Columbia, IL

I pay for a service that provides me with internet at the agreed speed regardless of what the content of the browsing is. ISP'S are just making a greedy attempt to profit by screwing over their customers.
—Zachary Langer, Erie, PA

Net neutrality is very important to me & the economy. If you mess with it, a lot of intriguing start up companies won't have a chance. This would cause economic havoc, & stifle innovation. Creativity would lack outlets, lose momentum, & it's ability to inspire. In the short term cable cos. & a few large companies will do well, but eventually, the ensuing economic slump will be felt by them as well. Stifling the American economy helps no one in the long term.
—Linda Vavruska, Gainesville, FL

Keeping the internet free and neutral keeps power in the hands of everyone instead of money in the hands of those that would do us harm
—Rodman Boston, Philadelphia, PA

Throw out the rules against net neutrality and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Brad Soblesky, Columbia, SC

We are a low income family and my children need internet for school. I can't afford to have cable companies charging sites that my children may need to do their home work because those companies will either have to charge me or stop exsisting all together. I can't afford to add another thing I have to pay for to my already straining household budget. My childrens education should be a priority just as your childs education should be a priority for you. It won't be if we get rid of net neutrality! So it won't be for so many inner city kids who already have a hard time!
—Danielle Jones, Silverlake, WA

I think you should get rid of net neutrality because right now there is way too much freedom of speech. There is also way too many choices, I want a mega corporation telling me what information to consume and how I should be watching TV and movies. And furthermore can we do something about clothes and fashion is there a way we can get rid of all these choice maybe just a nice khaki jumpsuit? Also food just too much let's just regulate it to some sort of protein paste with essential vitamins (essential determined by some corporation of course)? I'm also sick of trying to figure out my career can we have some sort of place that just picks out and tells me my career? And housing can we have just big.. I don't know camps that we live in? That would sound like a great future.
—Randy Walton, Northwood, OH

Because it's the FUCKING INTERNET! You can't control it.
—Mark Walker, London,

The internet is a utility, the airwaves belong to all of us. The internet should be regulated by the government for fair access for all. The large cable companies and broadband providers are only concerned with profit. It is a disgrace the amount of money they charge for access that should be available to all and at the same bandwidth. PLEASE stand up to the corporate greed and save the internet for all of us.
—Michael McGrath, Manahawkin, NJ

Hello, I'm just taking a moment to write to you about why Net Neutrality is important to me. Likely, this site wouldn't work as well on non-net neutral ISP's connections. It's my opinion that net neutrality is important to the protection of free speech. There's nothing better about America than the fact that we are openly allowed to speak our minds, and suffer the repercussions of our peer's judgement or support, without being stifled by large corporations and the government. I would like to see the beautiful environment that the internet has fostered continue to grow and develop on its own, pushed forward by the people, the real creators, and not the corporations who would control the creative process by choking the life out of new sites before they got off the ground. The development of so many different sites is an amazing thing; it's simply going to disappear. The ecosystem is going to shut down, we're going to lose what makes the internet great: diversity.
—Sean Rowe, Farmington, ME

Net must be neutral!!! It is one of America's greatest assets and defines us as a people...Make it fair.
—Lisa E.Brewer, Spokane, WA

Net must be neutral!!! It is one of America's greatest assets and defines us as a people...Make it fair.
—David Caporicci, Spokane, WA

Enough lies and corporate lobbyists. The people do not want this. Do your job as public servants and bring back net neutrality.
—Sean spendley, keene, NH

Net neutrality is essential to protect the free internet - which is very important to this world. It allowed amazing startups and internet technologies to thrive at the same level field as other companies. The world would not be the same today if net neutrality did not exist.
—Dima Konev, Moscow,

Seriously. If you need the negatives of eliminating Net Neutrality explained to you, it is a glowing sign illuminating the obsolescence of your agency. The people of the nation clearly do not want the greatest communication tool ever created by mankind to be regulated by monstrous corporations with unethical profiteering as their primary goal. You shouldn't either.
—Richard Clark, Lake City, MN

I run a small business and without net neutrality I'll be shut down.Stop focusing on cable companies and focus on the people you're hurting.
—Jessica, Churchville, NY

In today's society, the internet has become an integral part of everyday life. It may not even be too much to say that easy internet access is a necessity for those wishing to live a modern life. From students who use the internet for research and homework, to the common homebody who uses it to find recipes and how to videos on fixing and improving the home, the internet has become a way for people to attach to something greater than themselves. It is our connection to the greater world, and is now at stake due to a few rich people who want to get richer at the expense of the average American. If companies such as Verizon and Comcast are allowed to spend millions of dollars to fool and lie to you and the American public just so they can make a few more dollars, then this society is no longer free and we would become an autocracy to the cable companies and other major corporations. Now that would just be sad.
—Christopher Crider-Plonka, Swansea, MA

Dear FCC, Net Neutrality is important to me because it ensures that the average citizen will have access to everything the internet has to offer without having to be extorted by a corporations which are intent upon squeezing profits from every possible source at the expense of consumers everywhere. While I applaud their zeal in defense of their bottom line, as that is what any canny company should do, I detest their methods, and in this case what must be case aside for that bottom line; namely my ability to receive internet services. I am the owner/operator of a small internet based forum, one in which I have less than 50 users. This costs me roughly 75 dollars a year. If net neutrality is not enforced, my user base would experience a decrease in service due to my ISP extorting me for additional money to continue hosting this forum. This would most likely remove free forum hosting services as well, as they would be unable to offer a quality service on the advertising dollars of existing contracts. This could send us back to the days of dial-up networking, when other countries enjoy internet freedom and speeds which look upon ours and laugh at how pathetic our is. This would effect our economy, as only the big web based companies could afford the best speeds, thus creating an entry barrier for any small to medium size firm that attempted to enter into internet based business. Before I start rambling, I will leave you with this: The people of the United States of America need net neutrality to continue our way of life. Please reclassify ISP's as common carriers. Do not be responsible for continued discrimination against the common man.
—Jeremy Baumann, Kalamazoo, MI

The internet is a valuable public resource and it is important that greedy corporations not be allowed to regulate it as they see fit. Broadband internet should be a public utility and everyone should have equal access to it.
—James M Wilkinson, Magnolia, MS

I want net neutrality so that my son can use the Internet at his whim as he grows older, without having to worry about being able to afford the premiums that the isps will apply. throw out your new rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Derrick Bergeron, North Kingstown, RI

Net neutrality is is necessary for the next evolution of the human social experience, the net has brought us all together destroying neutrality will destroy what could be a nee age of world understanding, just so some people can make even more money os thst worth losing world understanding?
—Robert, Houston, TX

Net neutrality is essential to human development, and that's not an exaggeration. Open and unaltered access to the internet is the keystone of its utility as a source of information for everyone. You must redefine ISPs as common carriers, regulating data the same way you do energy. It's our data, not theirs, and they have NO RIGHT to manipulate it.
—Nicholas Pantazis, Indianapolis, IN

I really do not like the idea that ISPs may one day be able to decide what we access by limiting those who do not pay for higher speeds. I think that it smells of greed and a kind of elitism. The internet should be a place of open communication and innovation. The idea that those who control access might have the power to limit what I can have access to does not sit well with me.
—Rob Walton, Bossier City, LA

I strongly support Net Neutrality. The world is becoming more digital by the moment, and the Internet is the modality for change in the world. Any attempt to limit my ability to receive information only undermines basic rights of speech, press and assembly.
—Kyle Gamache, Pawtucket, RI

By killing net neutrality, you are essentially killing off small internet businesses, just like how the giant corporate chain stores are slowly killing off local small businesses (you know which ones I'm talking about). I really don't want to live in some dystopian future where every facet of my life is dictated by giant conglomerated corporations, even though that's very much becoming a reality. I'm tired of the corporate greed. How much money is enough money?!
—Dustin Kavich, Louisville, KY

I support many start-up organizations and many non-profit organizations that without Net Neutrality they would be unable to exist.
—Brett Alden Livingston, Ledyard, CT

Without Net Neutrality it would basically mean the end of the little guy having a fair shot of starting or even doing anything at all on the internet. Starting an online business selling artisan soaps in the shapes of famous abolitionists? No one is going to wait 20 minutes for a website to load, no matter how much they want a lavender scented Harriet Tubman. They'll just end up buying their soap from Walmart. How about the plucky young writer who is creating and releasing a mind twisting murder-mystery novel in serial form entirely online? Wait, the writers website doesn't make oodles Scrooge Mcduck sized piles of money? Nah, the Barnes and Nobles website loads way faster than that one, just read a different book, bro. How about Your Aunt Belinda's cooking Blog? You know, the one that has that killer fish taco recipe with the homemade pineapple salsa? Hey, where is her blog, anyway? Oh, it's that white page that's been trying to load for the past half hour? Taco Bell's website has delivery options now, right? The only thing that getting rid of Net Neutrality will do is help Internet Service Providers and their buddies (i.e. people who have the money to 'fast-lane') screw over everybody else and dominate the market. No more start-up online businesses, no indie online magazines, no more discovering new and potentially game changing artists and ideas unless they come from someone who is a buddy* (*see above) of the Service Providers. And if we do get Net Neutrality taken from us, the Internet Service Providers would be able to effectively silence all their opposition online to get it overturned with snail-paced internet. Net Neutrality is the life-blood of the internet, and they are trying to drain all the blood so they can butcher the meat for profit.
—Zack Kreil, Columbus, OH

As an American freedom is important to me, and the internet as a community and means of communicating should stay the way it is.
—Taylor Mizvitowicz, Philadelphia, PA

As an author, artist, teacher, and independent publisher, I support Net Neutrality and the ability to have the content I create, publish, and/or share to be accessible by all who seek it without fear of data discrimination.
—TA Noonan, Knoxville, TN

The internet as a free interactive space for people to not only receive but share is vital in our development as a society. While allowing an oligopoly in a consumer good is limiting to the population's choice in that good and allowing one in a basic human need is tantamount to slavery, allowing it in the internet is much more insidious. Certainly, it's obvious that our economy is at least substantially supported by, if not now resting on the foundation of electronic commerce, and our ability to communicate ideas and meet needs has been expanded exponentially through the space that is the internet. This trend has improved our quality of life. If an individual or group of entities that are motivated by profit, not only will we sacrifice the opportunity to effectively and efficiently grow our economy and society, we will regress at least 20 years before people realize the importance of retaining the internet as a public good. I tend to dislike regulation of private enterprise, but systems of goods, public water, electricity, and broadcast frequency have all been licensed and regulated to prevent a twisting of of their use to the benefit of a few through its privation to the many. The internet is as important as the least of these. If we allow this aggregation of power of the internet, the last vestiges of America as a great society will crumble. We need the industry and creativity of the people, but that requires a medium of creation and exchange. More and more that medium is the internet... and it is so for so many good reasons. Please, we, the people of the world, need to stop this current threat to that future. I pray that we will have the vision and dispassion to make the correct choice in the face of the mountain of money being thrown at giving these people control over this necessary resource.
—Matthew, Sumner, WA

The internet needs to stay neutral if it is to continue to grow and thrive. Doing away with net neutrality only goes to serve big companies that are established enough to afford the extra bandwidth and internet service providers. Keeping the net neutral is is in the best interest of those who use it the most- consumers.
—Richard Brackner, Tuscaloosa, AL

There is no single benefit of getting rid of net neutrality. Except for the bottom line to the cable providers. And even that could be tenuous after they raise their rates along the continual trends.
—DJ Finney, Lebanon, MO

Ignore the lobbying for a moment, and let's take a look at the bottom line - everyone wants a FREE (as in liberty, not cost) and EQUAL internet. "Fast Lanes" and other services offered to those who have the cash to afford it, and at the expense of reducing quality of service to the majority of regular users (who incidentally are also the majority of the users) makes sense only to those who wish to front flimsy and vague reasons why it's good - instead of just being truthful and saying that they stand to make a LOT more money. US citizens are already paying the most for internet access in the world and getting a poor amount of bandwidth for it. Do we really think further exacerbating the divide is going to make things better for the majority of users? Of course not. Please take a stand and allow the internet to continue to be the one place left on this planet that is as close to free as can be - because otherwise we continue to prove that telecommunications is yet another thing that can easily be bought by the rich.
—Travis R Austin, Austin, TX

Net neutrality is important to every aspect of people's virtual rights, so we should keep it! Big cable companies just think about how they can make more money and charge extras for anything they provide. KEEP UP NET NEUTRALITY! Luiz Carlos, from Brasil.
—Luiz Carlos Di Froscia Pereira, Goiânia,

Disabled people, visually, auditory, bodily or otherwise need FULL access to the web. The Internet is not to be trifled with. The web is for EVERYONE.
—Kate, Sydney,

Net nuetrality is the only way to ensure that the Internet continues to function equally for everyone. Since the SEC and Justice department have no interest in preventing the formation of oligopolies and thereby reducing our choice of cable providers (I have 1 choice in my local market!), its up to the FCC to create rules for the only company operating in my market to play by. Tom Wheeler is a blow job to the telecommunications industry. Someone at the FCC must stand up for net neutrality, we know Tom's buddies over at Comcast will prevent him from doing anything.
—Zachary Jara, Denver, CO

Why would we want big rich corporations controlling what we can see? Really? That doesn't sound shady as fuck? Trying to get rid of Net Neutrality is like some super villain conspiracy plot from a damned movie! If Net Neutrality goes, then so do I. I will not pay to line someone's pockets just so they can let me see what they want me to see.
—Jess, Hagerstown, MD

This is clearly an attempt to make more money for big business and worse, to make the internet more readily available to people who are better off and restrict lower income people from accessing it!! The internet provides people a chance to learn and grow, and possibly get out of the rut of poverty. Don't take that away from them and encourage a separation of "classes".
—Rebecca Coughlin, Wellington, FL

Freedom of speech...plain and simple. How hard is that to understand?
—Steve Castaneda, San Antonio, TX

anyone who CANT see, that this is a blatant attempt to restrict freedoms and suck MORE money out of already struggling American citizens, needs his head examined. the internet belongs to everyone. EVERYONE. not the ISPs
—Carisa Luongo, Endicott, NY

I don't believe I need to go on and on about the subject. Net neutrality is a NECESSITY. That is all.
—Carter Jules, Paris,

The one word that describes the FFC Net Neutrality laws would be : Unconstitutional. Not only will these laws allow for large companies to discriminate between hard working web users that create applications such as Netflix and Hulu, but it is a clear violation of the 5th amendment which seems to be the justification of this law. You are basically using Eminent Domain to take control of the internet, something that is controlled by no one and owned by everyone. You are taking it and giving it to large corporations that can then charge you for use. I thought we lived in America? Land of the free. This isn't freedom, this is discrimination that we have fought long and hard to get rid of. The internet was created so that it can freely be used, without restriction, without having to pay for its basic functions. You should be ashamed of yourselves. You are part of a generation that never used the internet like myself and the younger generations do, So how could you possible know what it means to keep ISP's as common carriers. Or is it that you just don't care? There is no justifiable reason that companies like AT&T or Verizon can come up with that makes this ok. They only want money, they care nothing for the common people like me that need to use the internet. Do the right thing, and keep the internet free for all to use. Freedom....isn't that what America is all about?
—Luke Parsons, Leroy, WV

Quit letting corporations decide what's best for me.
—Jamie, Brooklet, GA

The internet is a means of communication. It cannot be divided and sold off to whoever has the most money. Not to mention its full of our generation's mom and pop stores! Small businesses through eBay or Etsy, blogs with advertising, etc. The system is not broke, leave it as it is. Unfortunately, the only thing wrong with the current system is that it doesn't include a nice new way to get internet companies even more rich.
—Erica Blankenship, Lee's Summit, MO

The FCC should not be in the pocket of these ISPs. Net Neutrality is one of the most important issues in this country!
—Raymond Rodriguez, Brentwood, NY

I pay an Internet bill exactly the same as I do a electric, water, garbage, and gas bill. I expect regulation of this utility as well. It is my right to a fair and equal service.
—Brandon C Burgess, Portland, OR

The internet has become a public utility. as important as electricity, telephone service, and water and sewer. It's important that everyone has equal access to it. Would it make sense to let water companies deliver water faster to rich people?
—Gordon Best, Tucson, AZ

I have read 1984 and did not in fact put the book down feeling as though big brother was the protagonist
—Katie, Goose creek, SC

Net Neutrality allows the free exchange of ideas by almost anyone in our society, and is therefore the strongest current outlet for free speech. It's destruction would cripple the flow of information on the internet. Please retain net neutratlity and guarantee equal access to information for everyone.
—Brian Powell, Durham, NC

Net Neutrality is crucial for a free and open internet. The only people who want it and stand to profit are huge cable corporations. For the rest of us, net neutrality promotes innovation and economic chances.
—Liora Cohen, Dallas, TX

America needs net neutrality to foster healthy competition. Without it big companies will just get richer while innovation and quality of service will stagnate due to effective monopolies. America was founded on equal opportunity and doing away with net neutrality denies start-up businesses exactly that.
—Brett Butler, Beaufort, SC

Never have so many been able to access so much. Don't let another multi-billion dollar company make the rules for this country. This is just another example of the US being only interested in keeping rich people rich and poor people poor.
—Savannah Ervin, Denver, CO

Getting rid of Net Neutrality would cost billions for the economy through the absence of new products! All because that person wouldn't be able to afford that extra fee in order to go as fast as Google or Facebook.
—Jonathan, Saint Peters, MO

It prevents the restriction of free speach,protects small online businesses, and prevents unnecessary rises in consumer costs, which could stifle the economy.
—Kelsey Wall, Worcester, MA

Free speech is for human beings, not faceless corporations with no souls or morals. You take away our rights when you show favor to rich groups and individuals. The internet is the greatest comunication tool the world has ever seen and without neutrality it will be dead before half the world even gets access to it. Shame on the government and shame on the corporations that would abuse and destroy this tool for their own profit. The real solution to the traffic problem is for these big internet companies to develop new technology that boosts speed for everyone, not showing favor to he-who-pays-most. Then we can get everyone in the world online, communicating, sharing experiences and ideas, and create a better place to live and a better future for all of us.
—Taylor Troy, san antonio, TX

Net Neutrality is important to me because it is a big part of my first amendment right I should be allowed to load up any website at the same time as the cable companies would allow me to see their site if there was net neutrality. Dont ruin our lives and stomp on our rights just to make a quick buck, thank you.
—Alexander James Maden, North Providence, RI

I don't see why ending net neutrality is even a consideration. All this seems to achieve is earning big corporations more money, making it harder to start up a website (which alone would result in a sharp loss of business for web designers), result in the death of any sort of artistic expression such as webcomics (which, incidentally, is how i caught wind of all this, and is in itself a form of free speech) and teach big companies that they can get away with walking over their consumers with full support of the government just by throwing money at it. As someone who likes to believe there's still some good in this world, I would like not to see the new medium of communication and free speech silenced in such a way. While i'm not sure this adds anything to what I've been saying, my current internet service charges around $50 a month for internet which is about twice the speed of dial-up, and I find it insulting that "communications companies" would spend such a large sum of money lobbying to make themselves obscene amounts of money rather than bringing affordable internet to areas who don't have it. The fact that the idea of ending net neutrality is even being considered for no reason other than lobbying makes me think that maybe society isn't about giving to your community anymore, but instead taking from it.
—Jimmy, Steelville, MO

The vast majority of U.S. citizens use the internet every day for both business and entertainment. If net neutrality were to be ended it would affect almost every single person in the country negatively. Considering that internet access is used as a utility, it should be classified and regulated as such. If something like the two-tiered Internet were to be approved, I would seriously consider becoming an expatriate.
—Nick Miller, McDonald, PA

You, the person who is physically reading this on the other end if it's not just sent to a trash folder know that the only people against net neutrality are the people who'd gain money off of it ending and the only reason our side isn't heard is because we don't have millions of dollars to create campaigns lobbying to uphold net neutrality. I expect a reply as to why this would be in everyones best interests and please don't use Verizon's excuse that it violates their rights of the first and fifth amendment.
—Antonio West Hernandez, Roanoke, AL

Net Neutrality is important not just to individual users but to small companies that do not have the ability to pay the outrageous fees that the companies would charge for the "fast lane". The only ones who support over turning Net Neutrality are the cable companies that would profit from this, and the politicians who are in the pockets of these companies. Do the right thing. Keep the Net Neutral.
—Lara Goodwill, Gaithersburg, MD

I pay enough for my Internet service. I don't need to pay more. Leave the internet alone!
—David Caramiciu, warwick, RI

This is essentially a version of censorship, but by big companies. Net neutrality is crucial to budding businesses. Allowing the two-tier system will stifle creativity and small businesses. How is this NOT undermining the intent of the anti-trust act and supporting the inherent harm that monopolies cause?
—Tyler Casey, Salem, MA

Message to the FCC regarding Net Neutrality: The Internet is not a plot of real estate you can just snap up and convert into an exclusive resort spa for the excessively affluent. The Internet is technology itself. What you're trying to do is sell yourselves the required number of bristles on a toothbrush at marked-up prices while offering low-income peasants the luxury of rotting teeth. Keep Internet usage at a flat affordable rate available to everyone. There are ways to make a quick buck that don't include stripping 95% of Internet users of their online rights and participation.
—James Halpin, Westerville, OH

I'd rather not pay extra for a service I already get, and I certainly don't want my speed reduced just because I, or the sites I use, can't afford the fast lane. The idea of limiting the internet is stupid and greedy and everyone knows it. I want Net Neutrality. Make it a public utility please.
—Howard Lott, Lewisville, TX

Please reclassify Internet as a common carrier and save the Internet from corruption.
—Nathan Gingrich, Potsdam, NY

Will the next step be to make individuals pay to be able to speak in public? If we want to be heard we will have to throw money and lobbiests at you so that we can speak to others in a timely manner when we walk around in the world? That is essentially the real world application of this net neutrality debacle. I know the FCC is a government body, and my time in the US Army has shown me that the government can barely function, but I hope that you will be the exception. Don't let the cable companies decide what's best for everyone, they are wrong. No one who is motivated only by profits is an acceptable spokesperson for the people they are trying to rip off. Net neutrality is essential and should be your priority to maintain.
—Melanie Byrd, Fort Irwin, CA

If net neutrality disappears, I fear we are one step closer to fascism, or at least some blended form with aristocracy being the pivot. This act would, at least, fulfill the censorship aspect of such a regime by only allowing "players" to have a slice of the internet pie. It would in turn restrict competition (a fundamental tenet of capitalism) and further foment the building rage of the public. Look around, people are upset. Little things are building up, and if we continue to line the pockets of wealthy interests and cater to their desires of exponential wealth and perceived power, the public, no matter how ignorant you try to keep them, will rise up. History has taught us this simple fact. While I have major issues with what's going on in America and in the world, I do not want to see such a disruption to our society. If it has to happen for any real change to occur, so be it. Yet, I am not ignorant to the fact that such a course will create more problems than it initially solves. Wake up...your way of life depends on it.
—Brandon L. Calderon, Wichita, KS

Because it's a country by the people and FOR the people...not big bad companies!!
—America, Long Island, CA

For once stop letting corporations throw money at everything and doing whatever the hell that please. The only people who aren't for net neutrality are people who stand to gain billions of dollars from it. The average citizen is for net neutrality!
—William, Louisville, KY

It should be fairly obvious why losing Net Neutrality is a bad idea. I feel embarrassed that we as citizens even have to explain to the FCC why this is terrible. Anything that would allow discrimination online is a bad idea. Making certain sites pay more than others is discrimination in reference to internet service. Reclassifying ISPs as common carrier is another way to fix this.
—Jim Brown, Dumont, IA

I'm a nineteen year old college student and I need to use the internet to receive, do, and submit assignments. Without Net Neutrality, I wouldn't be able to afford an internet connection fast enough to perform these tasks in time to pass my classes. This would mean dropping out of college because of a handful of greedy cable companies wanting to charge me extra fees to use a service that really should be a tax paid public utility.
—Nestor Blanco, Miami, FL

Net Neutrality is important because Non Net Neutrality is literally against free speech. This country was founded on the pricipals that every person has inalienable rights and seceded from the country that denyed it's citizens these rights. Our forefathers believed in a country where everyone was treated fairly and their voice, no matter how unpopular, was always heard. In this day and age with the PRIMARY form of communication is the internet and with very few options especially in America to connect to the internet and have your voice heard, it is vitally important that those who have the power do not become overly powerful. If these guidlines are passed it is essentially giving these few companies the power to control speech on the internet and in turn, how much information people are privy to. That is too much power for one man to hold.
—Corey Riddle, Philadelphia, PA

The reason the internet is the amazing resource it is for the world is the fact that it allows everyone an equal opportunity to be heard. By allowing these big companies to choose who can broadcast at what speed we are destroying what made the internet great in the first place. The internet should remain a place that allows the creativity of the big and small, the have and the have nots to be seen and heard without discrimination based on the contents of their wallets. Keep the Net Neutral and tell these companies to stop trying to shut out the little guy.
—Brian K. Cabral II, Orlando, FL

As the 21st century moves forward, net neutrality will be as important to the proper functioning of a free society as open airwaves were in the 20th century. It's the whole point of the FCC to protect this sort of thing on a fundamental level. Don't let obscene amounts of lobbying sway what should be a very simple concept. Keep net neutrality!
—Mike McIntyre, Waterford, NY

The internet is like any other medium and should remain neutral.
—Jackson Tetmeyer, Zionsville, IN

I support Net Neutrality and internet freedom. Giving private companies the ability to create a two-tiered internet opens the door for a deluge of abuses and discrimination dictated by cable companies.
—Matthew Geldersma, Verona, PA

I hope this is read with some interest based on the topic at hand, and the viewpoint of someone who works in this field. I am the marketing director of a decently sized company that sells products like Comcast and Verizon. My job is to make these products appealing and engage the consumer. A part of my paycheck depends on how well we sell Comcast and Time Warner Cable. The plans they have for the future of the internet however are something from a bad screenplay. The path they are attempting to become some sort of super corporation that controls a major aspects of every American's life and forcing other companies to pay their special fees (is this how extortion works) is something only a maniac could conceive. The false groups VZW and the cable networks are creating to say the public is in favor of eliminating Net Neutrality are obvious signs that something is wrong here. In the short term some already very wealthy men and women will become wealthier, but the progress of American ingenuity will suffer. This would be like car manufacturers in the 50's all agreeing the highest speed we should be allowed to get to is 40 MPH because they can charge rest stops a fee for people to use them more often since it will take twice as long to get to where they are going. We are asking you to not allow big businesses to ruin one of the greatest inventions of our time. The executives are demanding you halt human progress to buy a 5th beach home for their kids. I am a man who makes my living from the success of these companies and this is something I can clearly see being a colossal mistake.
—Jeff Barger, Fishers, IN

Net neutrality is crucial to the further development of society. Once you place open access in the hands of only those who can afford it, you are taking away development and progress from lower-income persons by restricting their education and their ability to interact with mainstream society (on the Internet).
—Mary Lee, Atlanta, GA

Ending Net Neutrality mean the end of what makes the internet a great advance for humanity: freedom of speech regardless of your economic or social status. Ending Net Neutrality would mean that only those with money can make their voice heard. That is the opposite of what the internet and America are supposed to be about.
—William Whitehouse, Indianapolis, IN

dear ISP: If i wanted censored internet with blocks/slow downs for certain site you don't like, I would move to China. Guess what? I don't! If Net Neutrality doesn't pass, every provider who uses it I will drop and switch to statelite. Get you **** together and listen to your customers for once.
—Jonathan, Moreno Valley, CA

The internet has always been a place where anyone can have their story heard as long as they had a good message. I don't want it to become a place where only the highest bidder is heard. That hardly sounds like a good world, does it? I believe Net Neutrality should be upheld and rigorously enforced. I'd even be willing to pay for the labor required to do so. Tax me if you must! Please, reclassify ISPs as common carriers!
—Jacob Aufderheide, Peoria, IL

Net Neutrality is important because it preserves competition and innovation. With net neutrality gone, monopolies emerge that are more interested in preserving their monopolies than providing the best service for the customer. This can best be seen in those who who advocate against net neutrality. With no significant competition, the cable companies that currently fight against net neutrality have used their power to enrich themselves instead of providing good customer service. With net neutrality, an even field is provided where projects, individuals, and companies can compete on an even footing and survive and thrive based on their merit, not how much resources they can afford to pay to ensure a faster streaming service. The most exemplary example of the benefits of net neutrality is Netflix. Thanks to net neutrality, it was able to compete on an even footing with the established companies in the same field and due to its innovations, it was judged as the best and thrived. In this debate over net neutrality, FCC has two options: sustain innovation by preserving competition, or encourage mediocrity by eliminating competition. But for the American people, there is only one choice: preserve net neutrality.
—Ronald Joseph, PHILADELPHIA, PA

The internet is the source of knowledge and ideas that cannot be censored and controlled. If congress does not listen to the American People, whom it's supposed to be representative of, then we as a people have no reason to pay taxes anymore, because clearly they are not OUR government. They are merely the pawns of the corporations.
—Kaili Ruggiero, silver spring, MD

Net neutrality is important because it protects free speech for everyone. It would be a violation if an ISP decided that a certain blog was at a tenth or hundredth speed of websites tha either pay extra or lobby for support of their interests.
—Jeff, Hobart, IN

Net neutrality must be established and safeguarded permanently. I refuse to accept that we're ready to collar one of the most important inventions in history as an advertising vehicle for large providers. Designate ISPs as common carriers. Keep these companies from ruining the future as we know it. Do your duty.
—Trevor, Beulaville, NC

Net neutrality is important so that anyone can succeed in this country boy just those that can grease the lines. Net neutrality allows a more even playing field between start ups and giants.
—Emily halls, Lincoln, NE

Net Neutrality is important to me because big companies DON'T OWN EVERYTHING
—Kat Oertli, Highland, UT

Do you really need to be told that we're sick of being screwed over by the power hungry or the mega corporations of the world? Please, please listen to the people who need to live in this world without millions of dollars as their aid. We want net neutrality. Thanks for your consideration.
—Matt Oyer, Rochester, NY

Sir/Ma'am, I implore you, on behalf of all the people who use the internet, to fight for us. Fight for our rights, and yours. Never, in the history of this world, has allowing a company to decide how to do their business with 0 regulation led to a positive and improved system for the consumers. And in this instance it is even more dire that the rights of the consumer be protected. The internet is used so widely, so commonly, and so dependently that it MUST be protected. We cannot allow there to be favoritism from websites for one site or another. This WILL lead to monopolies and an ever increasing charge for less content and service. Please protect our internet, protect our rights, and our desires. I understand this is a difficult fight, I understand this isn't going to be an easy battle. But if you truly represent the people, as government should, this is a fight we must win.
—Jonathan Biddle, APO, NY

Freedom of information is what our country was founded on. By placing the power to throttle or deny information you would be setting up the ability to completely control consumer content and thereby sentiment. This could eventually turn into a Technocracy where we all do as we are told rather than thinking independently. Carriers should have the right to limit total speed....not selected speeds/ content.
—Chris Ochs, Graham, WA

The internet is important to all of us. Corporations like Comcast and AT&T don't own America, and America doesn't exist to serve their interests and line their pockets!
—Rachel, Daytona beach, FL

As the Internet has grown over the past couple decades, it has become a cornerstone in nearly every person's life. From the everyday citizens who check Facebook and watch movies and TV shows on Netflix, to the creative types who create and promote art and music and literature using the Internet, to the thousands of businesses that use the Internet to promote themselves, there is practically nobody in the developed world who doesn't find themselves relying on the Internet on a daily basis. We need ALL parts of the Internet to function and for people to be able to make their own choice about which content they need to view, not the cable companies looking to promote their own interest by controlling the source. Net Neutrality is important to the success of the Internet, and to the success of the businesses and people who rely on it on a daily basis. All ISPs need to be classified as common carriers immediately to preserve this important piece of infrastructure.
—Branden Meyers, Staunton, VA

I am writing to express my concern regarding the status of net neutrality, and the cable companies who are threatening it. The Internet is the most powerful social tool in the history of man. It has allowed us to communicate in ways never before possible. A starving artist can showcase his work to an unimaginably broad audience instead of spending his last dime renting a local gallery and crossing his fingers in the hope a critic will show up and enjoy his art. Killing net neutrality is a step backwards. Sure, it's great for the cable industry, which must be suffering gravely what with all of the television we watch and the millions of smart phones we carry. But it is a savage blow to everyone who aspires to start a small business, or freely communicate their opinions. These companies are already monopolizing the way we communicate. I am aware that the goal of every company is to make more money, but this goes beyond the fiscal element. To give a company the ability to charge websites for faster access essentially gives them the power of censorship. What chance would an upstart communication company have, for example, if they were being forced to pay their largest competitors simply for the privelage of having a functioning website? The CEO of Verizon stumbles across a website he finds morally questionable? Charge them into oblivion, or throttle their bandwidth to archaic speeds. Without Net Neutrality, the cable companies are given the power to fliter out anything they choose. It's no wonder they're pouring such exorbitant amounts of money into trying to make net neutrality go away. It would make them supreme overlords of the internet! That's power you can't buy, or at least it should be. They have the unmitigated nerve to claim that net neutrality is a violation of the 1st ammendment? What about the free speech of everyone else in this country, whose rights they would be allowed to charge for. In America, no one should have to pay a corporation for the rights guaranteed to them by the constitution. That is why I believe net neutrality came to be in the first place, and why I believe it needs to stay. Thank you for your time.
—Ian Grieve, DuBois, PA

I have internet access as an investment in my children. I don't make a lot of money. It took me months to save for a computer. If you don't reclassify ISPs as common carriers I fear my kids will be back to bundling up in three of four layers of clothes and walking to the library in the middle of winter to get their homework done. That is, if the library could afford faster service if you kill net neutrality. Everything from middle school on up is done on computers/internet these days. Many children will be hurt without net neutrality.
—Keisha Mckay, Hartford, WI

Dear FCC, I can't offer a lengthy discourse via legal jargon on why I support net neutrality, and frankly I'm sad that anyone should have to. The reality of this situation is that there is a right choice, and a wrong choice regarding a mandate for Net Neutrality. One option serves the people (remember- that's your job), and the other option stuffs another fistfull of dollar bills into a few people's pockets. Don't think for a second that there's any legitimate good trickling down from this proposal. Any increased earnings by internet providers won't fall to the guy working for $7.50/hr. Rather they'll slink into another private jet for an executive who's toughest decision of the day is whether to have his dinner in Venice, or in Paris. Please, for the sake of freedom and human decency, I implore you to think of the people (Americans) who trust you to do the right thing. I support Net Neutrality, and God save us all if you don't feel the same way.
—A Tuinenga, Traverse City, MI

Net Neutrality is important to me because the Internet and all it's power should be reasonably accessible to everyone. The entirety of human knowledge exists on the Internet, and to give more to those corporations who can pay more would create a skewed knowledge base, allowing only the opinions of those with the most money. Money already drives the processes of our government, and we as a society are already pushing the rich-poor gap to new lengths. The Internet as it exists today is a level playing field, and it ought to remain that way. No one should be silenced in this age of free and accessible information.
—Richard Krenz, Orlando, FL

Dear FCC, Please do not allow the cable companies anymore power or monopolizing influence. It seems to me that any argument between the vast majority of the country and a small minority who clearly are acting on their own best interest should be settled by the majority.
—Daniel Zimmerman, Dallas, TX

Net neutrality is not just important, it is vital to our ability to grow as a society. If the cable companies, or rather, the few large cable companies, get to essentially decide who's messages get to be seen, then the internet will become whatever they want it to be. Right now the internet is one of the few areas of media that is not under the direct control of some large corporation. News corporations are the best example. Under the rule of several large corporations, they only show the skewed messages they want us to see in order to serve their own interests. This is incredibly unethical and has essentially destroyed journalism in America. If this is allowed to happen to the internet, it will cease to be the great social world that it is right now. And our society will be stifled. The American people will continue to be shown only what the people with all the money want them to see and hear and our society will be much worse off because of it. As the organization charged with regulating media in our nation you work for us. You have an obligation to throw out these ridiculous rules. They are unethical, self serving, and very far from the peoples best interest. I am an American Citizen, a Time Warner Cable customer, and I want my internet to remain neutral. Thanks in advance for doing the right thing.
—Brett, Geneva, OH

Please do everything you can to keep the idea of net neutrality in play. It's vital to the success of the internet and free exchange of ideas and information. To enforce the latest proposed Internet rules would be allow for a discrimination of content. Thank you, Tom Karki
—Tom Karki, Robbinsdale, MN

Stop trying to ruin everything, you ruiners. Regulating access to the internet is like saying companies can regulate access to water. The internet is not a product or a service, it's an environment. It should be regulated by you, not private companies with private interests.
—Ira Miller, Toronto,

The internet should be treated as a utility. I need the internet for my job, the same way I need access to a telephone and electricity. The big companies are not investing into more infrastructure as it is. If net neutrality goes away, consumers will be stuck with the burden of paying for the growth of the companies. It's another example of the rich get richer and the middle class has to pay the higher cost. My internet cost has already increased year after year as it is; without regulations I am afraid I will not be able to afford internet, or I will not be able to afford to do my job. Stop listening to big business, and start listening to the people.
—Don Terry, midlothian, TX

Net neutrality ensures all people have access to all parts of the internet. It lets people stay connected and gives us the freedom to go wherever and say whatever we want on the internet. This is not something companies should be regulating and making money from. The idea that we should have to pay more to go where we want is classist and puts lower SES people at a disadvantage. The internet is something anyone with access can enjoy, and I personally think it should stay that way.
—Danielle Pellegrino, Silver City, NM

Net neutrality matters to me because I don't like the idea of bending over any more than I already do for companies like Verizon and TWC. how is giving more power to someone with an awful track record a good plan, you know?
—Dylan W, Dayton, OH

Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers. I do not pay for television but do pay for internet and should not be subjected to slower speeds because I'm opting to watch programs on via internet instead of via cable.
—Tara, Grand Junction, CO

I want to live in the world where a huge cable corporation like Verizon or Comcast doesn't tell me which website I should visit or how much time I can spend on such website. By giving internet providers the option of choosing when they can slow down internet or who should be prioritize, this is essentially what they will do.
—Chai Xiong, Onalaska, WI

Net Neutrality is important because it prevents Internet service providers from discriminating against online content. We are already so dependent on the few companies that provide internet, and removing net neutrality would take advantage of small business and big alike.
—Leslie Shields, Walnut Creek, CA

Dear FCC, I am a self-published author. I barely make enough money to get by and my work is marketed and sold online. I could never afford to compete with the big businesses. The absence of net neutrality would destroy my work, my business, my livelihood. It would be a disaster for me and all small businesses. It's a very, very, very bad idea.
—Bryan W Alaspa, Naperville, IL

To whom it may concern, As an Anthropologist I am often times using internet websites and other such academic sites that are usually either 1.Very unknown 2.Very restrictive or 3.Run by a personal friend. In all three of these instances your new rulings to change or abolish net neutrality would in essence change or destroy these websites in which I, and many others in Academia use quite regularly to share information in order to be the most up to date. Also, I fear with the change to net neutrality, we would see the end of the dot come era, a halt to the technological progress we as a nation have been making. This would utterly destroy e-commerce, and the way people are able to create jobs using internet services. I hope you thoroughly consider this and the many other outcomes that could come from changing net neutrality. Thank you, Christin McNeil
—Christin McNeil, South El Monte, CA

I'm poor, like living in a studio apartment with 2 other people poor. Now this isn't the best way to live but we make it work. And the one thing we have is reliable intrrnet.....and that's being nice about it. If I have to pay to have faster Internet (you can but their "blast" option is worse somehow) then I can expect to be paying more for basically the same service and all the same b.s. that I get now. I could see if we were on part with other countries that have fast Internet, but we're not, and the only way I can image the making a faster option is to slow down everyone else's connections. It's almost as if they didn't plan on this Internet thing being as big as it had gotten, and because they didn't plan properly, we have to take the hit for them. So I have a solution, every time they want to change their stance on the Internet, we get to slap them right in the face, all of us (all their customers). And no decoys or dummies to stand in, I want the ceos of these companies. Maybe after a few million slaps to the face they'll get what it's like to get the raw end of a deal. Knowing com cast though, we'll all probably get a bill 6 months later charging us for the "pleasure" of slapping a ceo.
—Carl, stockton, CA

The fact that information could be filtered down keeping the public ignorant to ideas or knowledge that is unpopular as seen by huge corporations such as verizon and comcast is very scary. The last thing we need is for people to think for us and keep us ignorant, Dick Chaney comes to mind; this is America not China! We don't need these huge corporations lobbying in DC either, much less deciding who can recurve what... Crazy, everything that has made the internet the powerful tool it is will be lost to some fat cat CEOs as their soulless selves eat up the generations of tomorrow! KEEP NET NEUTRALITY!!!
—Kyle Dutton, Blythewood, SC

The internet is the most important means of communication today and I don't want multi billion dollar corporations to be the gatekeepers for free speech.
—Ryan T Watson, Shippensburg, PA

Net neutrality is important for the preservation of individual Liberty. It allows EVERYONE an equal forum for the expression of ideas. Don't create a two-tiered system in which corporate ideas and preferences carry more weight than individual ideas and preferences that might be contrary to corporate positions. Reclassify ISP's as common carriers. Don't succumb to greed.
—David Horning, Crowley, TX

We need net neutrality because it is wrong to force companies to pay more money to provide good services to their customers. Charging companies more money will force price hikes throughout the country that is unnecessary and ridiculous. This country is still facing hard financial times, why would you want to increase that burden upon the people of this great nation? We need net neutrality.
—John, Hunt, NY

FCC Net Neutrality is important because without it every company that supports the fast lane bullshit will just gain money in their pockets and screw over everybody else. Without Net Neutrality we can't have new websites come about due to them having to be significantly slower than everybody else and to even have a decent working website they would require to pay too much money to get their website to at least be able to load.
—Kevin Mas, Tamarac, FL

I don't spend my time on the internet using mega sites like Netflix. With net neutrality gone, my connection will suffer until I pay my cable company twice as much for a faster connection in total-- and the majority of the extra broadband would still be going to sites I don't use.
—Stephen Kelly, Sterling Heights, MI

A free and open internet is extremely important to our society. The exchange of information should not be subject to the whims of for-profit companies.
—Cory Fulghum-Carroll, Phoenix, AZ

The Internet is the last truly free nation - of which all humans may become citizens - let's keep it that way.
—Rachel Edgell, Peoria, IL

Dear FCC, the internet is too important to public discourse to let huge firms restrict access to whatever displeases them. Please resist the lobbying efforts to kill net neutrality.
—Sean Collins, Grand Rapids, MI

Eliminating net neutrality will create barriers for startups, aspiring artists, and anyone who uses the internet for promotional purposes. It will degrade competition and serve to further advantage those who can afford access to the internet "fast lane".
—Dan Toler, Syracuse, NY

Do not allow these corporations to take over OUR internet!
—Andrew John Kaszynski, Spring Valley, IL

With Comcast and Time Warner merging, the future of internet access is a dark one if they are allowed to do as they wish with the internet. You are the only ones with enough power to tell them they can't do whatever they want.
—Jacob Daniel Banes, Lafayette, IN

Net neutrality is important because it protects innovators and pioneers from having to pay "gate keepers" to allow fast access to their products and services
—Will Guerrant, Mebane, NC

Net neutrality is important to me because it is and has been a public resource for recreation and education. I think it is absolutely disgusting that the companies trying to block it are out of touch, selfish, greedy, rich corporations trying to get even richer. It is the mentality of these corporations that is helping to kill America!
—Jeff DiGiacomo, St.Cloud, FL

It's the only way to keep the cable companies from ruling the internet and creating a monopoly. There is literally no reason to slow the internet down artificially other than money. Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Alexandra Weaver, Woodbridge, VA

Do we even need to tell you why this is important? If we do then you aren't doing your jobs. Of course, you aren't doing your jobs. You are the thieves that have placed yourselves above the population and you'll see the results of that greed sooner than later.
—Charles Evans, Astoria, NY

I like having the freedom to surf the internet how I want and at reasonable speeds between all my favorite websites.
—Steven Versa, Stouffville,

I'm in a low-income family whose daughter is just now starting school. I would like to be able to continue to use the internet for her learning. I can barely afford the internet I pay for now, so why would you penalize people further by forcing them to pay more for "fast lane" service just to keep the same standards I have now???
—Alexandria Kendrew, Mercer, PA

I've watched neighbors get screwed by Time Warner and Verizon just on contracts alone. I can't imagine what would happen if they had the ability to actually limit the internet with what sites/what speeds for certain websites could be seen. Please remain neutral. Please make broadband internet a PUBLIC utility.
—Kevin Wixom, Lakeside, CA

As a handicapped individual, net neutrality enables me to media and college study resources that Verizon and Comcast charged insane amounts. Its obviously imperative that if the United States wishes to keep up with rest of the world, a well educated, up to current population is necessary. Net neutrality accomplishes that.
—Gavin, jacksonville, FL

Net neutrality is hugely important to me--but it's not just about me as a person. If net neutrality isn't upheld--isn't enforced--then we can say goodbye to gains made in education, and economic development around the country will be stifled. For everyone. By allowing ISPs to charge more for some Internet content, the FCC should absolutely be aware that these costs will trickle down to the most disadvantaged groups. Children whose continued participation in school is dependent upon Internet access, whose families can't afford the price increases, will likely drop or fail out--never to reach the heights of achievement that they otherwise would. Adults living at the poverty line or even slightly above it will be disadvantaged in seeking better job opportunities, because their access to higher-earning jobs, which increasingly ONLY allow online applications, will be stifled. Net Neutrality should be assured in the spirit of the First Amendment--protecting Americans' right to access and disperse information without infringement.
—Savannah McClelland, Pompano Beach, FL

A reduction in net neutrality is a reduction in freedom of speech. If all men are created equal than so is their speech. As such, all forms of free speech (excluding child pornography and the incitation of violence) in any type of media should be treated equally. Anything else is tantamount to saying that corporate profit is more important than the First Amendment.
—Robert Gormley, Chattanooga, TN

The beauty and strength of the Internet is that it is open for all people. All ideas, information, and creation can be trading between anyone with access to a computer or smartphone, and a wifi signal. Allowing some ISPs to charge more for access hurts those who need it most. People without access to education. Nonprofits who can't afford to pay more. Young people without a voice who need support. - All of that goes away. The Internet is one of the few things we have that isn't owned by corporations. It's owned by The People. Giving big corporations control is like selling free expression. They will limit what we're allowed to see, and what we're allowed to create. Please give The People back their Internet.
—Danielle Thillet, Central Islip, NY

To whom it may concern: I think we can all agree that the Internet is a pretty awesome thing. In the last twenty years it's become a massive cultural, academic, and intellectual force, and it's essentially the sum total of all human endeavor to date. You know why it's so awesome? Net neutrality. The fact that ISPs can't decide who gets service and who doesn't is the reason that the Internet is such a dynamic place. It's the true embodiment of a democratic society: anyone with a connection can say anything they want and succeed, and influence the success of others. If ISPs can decide which websites can and cannot get service, the Internet would die. The free exchange of information is reliant upon a free and open forum to do so, and if ISPs are given the right to close that forum to people who don't pay them, then information cannot be freely exchanged. It's the ultimate in corruption from a corporate scheme that already screws Americans as much as it can. You, as the FCC, are supposed to be the regulators, the defenders of the free exchange of ideas through media. If your proposed rules go through, and end net neutrality, then you will have failed in your duty. You will have failed in your duty to protect the simplest and most basic rights of all Americans and all people: to speak their mind. Not to mention, the death of net neutrality will mean the death of the Internet as an economic force. Internet start-ups are a massive industry, and they provide a much-wanted and much-needed service. If Comcast can charge Netflix more money for the service it needs, Netflix will either go out of business or pass the costs on to the consumer. In effect, ending net neutrality will screw the consumers and kill a large sector of the economy. In the current economic climate, that is something we simply cannot afford. So please, FCC, do your job. Give the cable companies the middle finger and defend net neutrality.
—David Edelman, HOLDEN, MA

I believe the internet is a digital common place for people to share ideas much like a park is a place for people to enjoy being outside. Right now both cost money for upkeep but that's not a direct cost that's seen by those who use the park irvine internet. If internet service providers are given the ability to make a direct cost to the users for certain websites there will be negative consequences. I don't believe the economic ideals of America are in accordance with taking away net neutrality and the benefits of taking away net neutrality are far outweighed by harm it will do overall.
—Trevor Hanks, Provo, UT

Do not let companies ruin the internet
—Meegan Dar, Scottsbluff, NE

Internet users in the United States have limited choices of ISPs compared to many other parts of the world. This lack of competition has resulted in higher prices and poorer service. Allowing ISPs to create a multi-tiered internet will make this worse and consolidate the power of large providers. The problem of ensuring an open internet while also enabling needed upgrades to infrastructure is complex. As such, there is no "magic wand" policy that will resolve everything by itself. That said, it is clear that an absolutely essential part of the solution is to classify internet service providers as common carriers to remove the internet from undue control by said service providers. We can then look to formulate additional policies to resolve remaining issues. There are a number of examples from Europe and Asia that demonstrate ways this can be done.
—Brian Colon, Fort Collins, CO

It is our right to have freedom of press and the freedom of speech. Net Neutrality would protect our rights guaranteed to us our 1st Amendment. Destroying that would be a clear violation.
—Michele Marx, Wharton, NJ

Because all knowledge should be freely accessible to everyone.
—Amy Martin, Brooklyn, NY

I urge you to disapprove Tom Wheeler's plan to permit rampant discrimination online. Throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers! That's what they are, and that's how they should be regulated.
—Scott Warren, Houston, TX

I am against monopolies. The cable providers currently act without competition. They provide the lowest amount of service possible while charging obscene amounts and now they want to control who has faster broadband speeds? Seems illegal to me. How is it that a media that has become so integral as a part of American life is so poorly regulated and controlled by tyrannical companies? And now the FCC is being run by a former cable company executive. The USA is the most powerful country in the world and yet has broadband speeds slower than some countries that have smaller populations than some of our cities. The term Net Neutrality means nothing to me, the injustice here is that more and more power is being given to cable companies and they are not being regulated.
—Tyler Heberle, Conneaut Lake, PA

The internet is not broken. This will only provide internet providers the opportunity to charge more and more for access. We (the United States) pay more than any other country for this service. We must not end Net Neutrality.
—Gail Wolcott, corvallis, OR

We as citizens, and voters, want net neutrality, REAL net neutrality. This should not be a government of business, by business, for business, rather instead, ... the PEOPLE. Thank You
—Mike Jaureguy, South Chatham, MA

The large cable companies prey on the vulnerable and create an environment inconsistent with free enterprise. Their monopoly position needs to be tempered with, at minimum, net nurtrality.
—M J Main, Naperville, IL

The internet doesn't need to become a corporation.
—Shamia Casiano, Jersey City, NJ

I will not tolerate internet service providers engaging in old rigid Paramount Pictures block booking and blind bidding and old RKO General bribery and dishonest behavioral practices in controling web content and in the event the internet service providers are violating the Net Neutrality rule they can automatically receive FCC's version of the death penalty as severe punishment for choosing to engaging in violating Net Neutrality.
—James (Jimmy) Cieloha, Duncan, NE

Net Neutrality is important because people shouldn't have to pay extra to get the things they're already paying for.
—David Martin, New York, NY

I strongly object to the establishment of a two-tiered internet system that clearly favors industry and most certainly the affluent. The classification of Internet Service Providers as common carriers would preserve internet neutrality and I support this action.
—HL Brammell M.D., Denver, CO

We NEED Net Neutrality!!! It is vitally important to CLOSE the technology gap between the poor and the rich, NOT widen it!!!! The ISPs are huge corporations only interested in PROFITS, not people. The middle class is being squeezed from every which way already. Is it the intention of government to ELIMINATE the middle class and only have the poor and rich in this country? If not, reclassify ISPs as common carriers!!!!
—Tina Rosa, Providence, RI

There is already enough of a division between those who can afford more quality and those who cannot. I am on the end that cannot. I am also a graphic designer and this will effect my future jobs. Keep it even, keep it fair. It's outrageous that this is even a discussion.
—Gina Aliberte, Bearsville, NY

As an IT developer and consumer, it is core to me and those that I work with to have the ability to change and evolve technology and our usage of it. This technological world we are in is still very young and open ideas and collaboration is key to its growth. If Net Neutrality is not maintained, then private profit hungry companies will control and dictate how I can perform my craft. This would stifle innovation and put us at a further disadvantage against other Net Neutral countries.It could also cost me my job. There are so many new companies with ideas and services that will need people like me to help evolve the IT age, and if Net Neutrality is not maintained, they will be held down and made invisible by those that do not want the status quo to change. I hope you will do what's right for the US and not what big business wants. The choice comes down to a simple question, what are the down sides of being Net Neutral, compared to the down sides of not being Net Neutral?
—Lee Milam, Magnolia, TX

I am writing to express my strong objection to the FCC's plan to allow Internet Service Providers (ISPs) the option to create a multi-tiered system for delivery of Internet content. I demand that the FCC reclassify ISPs as common carriers. I have listened attentively to the ISP-side argument that a two-lane system will be "fast and faster, not fast and slow", but as a long time technology specialist and website developer my experience with computer users tells me that the fastest speed experienced will quickly and widely be perceived as the norm, and anything slower will quickly and widely become a test of the user's patience. For the foreseeable future, classification of ISPs as common carriers is the only way to insure Net Neutrality. Sincerely, John Harrington everheldwebgroup.com
—John R. Harrington Jr., Boston, MA

The Internet is like air, It should be free an unfettered for all kinds of ideas and messages. The ability of carriers to discriminate is a threat to freedom of expression. Allowing carriers to discriminate in any way (and I include regulating for political content should be illegal). Please do not institute the proposed FCC Rules.
—Bill Tosick, Glenville, PA

The Internet should be just as free as this country was supposed to be.
—Kristen Harrison, Coventry, RI

Thank you for your consideration in this matter. I support internet freedom.
—Crystal laiosa, Madison, OH

The Internet is a place for sharing ideas freely. That freedom goes away the second you let cable companies decide how fast of a connection your site can have. That eliminates free speech on the internet in its entirety. Please reinstate Net Neutrality.
—Henry Walsh, Douglas, GA

Net Neutrality is currently the only thing promoting the availability and efficacy of the internet as it currently stands. Over 20 years have been spent getting the internet to where it is now. 20 years of time that can be destroyed in just moments following the passing of the FCC internet amendments. To restrict the internet is to defecate on the graves of all those involved in the struggle of creating all that currently exists.
—Ralph Winterton, Victoria,

Net Neutrality is necessary because the Internet has become a critical driver of our economy. Small business is the largest contributor to the American economy and the Internet is practically a requirement for any business to succeed. These proposed rules give big business the power to determine whether a small business succeeds not consumers. They allow large corporations to pick and choose what small businesses win and which ones fail. These rules create a system of sanctioned discrimination that permits businesses to choose what content is appropriate for their clients encouraging corporate censorship based on what information the telecom company deems acceptable. This cannot be allowed to happen as it flies against EVERYTHING that America was built on.
—Daniel Bryan, Manvel, TX

It is unexceptable to assume that with all of the obvious corruption in the government that the people are going to stand for this. If you are looking to anger the whole country and have them publicly bring forth their complaints with all of the obvious violations against free people, please continue this insanity and expect what's coming. EVERYONE I KNOW IS PISSED ABOUT THIS. It will not go over well if this policy is integrated into the current lexicon. Avoid serious conflict with the american people and stop this pathological attack on freedom.
—Jason A. Vivier, Manchester, NH

My personal opinion is that you should not charge us for using websites such as Netflix or sites that use a lot of bandwidth. I think that since we already pay for some sites or entertainment, such as Netflix or Xbox Live, and we also pay for our internet, it is not fair to us for you to charge us more than we are already being charged for. Please take this into consideration and put thought into it. I know you're just doing your job, but try to do the right thing.
—Ethan Hanks, College Station, TX

FCC throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Lj Hunniford, Columbia, CT

The internet is much too important to be sold on the slaveblock to the bidders with the biggest lobbying budgets. Equal access has made it the success it has become; do not mess with success.
—Don Porter, Schenectady, NY

The idea of companies being able to pick and choose which sites get preferential treatment is a terrifying prospect which can never be allowed to pass.
—Andrew Pirritano, Langhorne, PA

Because not having net nutrality is retarded.
—Nathan, Waterloo, ON,

Keep the net neutral! Stop the monopolies!
—Timothy Kleck, State College, PA

Net neutrality means shall business that wasn't possible before, can now be supported by, and reach large, worldwide customer bases. These customer bases means a larger more stable economy. by allowing three cable companies to tell consumers where they can shop, you're allowing them to decide who is allowed to thrive, rather than allow a free economy. which to my knowledge is what America stands for.
—Thomas W Hicks, Abilene, TX

Net Neutrality is the only and most effective way to protect the new upcoming content developers from corporate giants. If ISPs are not classified as common carriers the whole system of democracy will not last.
—Joshua Bollschweiler, Moreno Valley, CA

You cannot do this! Companies should not be profiting over others simply because of some new rules which in my opinion, ruin everything the internet is about. These proposed new rules are not fair in any sense of the word. Keep the internet neutral!
—Teresa Cowley, Victoria, BC,

For years, the circumcision industry dominated the airwaves. Only with the free flow of information made available by the internet have Americans been able to learn about the natural function of the intact penis and the harms caused by foreskin amputation. We must allow all voices and audiences equal access to connect. No fast lanes or slow lanes in the internet, please!
—David Atkinson, Patchogue, NY

Keep information free flowing. Don't break a working system.
—Colette Ricci, Saint Paul, MN

I like Netflix and they are being unfairly squeezed by cable companies into paying extra fees. It's downright bullying.
—Michael Starks, Orem, UT

Net neutrality is the key to keeping the internet open. The cable/internet companies will be making more money and the one that will suffer is the consumer, as always. This with other regulations keeps making the internet more and more commercialize and not this open free space for all. Please maintain net neutrality, keep the internet open.
—Angelica Minaya, Valhalla, NY

Preserve net neutrality and do it meow. You have the power to define the internet as a common carrier, thus defending it from the cable companies!
—Shaun, Portsmouth, RI

It is more essential to the future than nearly anything.
—Evan Jonigkeit, new york, NY

For working class people who live in rural areas. Currently broadband is outrageous. Charging outlandish prices for data prevents progress in many ways. An example for me personally is I can't attend online college because of the cost of data. Open the airwaves up and allow progress.
—Deborah Wofford, Hoquiam, WA

The internet should be equally accessed by everyone, no matter how much money they can afford to spend on it. This would also allow big businesses a boost over small ones, something that should not be allowed. The internet has always been equal and it needs to remain that way. This will make it that much harder for the poor and small businesses to succeed. Protect net neutrality!
—Stephanie Manning, Williamsfield, IL

If we are to remain a democracy and republic the works in favor of the the average citizen we must keep the internet open with equal access for all and not make it profit centered for a few. In this modern era, the need for equal access of information and economic opportunity is as important as equal access to clean and safe water and air. DO NOT approve any rules or laws to change this. thank you.
—Katie Krikorian, Duluth, MN

As a teacher in a public school system, Net Neutrality is extremely important. If Net Neutrality is taken away, education will take an enormous step backward in the United States. With the current educational standards in place, teachers are required to help students learn to navigate through various types of nonfiction material and comprehend it. If the Internet is placed on restrictions, that will be a very difficult task, and schools will not be able to afford the kind of Internet needed to help students learn to comprehend essential nonfiction material. Do not take Net Neutrality away from us simply because there is monetary profit to be gained; educational profit will suffer.
—Christia Gugel, STE. GENEVIEVE, MO

We need Net Neutrality. If the service providers are able to determine what we can or can't access and how fast, this would kill many markets and weaken collaboration and creativity. For example, there are games out there, such as Minecraft, that allow users to create their own content. This can include things as simple as just creating a world to play in or as advanced as creating modifications to the game through coding. I know many kids who have gained an interest in Computer Programming because of games like this. The easy access to the resources they need (tutorials, code samples, and mods from others) helped encourage them. If the provider made it so that it would cost more to access some of these tools, this would be like requiring kids to have to pay to enter the library in their school and then maybe even to access some of the books. Basically, the service provider could charge a premium for the kid to access a search engine, such as Google. They could also then require even more money to access some of the sites that their search turns up. This is just one example, there are may more areas that this would hurt more then help. It doesn't take much imagination to move my example from just a game to collaboration between businesses. The few benefits of losing Net Neutrality is far out weight by the amount of benefits we will lose by losing Net Neutrality.
—Richard DeLong, Ponchatoula, LA

It is absolutely outrageous that this change to the internet access is being considered. We the public are being lied to regarding this matter. The internet should be open to all and not controlled by those who can afford to access. This would deny freedom of speech to the general public. This is only a means to suppress and control information. The FCC should be censored by all for even considering this suppression of free speech. Shame Shame on all of you.
—Carolyn Bradley, Aston, PA

Net neutrality is very important. Without it, you're going to allow the big brands charge more and start to kill the little brands business. Which is exactly why America is failing and has a terrible economy. We're allowing monopolies to form, thereby losing small businesses and allowing costs to skyrocket and wages to stay low, because we're catering to the companies that only see dollar signs. If you allow Net Neutrality to disappear, you are proving just how far the US has fallen. Especially when nations like Japan have national free WiFi for every person.
—John Hull, Mesa, AZ

Dear FCC, Unlike Comcast, Verizon, and AT&T, I unfortunately do not have hundreds of thousands of dollars to convince you that wealthy companies should not control the internet. I have to appeal to your conscience, not your wallet. This seems like an impossible uphill battle, but it's worth a try. The beauty of the internet is its accessibility to everyone. Anyone can create a site and hope that word-of-mouth, not money to cable companies, ensures its success. A start-up shouldn't be impeded by fees to the cable companies. Neither should a multi-national corporation, for that matter. So please, FCC, please put your wallets aside and keep the internet honest. Thank you.
—Sarah Spencer, New Orleans, LA

The Internet is about the only utility where having it free and open actually INCREASES the quality of what is out there. The FCC is the only bastion between these corporations running roughshod over their customers in pursuit of short term gains. Please, Mr Wheeler, don't be a lobbyist. BE the FCC Chair. Declare them a common carrier. Don't let their money or power push you around. Stand up to them, please.
—Sean McBurney, Inverness, FL

Keep the big guys out of our free Internet. Remember free radio, free tv. Thank goodness we still have free radio and "some" free tv. Pay for Internet will leave the majority of the people out of the loop with the wealthy and corporations ruling every aspect of our lives
—Carol M Hermanson, Dexter, MN

A free and open internet is one of the most important creations of the modern world. The world becomes a little worse for all of us if we lose net neutrality.
—Rebecca Farfsing, Chicago, IL

I pay extra money for high speed internet so that I don't have to waste time waiting for pages to load. Why should ISP's be allowed to choke my "high speed" internet because the page I want to view didn't also pay? More importantly, in real life, the rich can make their voices heard by using their money, while the poor are often swept to the side. The internet changed that, and now, anyone can say whatever they want online, and everyone can hear it. It is a powerful tool to let everyone's voice be heard. If net neutrality is eliminated, many of those voices will be silenced, because they can't afford the luxury of having their views be put in the "fast lane". Simply put, net neutrality is an important defender of free speech, and the world would be a much darker place without it.
—Nicholas Pennington, Jacksonville, IL

Getting rid of net neutrality will ruin the internet. Please don't let this happen.
—Sarha Hall, Modesto, CA

Freedom of speech. Freedom to educate ones self. Freedom of expression. Equality for all artists, businesses, and scholars no matter how big or small. The internet is somewhat of a collective consciousness. Capitalism has no place in the abstract or a democracy.
—Alex Phillips, santa barbara, CA

The internet with net neutrality is a shining example of the first amendment. . It's one thing to pay for the pipeline, it's entirely another thing to have to pay for the content too. Internet service providers should not be permitted to monitor how that bandwidth is used, and without net neutrality they will have every reason to monitor and track everything their subscribers are using that bandwidth for. This is a huge invasion of privacy, and should not be allowed. If this means declaring isp's as common carriers so be it.
—Katherine Stewart, Oregon City, OR

Because America has terrible internet everything. Lets not make it worse
—Blake Allen, Tulsa, OK

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

There Internet should not be sold to the highest bidder. Equal access for all!
—Susan Walsh, Pawtucket, RI

Net neutrality is important to me, as an individual, because it means I will receive the same speed internet at the same cost as big corporations.
—Barbara, Elm Grove, WI

Allowing certain companies to have a fast lane while other companies will certainly have their load times dramatically slowed (don't pretend this won't happen, it will i.e. Netflix) is one of the dumbest proposals I have ever heard. A good government should look to expand freedoms for the people not offer favors to special interest groups. This proposal is probably the dumbest and most dangerous proposal made by this administration, and there have been plenty so that says a lot. Having a former lobbyist for the special interests spearheading this proposal illustrates further the idiocy and dangerousness of this proposal. DO NOT END NET NEUTRALITY.
—Brian Mueller, Saint Louis, MO

I don't want the internet to become restricted like cable TV. I don't want there to be monopolies. I want more competitors so that I can choose between price, quality, and service. I don't want to pay [play] favorites.
—Cody Geisler, VERSAILLES, IN

So let me get this straight we are the land of the free but yet you take everything away from the the people. So I now understand why people have abandonded the country and given up their American Citizenship. Why do you believe that you have to fix something that is not broken. People can't afford to even put meals on their table and those that are holding their homes together are now faced with this. Why can't everyone be treated equal? The big companies are all ready taking a big chunk of peoples pay checks because we want the convenience and now this is being proposed? This is totally out of control and needs to be seriously thought about and viewed on how it currently is and how well its working!! People are abandoning cable TV and keeping just the cable internet because the cost of this is out of control.
—Robbyn Ives, Somersworth, NH

Anything related to the development of the internet, including studies, research & development, installation of fiber optic transmission lines, and any other internet-related infrastructure that was funded or in any way supported by taxpayers, belongs to the taxpaying public. Period.
—Michael J Maleska, Hibbing, MN

I rely on net neutrality to stay in touch with family and work from home when I'm ill and not worry about poor connectivity. The internet is fine as it is; no need to change it. Tell the FCC to throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Jonathon Townsend, vancovuer, WA

Open discourse and economic competition will be shamefully throttled by a two tiered system of "premium" access.
—David Loseno, Seattle, WA

It is beyond selfish and harmful to our future to give any amount of control of the internet to any company, organization, state, government, etc, etc. It is what has and will continue to free this world from its closeminded concept of life through instant connection. Please do not ruin that. One break in the levy, and our whole future of a liberated and educated world will be gone. I would go as far as to say that even the possibilty of true peace lies deep within the internet. I wish you and whoever else is reading this would agree that if our founding fathers were alive today, they would all condemn and forever abolish any type of ending or altering net nuetrality. They would NEVER agree to putting a price on access to instant connectivity, media, free market trading, music and art, politics, free speech, and most importantly but by far the last, education and virtually infinite information. All of these are what the internet offers us. Please do the right thing, for the sake of our children and in the name of a united human race.
—Isaac Symington, Columbia, MO

Really? We want corporations to control the Internet too? They already bought the Government Elections with Citizens United and McCutcheson-we need to PROTECT the Internet not give it to corporations to discriminate against those that are not rich.
—Mr. David Webster, Lake Zurich, IL

Cable companies are bloated enough with power and money. The internet, which has become an essential in the modern day to do practically anything, should not be handed financially over to those seeking to end net neutrality. It's like the robber barons of the early 1900's and it really mustn't be allowed. Net Neutrality shouldn't even be in question, the free and open nature of it has advanced aspects of life and the sharing of knowledge immeasurably and to allow massive corporations to take that away would be to say that average citizen does not matter. Net Neutrality protects the citizens of this country.
—Sarah Romer, Highlands Ranch, CO

This vast resource which is able to carry information and knowledge throughout the world should not be held hostage to the dogma of corporate greed. I do not trust AT&T, Comcast, or any other internet provider to not try to throttle the flow until the consumer "pays up."
—Genie Hawkins, Fremont, CA

I oppose any set of regulations that would allow faster Internet speeds for those willing to pay for it. This would critically undermine the principle of Net Neutrality. Net Neutrality is necessary to insure that the Internet continues to function as a speech forum for all parties, including those outside the mainstream. It is vital to protect minority opinions, because crucial social improvements have often come from viewpoints that were initially marginal and unconventional. Abandoning the principle of Net Neutrality would greatly undermine civil society in the United States.
—Peter Shrock, Hammond, LA

I dream of one day opening my own studio. With an open internet I can make a website and advertise on google as a cheaper and more effective way of advertising than the traditional methods that I won't be able to afford at first.
—John James Rocca, Oceanside, CA

because...nice guys shouldn't be expected to finish last.
—Mary Roman Heleniak, Ellijay, GA

Net Neutrality is key in our digital age. I'm appalled by FCC's proposal to undermine it.
—Wolfgang Hladik, Dunwoody, GA

Internet is my outlet
—Samantha Weighman, Kalkaska, MI

Income should not be another divider in the access to wealth of information! Please preserve net neutrality.
—Katharine Bartlett, Midlothian, VA

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 the wealthy who can afford extra fees and a slow dirt road for those who do not make enough in our already pitiful economy to purchase it. The internet is one of the primary sources for information in the modern age and without it, those who have easy access to all kinds of information would be denied that privilege. Yes, there are libraries, but somehow I'm doubting the already dwindling funding for libraries will somehow increase because of this policy. These companies will have the power to pick "winners" and "losers" online and discriminate against online content and applications and none of our citizens would be able to do anything about it. This must be stopped--throw out your rules and instead RECLASSIFY ISPs as common carriers, LIKE THEY ALREADY ARE!
—Everett Bartlett, Sumerduck, VA

So I can get a good education without having to pay more than I am already am.
—William Harrell, Reidsville, NC

This is a disgrace and discriminates against anyone who cant afford to pay for a faster service . It would also allows unfair competition allowing big corporations to block competing smaller companies content at will. So much for freedom of speech sort this out FCC . The internet should always remain within Net Neutrality. The corporations already own & run the US & Europe are you going to give them complete control of the internet as well?
—Timothy Hughes, Par,

It isn't necessarily net neutrality's importance to me (trust me it is) proper, but its the idea that you, as a purported bastion of public interest would betray that interest, and allow private entities to dismantle a tool responsible for such far-reaching innovation: that's truly what's disturbing. When you pander to those interests you crush the very spirit of enterprise that makes this country great. The reverberation will be felt past the borders of our country and have negative global ramifications in diverse fields: health, humanitarian, economic, freedom of expression. Understand that you would be responsible.
—Mr. Senju Rajan, Staten Island, NY

It's literally just the right thing to do
—Renda Writer, Miami, FL

It's literally just the right thing to do
—Robert Mursuli, fort lauderdale, FL

Please don't ruin something that is already working perfect without interference. It's literally just the right thing to do
—Kelly Dow, Davie, FL

Please don't ruin something that is already working perfect without interference. It's literally just the right thing to do
—Carol Davis-Dow, Davie, FL

Please don't ruin something that is already working perfect without interference. It's literally just the right thing to do
—Tristina Dietz Elmes, Fort lauderdale, FL

To me, net neutrality means being free to go wherever I want. If this Orwellian rule passes, all of us will be herded around like animals. We'll be forced to listen to those who have the money to afford fast service, and every other voice will be shoved aside or shot down. Name one country that has ever seen good come from that.
—Joey Redlin, Round Lake Beach, IL

Hi I want you all to know something! I will not take this lying down because I would love for you all to be on this end of the internet as a regular person and deal with your crap for a year.! Just know that I will not be the only one in America that will not let this go on. So watch for others like me and myself included to make sure this does not get very far.
—Thomas Bracken, Bullhead City, AZ

Because innovation that has brought us marvelous tools like Google and YouTube and social media, and many, many other great inventions should not be stamped down and punished. Because I have a right to information in this country and a lack of Net Neutrality is equal to censorship.
—Sofia Vazquez-Duran, Windsor, CA

Keep net neutrality!! We do not need the internet to be another line of discrimination and division between people around the globe. It is time that you start listening to the people and our concerns, I pay to use a serive and expect that service to continue to be open. KEEP NET NEUTRALITY!!!
—Lyini Coleman, Houston, TX

Any decent and caring and genuine people would not allow a two tier system for the internet that would seriously affect everyday users of the internet, those same people who are using you to pass a bill that would only suit them is unacceptable, it's not the right thing to do because why do they need to manipulate this, it begs a serious question, please do not let them have this bill passed.
—Yeunal Piper, Mansfield,

What the FCC purposes is just not only hinders are free space, but goes against the very capitalist ideas that America were based on. The ability to choose something on the merit of the product when in comparison to other products is a necessity that helps promotes growth as indviduals and people in general. The internet is a magical library that can help anyone at any time. Are we as people allow our cable providers whom already make billions of dollar off our backs and have them make more money off us again? When will it be enough? Look I'll pay for the extra channels, I'll pay more for fast internet, but if net netruality is taken away from us, our computers will be as watered down and useless as our Television. We are tired of special interest groups controlling our lives. Political Correctness, NSA spying on us, and finally the FCC, what more liberites do we have to sacrifice to appease the special interest. We the American People must put a stop special Interest for the sake fairness and freedom. We must put a stop to the hegemony that is special interest and make it fair so that every argument can be heard no matter the offense or, inconvience that it might raise. We must protect freedom of speech first. T
—Edward Parreno, Riveriside, CA

Net neutrality is an information highway that assists the 99% in many ways: bringing formal education to the distant and disabled, connecting employers and employees, supporting consumerism by advertising broadly and likewise allowing wise spending choices, making medical information accessible, providing public forums to support a democratic society, linking otherwise lonely individuals to family and friends, supporting small business in almost every aspect of operation in a more affordable manner. Please do not allow unfettered greed to once more take advantage of those human beings. If these wealthier entities want more/better service then they should enhance the utility of the internet for all; just as new construction must install/enhance/upgrade roads and utilities for their projects so as not to negatively impact others.
—Tina Bryant, Bremerton, WA

Because it is the last part of true freedom in the world, an act of faith in humanity : human building a link between everybody, without control or asking for money is the most beautiful proof that human are not that bad or greedy. And it just make me sad.
—Smith Nathalie, Anglet,

The Internet has become a public utility ad should be treated as such.
—Margaret Goodman, Glen Mills, PA

My household uses the internet as its main supplier of entertainment. We currently pay for movie streaming sites and game subscriptions and while they are worth it I wouldn't want improvements that could be implemented by new businesses to be blocked form enjoying the same chance for success as the current providers due to some kind of preferred/tiered service structure that benefits corporations with deep pockets.
—Christopher W Ives, Somersworth, NH

Preserve net neutrality and the egalitarianism of the Internet.
—Thomas Sonnabend, Rockville, MD

Securing Net Neutrality will prevent divisive control and manipulation of the Internet by corporate interests. This invention will deliver a great gift to mankind if its freedom to evolve is protected and guarded.
—John Lawlor, Annamoe,

The FCC is supposed to protect the citizens of the USA. PLEASE DO YOUR JOB, FCC.
—Carole Crowe Frank, New York, NY

Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Do not allow the creation of a two-tiered Internet. The Internet is not broken.
—Donald Benson, Temecula, CA

Chairman Wheeler's plan provides no meaningful protection from corporations seizing control of the internet for corporate gains. They've already destroyed a free press and have turned the publicly-owned air waves for TV and Radio into a dollar store for cheap goods and a bully pulpit for uninformed blowhards. Don't let this happen to the internet! Robert Robinson Washington, DC 20010
—Robert Robinson, Washington, DC

Six months ago, I started a website called The Nerd Assembly, a blogging site where we share our thoughts on all things pop culture. We've seen a steady increase in traffic the last few months, but nothing that's making us much money. We do it because we love it. Net neutrality -- TRUE net neutrality -- makes The Nerd Assembly possible. The Internet is a level playing field, a place where there is true freedom. But with these new rules, you will kill that. Give the power to the Internet Service Providers, and you will kill us smaller sites. Beyond that, you will essentially censor what I see, what sites I visit. My privacy, my freedom, will be a thing of the past. If you want to make money from the Internet, then figure out another way. Take a page from our book, and try a little ingenuity. But don't fuck us over.
—Emily Allender, Scottsdale, AZ

An "Open Internet" is what makes the net such a powerful and viable source, to allow a change to closed internet would only benefit the corp world. I would not like to be the government that brought this change to billions of end users.
—Stuart, Springwood,

RECLASSIFY ISPSs AS COMMON CARRIERS !!
—Gerald R Demonte, PLAINVILLE, MA

It seems to me that the cable providers are mainly trying to eliminate competition. If this goes through, and net neutrality is changed in ANY way, families like mine will not be able to afford entertainment. If we were to watch Netflix, Hulu or any of our other internet related entertainment (Twitch, YouTube, etc) we would end up paying more for internet than we do for our power bill. I could rant and rage about how it's taking away the last fundamental of our freedoms as well, but I'm sure that point has been driven into the ground. And while it's worth mentioning, I also feel it's important to think of the bigger picture. The predictable high costs will not only affect whether or not some homes will receive internet, but it will affect the economy in a horrendous way. Gaming companies, small businesses, and even some larger companies will not be able to afford the necessary costs, causing loss of jobs, which means less money flowing into the economy pool. We will suffer even more ridiculous inflation, and many will be forced to leave their homes not being able to maintain a job higher than minimum wage. It will eventually lead to few to none being able to afford internet and the cycle will be complete and collapse in on itself.
—Joe Ann Gaskin, Rome, GA

Web application speed has everything to do usability. I am a software developer working on building applications for my clients. My dream is to one day completely live off the money i make from my software. I just need a great idea hard work and fast infrastructure to be successful. This proposal takes a dump on that dream. The cable companies already make a profit providing the same fast service today. Why do they need more?
—Ray Garcia, lewisville, TX

Inequality is becoming more apparent in America. Please do not add more fuel to the fire. Who is looking out for the people of this country? Not corporations, but human beings? Hopefully, we can depend on you.
—Denise Johnson, Arlington, TX

Net neutrality serves to protect small web-based companies from discrimination. It is the foundation of freedom and enables a fair, self-regulated market in which I currently love to participate. I don't want companies like Comcast and Verizon deciding who gets to be the "next big thing." I pay Comcast for access to what I want to see, and they shouldn't be allowed to double dip (make the content creators pay for me to access their content, something I have already paid for). I couldn't care less about corporate profits. I couldn't care less even if the prevalence of net neutrality decimated the economy as we know it (which it won't. In fact, ending net neutrality will create inefficiencies and likely hurt the economy in the long run). The WWW serves as the last bastion of true freedom and expression. Please don't let a few, profit hungry corporations speak over the voices of millions, and act as the voice of those who do not understand this complicated issue (a reality they take advantage of).
—Joseph Janiga, Santa Cruz, CA

People often speak of what it means to be American. When I envision this philisophical ideal I often think about the freedoms we hold dear and fight to hold onto. Part of these freedoms is the ability to showcase your innovations, ideas, and to pursue the life you wish. As time has passed our world has evolved and the technology that drives communication among all people has grown. Broadband internet access has become the primary way that the average person communicates with their peers, friends, and loved ones. I firmly believe that it is the primary resource for myself and most others when communicating. In this way broadband should be reclassified as a "telecommunications service." I have been using the internet since the days of dial-up and from what I have gathered over the years is using it for communication purposes is not only its primary use, but the original reason for its creation. From chat services, to web-based forums, and into meme based sharing sites we use this tool to communicate our loves, ideas, desires, worries, and fears amongst ourselves in order to better understand the world. To take this ability of free communication away from the American citizens goes against everything that we as a people hold dear and what our ancestors envisioned as the American way. Please, reclassify broadband internet access as a telecommunications service.
—Joseph Pautz, Asheville, NC

Angry people start revolutions. Don't piss off everyone by giving control of the internet to your companies
—Mr. Matt Sharp, Los Angeles, CA

The internet being free and equal is as American as the stars and stripes. I am 100% pro net neutrality and for the sake of enlightment and enlightment of my children, hands off the internet. Ensure Net neutrality.
—Sean Smith, Seal beach, CA

The Internet is an important piece of infastructure and it must not be managed by profiteers. It must not be put up for sale.
—Wayne Lorentz, Pacifica, CA

https://www.youtube.com/watch? v=fpbOEoRrHyU I think this literally sums up my feelings
—Caleb Kraft, Dunkirk, IN

Don't let the cable and phone companies ruin the internet.....PLEASE!!!!!
—Linda winn, Springfield, OR

Let's not let big business make policy this time. The internet needs to be neutral.
—Susan Schuengel, la Grange, IL

Everyone at FCC should watch "The Internet's Own Boy." Stop messing with a free internet. It's criminal to even consider. Tom Wheeler: stop lying about what you're attempting to do. Do the right thing once and for all and then get out of the way.
—Kitt Flynn, grass valley, CA

Reclassify ISP's as common carriers. Keep Internet Control in the USA keeping the UN out of any part of the internet.
—Richard Van Allen, Monticello, MN

Internet connectivity is a right, not a privilege for the wealthy. If we really don't want people to be in poverty then we need to give everyone equal access to the resources they need to get a good education &/or a job. You need the internet as a resource for your education. You need it to get a job.
—Stephanie Blair, San Francisco, CA

net neutrality is important because the internet is not a tool for war anymore and it's not understandable why is it legal and just good to grant better connection to corporates while the rest wait in a row for little liters of water. there's no reason to depend on the FCC's net rules. no one should be Tom Wheeler's hungry peasant
—Marcelo Tuller, Ciudad Autónoma de Buenos Aires,

Net Neutrality is vital for the future development of our society.
—Mr. Neil Bleifeld, New York, NY

If the FCC doesn't know freedom of speech is basic, the FCC should be eliminated.
—Leo T. Olson, Clearwater, FL

I don't want to be spied on or my searches to be used by anyone! Reverse the rule and classify ISP'S as common carriers that they truly are now. The internet is as much about communicating as anything. ISP'S need to be relabeled now!
—Robert Hargrave, Canton, NC

To the point where you start discriminating and charging people differently- I think all of us should turn off our internet. The FCC needs to look out for us, the common citizen, and not their bottom dollar every time. You need to make ISPs common carriers.
—Margie Self, Fayetteville, NC

The internet works because of the open and unfettered transfer of information among all the organizations that own or use part of the infrastructure. It would be patently unfair to some of the owners and users (particularly those of us who rely on the internet for content and data) if our access to the full benefits of content and speed of all the content developers were curtailed by allowing the more powerful and larger infrastructure owners to throttle back access to some sources of content and favor others. Please keep the information highway equally available to all suppliers and users by rejecting the idea of a two- (or more) tiered structure that would intrinsically establish winners and losers: reclassify the ISP's as common carriers!
—Steve Guch, Mount Dora, FL

I do not want to be relegated to second class status with respect to internet access and simply because ISP providers want to pad their bottom line. The internet is a public electronic highway just as our broadcast airwaves are. Corporations should not be allowed to hold consumers hostage to the corporate desire to gouge internet users even more. Net neutrality is a public right!
—Frederick Rhodes, Houston, TX

The FCC needs to reverse its prior decisions and reclassify Internet access services as “telecommunications services” under the law and treat ISPs at the common carriers they are. I always thought Government regulation was to stop monopolies from taking over and running our great nation. Unfortunately, it seems in recent years our government has been in the business of helping create and sustain monopolies instead. I ask that the FCC reconsider what they are doing and ask themselves who they were created to protect in the first place. I already have issues with receiveing good internet service putting more power into the hands of internet providers is not going to solve the issues that exist and will only make them worse.
—Jo Rayl, Fort Wayne, IN

I feel that right now, an issue so great has accrued, so monumentally disgusting, so gut wrenchingly evil, that I must participate in something I believed I never should. Politics. By letting this plan become reality essentially what is happening is not only the United States government, but really every single citizen of the United States of America is allowing cable companies to manipulate the one thing they haven't already manipulated for they're own good. The internet. I need to ask all politicians this question, are you really, willing to allow the one thing that is possibly humanities last hope to break free of this disgusting system we've been forced into, where the major families of the world, who control not only the cash-flow of the world, but the social norms, which they have literally turned into dispel any other forms of thinking besides our own, do not question why we live life the way its liven right now, why there is so much suffering in the world, all of which is completely unnecessary. In this disgusting world where money rules the population, where money and power is more important then helping the starving people of the world, helping those who don't know where they will get there next meal, if you don't believe me, that starving and suffering today is completely unnecessary, then please allow me to enlighten you. In the early 1900's, a brilliant man, of the name Nikola Tesla, you may have heard of him, he had found a way to produce pollution free energy, without means of combustion. He literally could create energy, and if you don't believe it the fact the JP Morgan, saw this happening, realized it was a threat to his copper wire monopoly, in which he was making a fortune from copper, which was being used to send and recieve energy, much like today. When he realized this new free energy wouldn't need wires, and would supply the world with abundant and clean energy, he not only cut off funding to Tesla, but shortly after, Teslas lab was literally burned to the ground. This is no longer speculation, or some conspiracy theory, no, for a conspiracy theory is what it sounds like, a theory, it is not speculation, but fact that the families like Rockefeller, Rothschilds, and others big names have been manipulating the system for their own wealth and power. If you truly don't believe this, then let me ask, why do companies like verizon and TWC want to be able to limit the internet, and only provide it to some people, which is what is going to happen. If these companies think otherwise, then why don't they put it into the law, Id like to directly speak to the companies like verizon, comcast, and TWC when I say, You are terrified of the internet, you are so petrified of the fact that people can get information out to the world in an instant, and mark my words, once your true intention gets out to the people, there will be an uproar of fury. If you really want to save not only our constitutional rights, but our power to arise and connect if we need, which we will need, then destroy your rules, reclassify ISPs as common carries. Throw out your rules and reclassify ISPs as common carries, its the only way to protect the last hope for us, net neutrality. We need Net Neutrality so throw away the rules, and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers, this is literally what everyone Except the large corporations, who look to just get bigger, and more disgusting from this. I ask one for time, PROTECT NET NEUTRALITY THROW OUT THE RULES RECLASSIFY ISPs AS COMMON CARRIERS
—Walter, no, IL

The internet is often thought of as just a hub for pornography. While there is a seemingly incalculable amount of it online, the web is so much more than just a way to get off. It's a connection to the world, a global link between people from all over our planet Earth. People can voice an opinion no matter how illogical and misinformed, or perfectly thought out, and sometimes profound, it may be. It's now a widely accepted source of credible information whereas when I was in middle school, even up until I graduated high school, there were close to zero online sources I was allowed to use for research papers and homework. It's a way for people to save money on items for everyday use, plan vacations, keep in touch with old friends and family members, for businesses to start up, for abused animals to be rescued, for patients to find doctors, for musicians and artists to reach an audience, and a virtually limitless source of entertainment. The internet is a tool people can use to enrich their lives. With the new proposed Internet rules, I understand all of those things will still be available, but at what cost? If large companies are able to pay more money to have more content available at faster speeds, then the cost of their services will undoubtedly increase, which will inevitably trickle down to the end user, the consumer. Whats fantastic about the internet the way it is, is that regular people with an idea have a way to bring it to fruition. When the federal government gets their hands on this piece of technology and starts sending it out to the highest bidder, then a normal, middle class citizen is automatically forced to the end of line, struggling to break through to middle of the pack. I'm not saying he or she will never be able to get noticed, but how is one man or woman supposed to compete a company like Amazon? My biggest concern with all of this, is that since individuals or corporations with big bank accounts will be able to pay for their share of the internet they provide and how its distributed, when will they decide to start censoring, banning and eliminating existing content and refusing new content? A television station can choose not to use a sponsor if they don't agree with the product or a stance the manufacturing company holds. A sports team or association can force its owner to leave for saying what was on his mind. Since Comcast and Verizon will be paying extra for premium services, whose to say that certain websites and content won't be available once these rules take effect? After that, when will the government start regulating the remaining content so we can only see what they want us to see? I'm positive that I'll be reassured countless times that it won't happen, or why it will be better for me as an individual or the nation as a whole, when something made by the people, for the people, gets too tightly controlled, it will start to fall apart and be near impossible to recover. It breaks my heart to see this happening. It's clearly nothing more than a money grab and it's pathetic. The extra money the government makes on this isn't ever going to come back to the people who are forced to shell out the extra dollars, which is truly sad because they're the same people who really did make the Internet great. Every funny, silly, stupid, convenient, disgusting, heartwarming, vulgar, horrifying, innovative, mundane, annoying and simply wonderful thing on the Internet, is because of us. Nowadays a lot of us do take it for granted, but that's no reason to be punished and restricted to use something that we, with no help from the government, created together as a legitimate, one-of-a-kind, global community.
—Daniel Schultz, Jackson, NJ

Giving priority access to only those who pay exorbitant fees to the carriers deprives the bulk of the population of their right to know and their receipt of the broadest possible information flow.
—Donna Eriksen, Burlington, CT

It is completely unacceptable that companies that own monopolies by controlling where their services are available would be allowed to then regulate internet content delivery speeds based on who pays them the most money. As a small business owner working in the visual arts and new media I adamantly appose this proposed new rule as the content I create would never have a hope of being on top. The internet is a level playing field for people to share content. While there is a lot of junk out there, the internet also provides a platform for good social change and free exchange of ideas - things that contribute to innovation in society. By allowing cable and internet companies to regulate the speeds by which content is delivered to users, you are crushing this valuable social and creative resource into just another mindless media platform ruled by advertising and big corporation spending. It promotes gluttony, dull-wittedness, and uselessness. Crap in - Crap out. Stop using politics as an excuse to line your pockets and start working for the benefit of the American People.
—Tricia Beal, Plymouth, MA

The internet was paid for by our tax dollars in 1950, none of these companies own any part of it . The american puplic does and they should be paying us to use it for their advertising and part of their profit.
—Micheal Penry, OMAHA, NE

Without Net Neutrality, the purpose of an open internet is thwarted, and this will stifle innovation, creativity, and accessibility. We wouldn't even know what we had lost! I very strongly urge you to let Net Neutrality completely intact.
—Keni Hanson, Ceresco, NE

Because Net Neutrality is important.
—Sebastian Johansson, Boden,

I believe that Net Neutrality should be maintained and enforced to prevent unwanted and unwarranted control of the internet by for-profit companies. The only arguments I have heard from the parties for removing Net Neutrality is to selectively increase the bandwidth of certain sites to improve the service. But from my experience, this argument has a flaw. This is that internet speed has always been improving at a steady rate, meaning that over time any concerns about bandwidth would become less relevant overtime. Thus I find that the sole argument against Net Neutrality to be void. This gives my support to the ongoing protection and longevity of Net Neutrality.
—Kieran Ramaswami, Saskatoon,

To: Chairman Wheeler and the rest of the Federal Communications Commission, We want action for democratic media, not platitudes as smokescreens for corporate domination of the Internet. We want net neutrality.
—Zachary Tyler Brown-Garcia, Paramount, CA

You are hurting america and the government is being bullied by the big companies! This proposal would not benefit anyone and only cause more problems by hurting businesses and individuals. Shame on the FCC for listening to money!
—Nirali, Orlando, FL

This is an outrageous bill! it's an obvious giveaway to Isp's. another example of government pandering to large corporations, while telling the citizens you're supposed to serve_YOU DON'T COUNT
—Laurel Bolduc, SPFLD, MA

EQUAL ACCESS FOR ALL....!!!!
—Rick Russek, REDONDO BEACH, CA

Net Neutrality is very important to me. My privacy is very important to me, and my content should not be filtered by my ISP, the internet should remain open to all without and filtration or blocking of any information what so ever. Please reclassify the internet and help keep our rights safe. We NEED Net Neutrality to maintain a leveled field for all.
—Edgar, Albuquerque, NM

Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers. It's only right. To me if the companies have there way it would be equivalent if all the major highways in the 50s were made company toll roads. Our country today would be unrecognizable. Please do what's right, protect the future, protect the people. Thank You
—Larry Graham, Arlington, TX

There are no more regional radio and tv stations in the US. Local programs are a thing of the past. America's airways have become strip malls. Travel the nation and no matter where you go, where there was once rich cultural diversity you will now find identical streets and broadcasting. Big business has wiped out the very concept of the great melting pot, replacing it with one size fits all sameness. All stores carry the same Chinese products, all tv and radio stations broadcast the same syndicated programs as filler between identical commercials. Bring back regional pride. Break up the super conglomerates that have successfully turned our nation into a cookie cutter world where all the cookies are round suger coated white flour.
—Lonnie Wilson, Bakersfield, CA

Act on behalf of the American people for a change. Promote actual competition among providers not exploitation of the public for profit.
—Lydia M LaFleur, Chicopee, MA

Net neutrality is important because it gives people the ability to get unbiased information. To help make informed decisions to make a difference in your life. How else is going to combat the misinformation that political parties put out and billionaire big money influence?
—Brian Simurdiak, Green Bay, WI

Net Neutrality is important to everyone. In fact, other countries have more freedoms on the Internet already as well as more speed. Yet Americans sit placid and allow monopolies to become effective when it is clearly against the law for there to be any kind of monopolies in this country. With the mergers of these Internet giants, these corporations will rule us instead of the people ruling them. They will increase their charges even more than they do now. My Internet bill increases a little at a time nearly every month. It is totally ridiculous.
—Helen B. Perry, Jacksonville, FL

The idea of an end to Net Neutrality is just ridiculous. Net Neutrality takes up a large portion of daily American life, as I'm sure it does in other places as well. In fact everyone, even the people who don't have internet, are affected by it. Net Neutrality is beautiful. The internet is basicly a complex tool that anyone can use to make things in life simple, easier, and more managable. It's the mother of knowledge and learning. And hinderring people's ability learn is not going to help the world become safer, more successful, or any better in general. The internet is also a medical unit. Tons of people every day are on the internet searching for relief, treatments, and symptoms of disiese. Without Net Neutrality, people's injuries would get worse and become infected. People would have to pay for medical treatments they could have just done at home. Not that, But it's also a form of conversation, counsel, and guidance. An end to Net Neutrality could be the end to relationships of all kinds. Now it might sound like I'm explaining what it would be like if the internet was completely cut off to certain people. But that's because A lot of people probably won't waste their time or money on slow internet connections. Net Neutrality is like a mother that loves all of her children the same. It put all of it's users on the same level, as equals. I honestly feel that Net Neutrality is one of the only pure things left in this world. It would just be a shame to see greed crush it. In comics, the good guys win. I think Net Neutrality should too.
—Destiny Garrison, Brownsboro, TX

The Internet cannot be a place of haves and have nots. Companies, such as Google, got their success from the freedom and the equality present on the World Wide Web. If some bits are put on a fast lane, very few consumers will step out of that fast lane of information, and development and innovation will stagnate. This is not a good idea. Preserve Net Neutrality.
—Evan Cowie, DeFuniak Springs, FL

its a form of monopoly that benefits ONLY cable providers.
—Bryan Enstad, rice lake, WI

We need net neutrality. We are among one of the first few generations to have access to global knowledge, freely. Limiting that, allowing large companies to discriminate against what can be accessed based on extra fees would do nothing but hurt.
—Courtney Stilwell, Murray, KY

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers: The internet is a vital information source for our democracy - akin to the news and post that our founders explicitly fostered and protected. A change to common carriage, while controversial, would ensure fundamental access for the public.
—John Thomson PhD, Madison, WI

Net Neutrality is important to me because I use the internet every day for email and Facebook and just surfing in general. I use the internet to buy items from online sites, like Amazon. Would I still be able to do all of that if the "big corporations" get their way? Net Neutrality is a good thing! Don't let the BIG corporations get their way! Reclassify ISPs as a common carriers.
—Gary Beyer, Spokane, WA

Please do what is right and protect our freedom of speech by keeping the internet free. In the era of communication, the internet is a vital lifeline in the further progression of the nation. ISPs must be reclassified as common carriers. Prove popular opinion wrong and do what is best for THE PEOPLE instead of appeasing special interests.
—Deborah Souverain, Miami, FL

I don't believe there should be a "preferred customers" internet tier that can hold the rest of us hostage to their products, beliefs, corporate preferences or anything else while blocking or slowing our own personal choices just because they can afford to buy the privilege. We all deserve to have equal speed and access no matter who we are. The internet need to be named by the FCC as a public utility.
—M Leszczynski, Lapeer, MI

Net Neutrality is key to a free and open internet.
—Gregory Sherman, New York, NY

It is strategically important that you throw out your stifling FCC rules and reclassify ISPs as Common Carriers to prevent rampant online discrimination and protect real Net Neutrality. This is the only viable solution, being the very best way forward for all and everyone.
—Andrea Lea, Gresham, OR

In order for new companies to succeed in the new internet age 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.
—Robert McNichols, Roanoke, VA

The proposed rules of a two tiered system are just a way for service providers to strong arm more money out of internet companies. If these rules are to pass, a majority of the country would lose its faith, even more so, in the government's ability to do what is right for the people and for the economy.
—Andrew M Dodd, Rochester, NY

I've cut the cable and use the internet for all of my entertainment needs. In addition, I use it for my home phone service through VOIP. The internet is the airwave of the future and needs to be treated as such.
—Steven Roberts, Canton, OH

Net Neutrality is extremely important to me because i was raised around the internet and I have seen the benefits first hand of an open internet. I am currently 22 going to UC Irvine and I can proudly say that the majority of my knowledge was not gained because of my failed public schooling, but because of my own curiosity and the openness of the internet. I was born into poverty with my mother making only $20,000 a year, My formal educational system was a complete failure. I knew i was smart, but just did not attempt to make an effort living in a neighborhood that produces more gang members than high school graduates. Thanks to my own commitment for a better life and a better education, I went to community college and changed myself dramatically which I can directly attribute it all thanks to the internet and its non-discriminatory policies. Any question that popped into my young curious mind I would make an internet search and gain more knowledge about the world, which is necessary in a democracy. Please keep the internet open for everyone and not make a class based internet where information can potentially be stifled.
—Arturo Hurtado, cudahy, CA

Let's keep the internet from becoming controlled by just a few corporate interests. In short, let's prevent what has happened to radio, tv, cable, and phone services.
—John Waide, Nashville, TN

Net Neutrality in its simpliest idea is an equality and limitation on monopolizing of the internet data base. The argument that major corporations such as TWC, Verizon, and Comcast are not trying to buy companies nor infringe on the speed in order for such companies to gain more money is totally bull as Netflix a company strongly advocating for net neutrality was pressured by Comcast which saw Comcast worsen cable connection until Netfix agreed to their demands. The internet in this day and age is the most valuable thing. I leave you with this FCC if Netflix, a major company with no startup competetiors, is fighting for the permenance of net neutrality than it is what is the right thing to do.
—Sarah Brown, West Hills, CA

You are making a terrible mistake in what you are doing. Removing the restrictions placed on ISPs will be incredibly detrimental to the freedom and open use of the internet, as there is virtually no competition in place, as speeds can be throttled or even cut entirely with the prospect of Net Neutrality removed. The internet is not broken, stop taking steps to fix that.
—Nick Photopoulos, Glenshaw, PA

Ending Net Neutrality is a horrible idea that will allow mega-companies like Comcast, companies who have regional monopolies across the country, to screw us over. If you're going to end Net Neutrality and screw everyone over, you could at least buy us dinner first.
—Themistocles Lycomid, Greene, RI

throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.allowing the free market to be free
—Jimrello, brockton, MA

Freedom of press is a right protected in the constitution. Money and greed is enslaving the rights of every American. Internet acess should be a free and open source for press.
—James Vidano, Dulzura, CA

I love the freedom to learn whatever I want that the current free internet allows. I just last year turned eighteen and am now allowed to vote. I want the internet to keep being free. I really want for the disgusting collusion amongst the ISPs to be broken up, not supported by our government.
—Alexander, Washington, DC

Net neutrality has opened up some of the fastest innovation that we have seen in recent years, the free and open transfer of ideas and opinions has made for a truly amazing experience. As well, jobs that did not and could not exist without the internet now exist and are valid ways of people to make a living such as YouTube, comics, music production, and many more. All of which are creative endeavors which should be fostered.
—Gary Ogden, Englewood, CO

Net Neutrality is important to me because I support small companies, most of which will not be able to compete with larger companies, leading to monopolies, and the death of creativity and innovation. The United States was built on diversity, but without net neutrality, people will be afraid to be creative due to how they cannot pay premiums for convenience. The internet was never broken, and therefore, should not be fixed. The main company behind this, Comcast/ Time Warner, is a monopoly. Monopolies are illegal in the United States, and this is just the monopoly pushing us around because no one else is around. The United States is a joke now because of our corruption, and I am now ashamed to be an American. So much for our freedom, and being the land of opportunity. Opportunity is dead.
—Lucas Shafran, mendham, NJ

We MUST protect net neutrality. It is the last soldier of free speech and unbiased information left. Throw out your rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Susan Andrews, Mandeville, LA

My political and economic freedom are in danger when my freedom to communicate is sold to the highest bidder.
—Richard Krueger, Bellingham, WA

I make my living working over the internet every day. Americans like me depend on its remaining open, free and neutral. We cannot afford an internet where corporate monopolists can sell higher speed or better access to the highest bidder. Our economy needs equal access for every small businesses that could potentially become the next Google, Facebook or Amazon. Selling better speed and access to those with the most cash cash would allow existing telecom players to stifle future innovation and increase the rents they impose on the rest of us.
—William Thickstun, Clinton, NY

Net Neutrality allows entrepreneurs the ability to start businesses and fuel the economy. PROTECT IT.
—Margaret Thickstun, Clinton, NY

Internet providers should be classed as common carriers. They should not be able to discriminate among content providers. There is too little competition already. My internet service is already too slow, and there is little I can do about it. I am paying for "Turbo" speeds, and getting TURTLE speeds. The internet service providers can rip us off, secure in knowing we have no where else to go.
—Shirley Knop, Clinton, NY

NET NEUTRALITY NOW
—Brock Grimm, Bellevue, WA

I object to changes in the system of providing internet access that permit discrimination by service providers in quality and speed depending on economic or business arrangements between the service provider and content source. All content providers should be treated the same concerning their ability to access internet users who are clients of the same provider.
—Ronald Clary, Canoga Park, CA

I implore you to save Net Neutrality. Network operators like Comcast, Verizon, AT&T and others will undoubtedly charge premiums for internet access. They already gouge consumers by charging forced fees of up to $200/ month just to get cable and internet access. Seeing that the FCC and FTC doesn't mind allowing Comcast to keep acquiring cable and content networks, why would you think they wouldn't stab consumers in the back even more than they already do. Do your job and protect the internet. It's free and should always be free. I am a total believer in democracy and commerce, but why did the government break up MA Bell because it was a monopoly, only to allow it to monopolize the marketplace again. Do your job and do it well. Keep the internet free!
—Dionisios Favatas, Washington, DC

There are already too many ways that the already rich can burden the rest, let's not add another one.
—Jane Beck, mohnton, PA

I want the preservation of equality and freedom, and you people think destroying Net Neutrality will encompass both? Wrong, you're so wrong, this whole country is turning into a catastrophe. Don't let Net Neutrality fall.
—Whitney Seabrooks, Binghamton, NY

I am in the process of starting my own internet based creative marketing and design agency. I graduated from university in 2010. Hiring was at an all time low. If I wanted my dream job I knew I would have to create it. I am elated about the prospect of creating jobs for others in my community as I see many struggling to find work. The internet allows entrepreneurs to build start ups with relatively low overhead. It is the newest and arguably greatest platform to foster the American Dream of creating a better life for yourself and others within your community. Net Neutrality allows internet based companies to start out on an even playing field. It allows small businesses to grow into big businesses. Adding a two tiered system would make it difficult for small internet based businesses to launch and would thus stunt job growth in the United States. Why would the government want to interfere with middle class job creation? Why would it want to work against itself to tarnish the American Dream? Internet Neutrality is important for small businesses. It is important for job creation. It is important to freedom of speech. Take it away and you would be doing this country a shameful disservice.
—Kathryn Reina, Tampa, FL

The American people need an open internet with equal access for all. Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Brandon Smith, Vancouver, WA

Please reconsider the currently proposed two-tiered plan supported by Chairman Wheeler. I have been involved with multiple internet startups and I assure you that providing a fast lane for established businesses - such as Netflix and Facebook - will place an undue restraint on competition and free enterprise. US startups will face a severe competitive disadvantage if the two-tiered regulations are codified. Startups will focus on other markets and the US economy will suffer in the long run. Please keep the US internet free and open to all competitors without the proposed two-tiered cost hurdles.
—Dan Cooke, Minneapolis, MN

Net neutrality is important to me because it allows me to learn and educate myself about the world I live in because I cannot afford school like many other Americans. Knowledge is the most important piece to any civilizations ability to grow and evolve peacefully. I fear that greed rather than love will be what our species will be known for.
—Jamison hines, Sacramento, CA

reclassify ISPs as common carriers
—Tara Kerksick, Festus, MO

The door that was opened by this ruling has no where good to go. I think that's obvious too. The internet made way for innovations because it was an even playing field. That was taken away. New ideas will now be stifled because of this decision. The internet is a utility not just a service.
—Andrew C Maresco, Warren, MI

Censorship on the internet is not okay. Net neutrality is not okay.
—Devon Mertins, Sussex, WI

I urge the FCC to treat ISPs as common carriers and to adhere to the principal of net neutrality which is critical to fostering equal access to the internet and freedom of speech. With the internet we finally have a vehicle for democratizing the free flow of ideas and information, unfettered by the control of a media elite. This is enormously healthy for our democracy. Maintaining net neutrality is also critically important to our economy both in terms of the exchange of ideas and education as well as leveling the playing field for all businesses active on the internet. As FCC Commissioners at this moment in time you are tasked with making a decision that will have a major impact on future generations, the health of our democracy and the strength of our economy. Please do the right thing by maintaining the principal of net neutrality.
—Richard Elmendorf, Los Angeles, CA

Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers. They are carrying the majority of telephone traffic - and most other forms of communication it is time.
—Shawn Mammon, Casper, WY

It is important to reclassify ISP's as common carriers. The internet is the only place where there is a true level playing field. Opening it to a privatized system will drive users over the edge because companies will only prioritize profit and bend the internet to favor them!!
—Ernesto Aveledo, Bethesda, MD

We now live in a world where the top 5% receive favored treatment. Favored treatment should not be allowed on the internet. I recommend discarding the FCC's proposed internet rules. Stand up for once in your life and propose rules that favor the majority and certainly not the privileged. Protect real net neutrality.
—Lowell Irminger, Mt Dora, FL

Dear FCC, Please reconsider the recently released rulese regarding the ability to allow Internet Service Providers the ability to slow access for some and not others. ISPs already have the option to determine who much internet a person can have at once (i.e., 2 Mpbs vs 10 Mbps) It doesn't make sense that they would need another way to filter the speed based upon the content. ISPs are essentially a public utility, such as phone service and I do not believe it is right or just to allow commerical interests to define who we can / cannot communicate with while online. It would make it increasingly easy for the ISPs to determine what messages their customers can see. For example, they could slow the speed to the website of a new competitor in town. I understand that the current rules include provisions to prevent this type of thing from happening. However, why would we even introduce the power if we didn't want them to use it. Cases like these could be difficult to prosecute which would in effect allow the ISP to proceed as they choose. Again please reconsider this choice. I believe it is bad for business, and free speech.
—Crystal Coleman, Evansville, IN

Net Neutrality is imperative to maintain equal access commerce and to prevent discrimination.
—Rachel Turner Fletcher, Stonewall, LA

I own an internet startup company and the delivery of content to users is extremely important to my business model. With the proposed rule changes in front of the FCC there is a potential for abuse that I believe will harm my companies potential for investment as well as the potential for customers to be scared away from my service.
—James Stage, Davie, FL

Your proposed rules will stifle innovation for 99.999% of the population and make .001% richer. I do not see how this can be called progress of any sort. The beauty of the internet is how equal everyone is. To take that away is not liberty or freedom but rather an attempt to make already extremely profitable companies more profitable. ISPs should be considered common carriers just like phone companies, as they provide IDENTICAL services. Remember your 56k modem you used to connect to the same internet that you're now trying to destroy?
—Brian Fialkowski, Chelmsford, MA

The plan for internet access is to discriminate patrons based on income? No. This is not the way to go about regulating access to the internet, one of the most powerful resources available to the public. Limiting internet accessibility to income is exactly like limiting education on the same terms. Without net neutrality balancing the playing field, then it's a clear case of yet another policy favoring the rich and leaving the poor in the dust. Please rethink Net Neutrality. It's a policy that modern America desperately needs if it is to move forward as a country with citizens able to access information to solve problems. -Ryan Anthony Conway age 17
—Ryan Anthony Conway, Kunkletown, PA

Dear FCC, I believe that the Internet is one of the cornerstones of our democracy. As a means of information and communication, it is unrivaled in its popularity. I use it everyday! The current structure, in which all content is delivered at the same speed for the same price, is essential to protecting its accessibility by and for everyone. Telecommunication companies do not own the content being delivered and therefore, should not be given rights to own its delivery. A system with one tier is the only democratic way to offer Internet. Thank you.
—Josephine Tritsch, Urbana, IL

Net Neutrality is critical to our democracy. The monopoly service providers of Comcast, ATT, Time Warner and Verizon cannot be trusted to safe guard access to the Web.
—Martin Smith, St. Simons Island, GA

As a teacher, I use web 2.0 activities online, from time to time, and I teach my students how to find valid information on lots of "low hit" websites. My school is not going to have a "fast lane" for its internet use. The non-profit web sites that report on current research in a wide array of academic fields are not going to have a "fast lane." Net neutrality is important to public education and ongoing adult education, not because it "levels the playing field," but because it won't increase disadvantages of ordinary citizens. Corporations will retain their intrinsic advantages without privileged access to a "fast lane."
—Tamara Jaffe-Notier, Oak Park, IL

The control by a few affects the majority in our pocket I would believe is against the law I think is call Monopoly. Thanks
—Jose A. Hernandez, Chino Ca., CA

FCC: Throw out these pending rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers! If Chairman Tom Wheeler's plan is pushed through, this will mean an end to true Net Neutrality. Please and Thank you.
—Joanna LaGrone-Headrick, Dallas, TX

Keep the internet neutral, free from an arrangement that would allow ANY internet service provider to create a tiered system. I would oppose, with my vote, all entities that would support such a multi-tiered system. Please don't let the powerful grow more powerful. Help those of us that rely on you to do the right thing, we are counting on you. Reclassify ISPs as COMMON CARRIERS.
—Andy M., Lancaster, CA

Please do not take away our right to an open internet. The wealth of information on the internet should be available to everyone without additional cost. Net neutrality is essential to our everyday lives in our jobs, education, connection to those people around the world.it would be a shame to limit this access.
—Marisela, Long beach, CA

Net Neutrality is important to me because I do not want the sanctity of the internet and the freedoms it currently exercises to be diluted down into yet another corporate attempt to make even more money off the hardworking individuals of our nation. I live in Orlando, FL and the network service provider for cable and internet is primarily Bright House Networks and they operate in a similar fashion that Net Neutrality would operate if it were to become effective. Specifically, Bright House offers multi-tiered internet options for its consumers: (1) Standard 10 Mbps; (2) Lightning 30 Mbps; (3) Lightning 60 Mbps; and (4) Lightning 90 Mbps. "Mbps" refers to the speed at which a download will occur. (Note: At the time I held the service only options (1), (2) and (3) were in existence.) I initially started with the Standard internet package, which cost roughly $90.00 a month (with basic cable). As a law student, I need internet access for a large majority of my time and using the Standard internet access package from Bright House made me want to rip my hair out: it was slow, constantly shorted out, or just plain wouldn't work. I would have to call Bright House's call center to have them reset the internet connection anywhere from 2-3 times a WEEK. So after suffering the nonsense that continuously accompanied using the Standard internet package, I decided it was best to suck it up and pay the extra money for a faster internet connection. Next I upgraded to the Lightning 30 which cost about $140.00 a month(with cable). I don't know about most peoples financial circumstances but in my opinion, $140.00 a month for internet is ridiculous. So essentially, my internet connection was much faster than before but that was only because I was paying for it to be that fast. However, it was not long until the internet connection was acting up again and I again began having to call Bright House's call center to reset the internet connection, anywhere from 1-2 a WEEK just so that I could have normal internet connection capabilities. Without having to delve further into the 3rd internet upgrade example, suffice it to say that I canceled my service shortly upon learning the price, $175.00 a month (with cable). Note: the prices I paid for my service may not necessarily be the same prices everyone else pays but it is in the general ballpark of what the average Bright House consumer will spend on internet and cable access in the Central Florida area. Net Neutrality in effect would operate the same way as Bright House except with only two-tiers of internet speeds instead of the four "options" provided by Bright House. Net Neutrality will destroy the Internet as we know it by enveloping the concept of better access with monetary incentives. If Net Neutrality ceases to exist in its current form, providers such as: AT&T, Comcast and Verizon will inevitably dominate the level of internet access individuals will have with money as their incentive to provide a faster internet speed. If the average citizen cannot afford to pay the appropriate fees, they are forced to live with slower internet than everyone else who can afford the extra fee for the faster internet. Fortunately, with Bright House you can shut down immoral activities such as this simply by cancelling your service. However, if the proposed FCC rules are passed, Americans will not have the option of having the, "It's not you, it's me," conversation we all know and love within our society's culture. Therefore, Net Neutrality is important to me because Americans are already getting "boned" left and right in all other aspects of society: politics, government, economics, etc. KEEP THE FCC FROM BONING THE ONLY FREEDOM THAT STILL MAINTAINS ITS SANCTITY IN CONTEMPORARY SOCIETY: INTERNET FREEDOM. So basically what Bright House has done in the Central Florida area is create a sort of "monopoly"
—Hillary Kessler, Orlando, FL

given the recent state of the economy, people are cutting down on luxuries, like tv. then the cable companies want to punish you for trying to save some money! are they going to start putting a cap on how many dvd's you can own?
—Damien, Waynesboro, PA

BECAUSE FREEDOM IS IMPORTANT! The internet is a source of information for so many people, its how we change the world from our living room couch! This is an outrage! This idea that someone would sacrifice so many for the benefit of only a few is unbelievable, without conscious, and we cannot allow this to stand!
—Sarah, Orland Park, IL

FCC, throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers!
—Emma, Ann Arbor, MI

The Internet has become a necessity for conducting business and a major facet of personal and home life. The best solution is to reclassify ISP's as common carriers.
—Dawn Heinbach, Kutztown, PA

Net Neutrality is important to me because I believe that those with more money to spend will ultimately have more access and thus more power, further pushing those in poverty to be uneducated.
—Elizabeth Sweigart, Sinking Spring, PA

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Debbie Holmes, Houston, TX

Corporations act in the interest of the corporation, that interest and the interest of the people are not the same. Save net neutrality to preserve what we have left of a free democratic source of information.
—Wilda Gilman, Everett, WA

I'm already paying an awful lot for internet already. They shouldn't be able to tell me what I can use it for I'm paying for it. I choose Netflix and Hulu over cable because with them I can choose what I want to watch when. The only reason these internet companies are trying to do this is because they are losing the customers for their cable service and are trying to make money off of a service they are no longer getting our money for. It's none of their business weary I'm using my internet for so they shouldn't be able to restrict what I use it for.
—April Bier, El Paso, TX

The internet is the building block for our education in the United States. Everyone from students to the adult work force uses the internet to learn and discover. Do not slow down the progress and development of this country to befit a couple companies.
—Laura Perez, Austin, TX

Net neutrality is key to my pursuit of life, liberty and happiness. Seriously. The internet, with all its colorful uses across the spectrum, is essential for bridging the gaps in my life between the familiar and "a whole 'nother world". I am smarter. I have more information. I can pursue more. I can connect broader...sell more...buy more. For me, with the internet, I can BE better. Limiting what has become a utility would be a terrible set back. There are only a handful of "signal and internet providers" out there. From where I stand, the last decade, at least, has not been used by these providers to truly service the populace--the users, customers, folks paying these mega companies. We have been taken advantage of. The promises of faster connections, faster this, more options here, better service there, lower rates here---NONE OF THIS HAS BEEN FULFILLED by the mega companies. Instead, they charge rates unequal to the level of "goods" they provide. With mega companies like Google and with already obese governments becoming "G"-inormous, America and the world will have little say and in the already dictatorial regions of the world, people will be even more oppressed by fear [to speaking out, dissenting, fighting for their future]. Perhaps, if there were policies that encouraged and cultivated many more upstart companies in the digital and signal industry, net neutrality MAY not be necessary. But as it stands, with the behaviors of huge and mega companies, bolstered governments and their agencies, AND the technical advances in all aspects of our lives, equal access to the internet is critical to our lives, liberties and pursuits.
—F Pres President, Decatur, GA

Time Warner Cable's internet service sucks enough as is, don't make it worse.
—Michael Andrew Vlk, Dallas, TX

Net Neutrality is vital to my communication, education (I'm a college student), safety, health, and understanding of current global events. Without Net Neutrality, I wouldn't be able to communicate with all of my old friends. Without Net Neutrality, it would take too long for me to download educational material needed for my classes. Without Net Neutrality, emergency updates from UCSB (my university) may not reach me in time for me to act. Without Net Neutrality, my understanding of important global events that may impact the United States will be greatly diminished and biased. A lack of Net Neutrality is a large impediment to progress. So please, throw out your rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Brianna Borden, Goleta, CA

All the masses need untethered communication speed. Not one honest human benefits from any impediments to the flow of information. Pitch your unfounded rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. DO YOUR JOB IN PROTECTING ALL AMERICAN CITIZENS AND DRIVE EQUALITY FOR ALL.
—Leslie D Madison, Torrance, CA

Don't play favorites with the internet!!!
—Glen E Weaver, Waldport, OR

Net neutrality is one of the last truly democratic principles left in this country.
—Simon Mueller, Henrico, VA

I support net neutrality. In a democracy we must have an open and free internet. To protect real net neutrality, the FCC must reclassify ISPs as common carriers. I oppose any tiered pricing structures where wealthy corporations will have faster speed and the slow lanes will be left for the rest of the public. We don't need internet service providers to block or slow down any website. For example, a video would take longer to access; also the ISPs could block them. This is anti-consumer, allowing corporations to decide what kind of content you can access on the Internet.
—Martha Madison, Torrance, CA

Please be fair and classify the internet service providers as common carriers. The proposed plan is not sufficient to protect the customers from discrimination by internet service providers.
—John Stein, manchester, NH

Internet is the medium, not the vehicle... You can have vehicles that don't drive to certain places, but you cannot (shouldn't) have space-time distortions!
—Marcelo Peccin, Milpitas, CA

The Internet shouldn’t be a walled garden. It should remain a haven for innovation and free expression. As so many startups and political activists know, open, affordable and fast communications networks for everyone are essential to our individual, economic, and political freedoms.
—Jackye Clayton, Lake Oswego, OR

Mr. Wheeler, The free and open internet is probably the most important advancement in technology in several centuries; I count myself lucky to have been born in time to witness its birth. It is such a ridiculously powerful democratizing force when it comes to commerce. We can't afford to allow this to slip through our fingers as consumers face a new, more insidious form of monopolization. Please allow the market to continue to choose winners and losers, and not the highest bidder. Thank you.
—Elise Esquenazi, RIVERSIDE, CA

It's bad enough that access to the Internet is not a public service in this country, but rather it's just another profit center for a few corporations charging "monopoly rents" that are the highest in the world, while providing the slowest global internet services. Such a deal. WAIT - it gets better. NOW, these corporations, under the corporate shilling "stealership" of Tom Wheeler is now poised to create an overbearing power grab to gouge the American public even further on Internet access prices and short us even more on the services those inflated dollars will provide. These actions, currently under a 120 day public review, would be made to essentially surrender the Internet's determinedly democratic ethic to the plutocratic rule of corporate profiteers. What's "reasonable" is supposed to be protected by the FCC for issues of "toll lane" abuse, BUT it's designed to be policed on a case-by-case basis. This means that the FCC would be forcing victims of this Internet toll way system, who have little resources, to bring complaints to the commission and go against a battery of high power corporate lawyers. This is nothing but a convoluted capitulation to the bandits of broadband who's only goal is to increase profits and end net neutrality. How about protecting the citizens of our country instead of fostering yet another part of the U.S.A. - United Screwing of Americans??
—Robert Barnesky, Beverly Hills, FL

As a new company startup it is imperative to our success to have a level playing field for internet speeds. Currently my internet speeds wax and wane and this would only exacerbate the problem. Please keep the internet an open place.
—Kurt Sysock, New York, NY

Any regulations and laws with tricky language within its texts is a disgusting and repulsive way to manipulate and have one more aspect of unquestioned control over the peoples of this country. Our governments are more evidently becoming corrupt and controlling content and small businesses we currently have access to push forward their own agenda's and taking away our voices. Please stop this heinous internal crime now!
—Christopher Grubb, Minneapolis, MN

Take a second to digest the full ramification of your decision. Please understand that your decision to end net neutrality will damage the backbone of this country's success, small businesses. I know you may view the choice as a positive one for the larger companies who are more than willing to bribe you with money but I caution you, DON'T DO IT. Also, the last thing we need is the internet to become the next airline business, where large monopolies create absurd charges and fees and our choice is either to pay it or not fly. Please THINK about the MILLIONS of people that will be affected by this decision and make the right one. Do not allow the evil of greed and power to cause you to make a rule that will restrict the internet.
—George Sinclair, Katy, TX

Dear fellow Americans, Throw out the proposed rules and classify ISPs as common carriers! The discriminatory practices proposed do not support an open and level playing field: they privilege the already privileged. Keep access accessible: change the plan!
—Cl, Lincoln, NE

Please, Please, Please save Net Neutrality
—Dutch Conway, Easthampton, MA

Stop the insanity, the Internet should be classified as a public utility, not a two-tiered pay-to-play system
—David Rollison, Seattle, WA

Net Neutrality is critically important to the country and it's economic viability on a world wide scale.
—David Brookhouser, Phoenix, AZ

Help preserve one of the best manifestations of the land of the free! Thank you.
—William Dennis Latimer, Pittsfield, MA

This is a horrible idea! Say no to big business and yes to net neutrality.
—Brian Saxton, Minneapolis, MN

The internet needs to remain free. It has proven to be one of the most effective tools of free speech we have.
—Carl Lowery, Chicago, IL

real net neutrality evens at least one playing field in this American life.
—Lynda Bogel, Ithaca, NY

A two-tiered Internet is NOT the way to go. This is a misguided proposal and 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. He needs to know that this won't fly. The only way — and we mean the only way — to protect free speech online is to reclassify Internet service providers as common carriers.
—Troy Worrell, Anaheim, CA

I urge you to reclassify ISPs as common carriers so as to maintain net neutrality.
—Win Heimer, West Hartford, CT

The last thing society needs is more "have-have not" divisions.
—Alex Hauptmann, Zionsville, IN

PLEASE RECLASSIFY ISPs as common carriers. We need to protect NET Neutrality.
—Mimi Sternberg, Berkeley, CA

heeler’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.
—Rana El Hattab, Arlington, VA

Do not allow ISP dictate who gets a fast lane and who doesn't. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers now! Net Neutrality must be upheld! Losing it would be the biggest impact on Freedom of Speech of our time!
—Les Mercatoris, Bryan, TX

I don't want my access to free speech limited
—Tracy and Dieter Bury, Bellevue, WA

To FCC / Tom Wheeler: Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers. It is in the best interest of the values of this country.
—David B Egen, LA, CA

Net neutrality is utterly vital for the startup health and vitality of America. If you value GDP growth please reclassify.
—Joshua Banton, Beacon, NY

Lack of clear, strong, and honest neutrality of our networks is tantamount to censorship.
—Mr. Aquiles La Grave, Louisville, CO

Net neutrality protects the freedom of speech and equality of all Americans.
—Katherine Tesch, Tucson, AZ

Preserve Net Neutrality.....reclassify the internet as a common carrier.....this represents the only hope for the American people and the future of our democracy..... It's under attach and we need you to do the right thing.... Tom Lombardo
—Thomas M. Lombardo, Middletown, CT

Because we're so over the government trying to control everything
—Rui Li, THORNHILL,

Net neutrality is the last zone of egality in a world where neoliberal policies cause an ever growing gap in wealth and power.
—david Hafner, Honolulu, HI

I don't want to pay a fee to simply browse the internet. This is a horrible business practice you are doing, Wheeler.
—Patrick Hull, Vinton, IA

Tom Wheeler heading the FCC as a former head of a telecomm company is a crystal clear conflict of interest. His decisions will/are being made for the sole benefit of the industry he just "left".
—Britt A Johnson, santa barbara, CA

Do not allow service providers to discriminate against users. It's the same electricity that gets pumped into houses, whether low income or wealthy. The internet should be the same--not limited based on income.
—Nichol Ford, Lewisville, TX

FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler's plan to push forward a two-tiered internet is wrong on many levels. I do not agree with it - what the FCC needs to do is to protect the internet and the PEOPLE not the corporations. Throw out the rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers and keep Net Neutrality protected and true.
—Jeremy Liaw, Fresh Meadows, NY

The foundation of a prosperous society is the equitable dissemination of knowledge.
—Vanessa Caveney, San Francisco, CA

Net Neutrality is essential to our right to privacy.
—Bryn Fillers, La Jolla, CA

Net neutrality is important to me because we have to hear various point of view voices and facts.
—Lillian Kim, los angeles, CA

Mr. Wheeler, We already have an embarrassment of an internet by international standards. It makes the work you do look like a joke. Perpetuating these retrograde practices by two-tiering the internet will further depress the U.S to the status of a developing country as a digital democracy. Even if you're not interested in democracy, you should be interested in promoting business at all levels, small, medium, and large. Please stop this short-sighted pandering to the big communications companies and help the U.S. regain it's status as an engine of creation and innovation at all levels. It will leave you with a legacy you can be proud of.
—Jennifer Flower, Sausalito, CA

Why does money decide who gets net access?
—Michael Burke, Cincinnati, OH

Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers. We need Net Neutrality. Life is hard enough--why throw a two-tiered Internet at us?
—Patty Miller, Seattle, WA

Tom Wheeler, please don't be a dingo, support REAL Net Neutrality!
—Marc Riggs, North Hollywood, CA

We need REAL net neutrality not insults to our intelligence. We cannot have freedom of speech restricted in the information age, and I will be sure to remember FOREVER everyone, INCLUDING CHAIRMAN TOM WHEELER, who is involved in restricting my free speech on the Internet, just as I would anywhere else. It is still America, we don't need Chinese Internet.
—Dennis Clayton, Pittsburgh, PA

Keep the Internet completely open, on one single tier for everyone, as it should be!
—Mark Andrew Stamper, New Castle, IN

We want our fast Internet just like business. We have a right to freedom of speech!
—Ashley Smith, Bartlett, TN

get it free
—ann Lehman, el Cerrito, CA

Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers and maintain net neutrality. A two-tiered Internet is not the way to move forward.
—Michael Black, Atlanta, GA

Net Neutrality is important to me because i shouldn't have to live in a country where things are censored and there be unequal internet for people who can't afford it. If i wanted that, i would've moved to China
—Bev, lafayette, LA

If the last decade has shown us anything, it's the dangers of deregulation. While some regulation inhibits innovation, establishing fees for faster connection speeds would increase the barrier to entry for new companies. This will inhibit innovation and open the door for abuse by people with corporate and political motives.
—Andrew McGlothlin, Bloomington, IN

I urge you to NOT allow a multi-tiered internet. For the sake of education, a sustainably robust economy, and personal freedoms, t is imperative that the internet be equally accessible to all.
—Jamie G, Burlington, VT

Net neutrality is important to me because the internet, as it currently is, does not treat the rich differently than the poor. It is, therefore, an instrument to elevate the status of those who cannot support themselves. If all information is treated the same, those with deep pockets cannot simply buy the attention of users.
—David M. Beyer, Allentown, PA

I've heard the arguments for allowing different qualities/speeds of service on the internet. All of these are ripe for abuse. Does the FCC have the necessary man power to monitor and regulate all of the different carriers under all conditions? Do not end the current system. Let the internet stay as it is now.
—William N. Harrison, Park Ridge, IL

I implore you to throw out the proposed rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality. Thank you!
—Ben B Moore, Columbus, OH

I am a computer instructor; a fast, equal internet is vital for my work providing digital literacy instruction to the people of Philadelphia. Do not allow ISPs to create a two-tiered Internet. Preserve Net Neutrality, it is of vital public interest.
—Scott Pinkelman, Philadelphia, PA

I work for a small business tech company in the US. Please don't destroy my company's economy.
—Mr. Christopher J. Scerbo, New Castle, DE

Net Neutrality is important because it protects free speech, level access to everyone and supports innovation.
—Mike Rastiello, San Antonio, TX

Without net neutrality..... There'll be no real news..... It'll be zombie news all over again.
—Michael Kayutak, Anchorage, AK

I firmly believe that ISPs should be reclassified as common carriers. There is already a huge economic divide in this country; marrying the digital divide to it will only exacerbate the problem. The less access our citizens have to resources -- and the Internet is an essential resource to education and employment -- the greater that divide will become. Act in all our best interests and reclassify!
—Jenn Northington, Jersey City, NJ

It is absolutely necessary to maintain TRUE net neutrality by eliminating any possibility of fast/slow lanes. All information must be given equal priority on the internet.
—Erik Dean, Lorton, VA

Stop trying to destroy the internet. The people have done their research and spoken: this only helps a few big corporations and Tom "asshole" Wheeler. Do your job and give the people what is right.
—Chad Meyers, potomac, MD

Keep the internet free from discrimination. Keep Net Neutrality.
—Mary Prubant, San Jose, CA

Ending net neutrality is opposed by virtually everyone who knows what it is. I have not heard a single person express sentiments that say otherwise. It is bad for everyone except for powerful corporations and their beneficiaries
—Evan Grassi, franklin square, NY

Net Neutrality is essential to our free society. Please protect it.
—Gloria E Hatrick, Hillsboro, OR

Please keep the internet open, as it stands today. While I am not against change, I am against change that is not in the best interest of the majority of Americans. I can be reached at mike@rightfootshoes.com to discuss further. All the best, Mike
—Mike Andrews, raynham, MA

The Internet is a place for honest discourse and free information. Companies should not have biased control.
—Veronica Bane, Sherman Oaks, CA

Don't approve rules that would mean the end of Net Neutrality: by doing so, companies would have the power to pick winners and losers online and discriminate against online content and applications.
—Timothy Ahlers, Seattle, WA

The internet is supposed to be an level playing field for all. The FCC's plan will create a tiered infrastructure and create a dangerous precedent, effectively blocking free communication to favor a handful of monopolistic companies. This is effectively a freedom of speech issue as those without vast bank accounts will not be able to be heard without paying these companies additional fees.
—Mike Brown, Charlotte, NC

The FCC needs to throw out its rules for a two-tiered Internet and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Bryant Lam, Gainesville, FL

We absolutely need Net Neutrality so the small business I'm starting has equal access to Internet users as the large businesses who can afford the "fast lane."
—Ryan Yepsen, Chicago, IL

Please keep net neutrality as is or better. Stop cowering to big business!
—Brian Richards, depew, NY

The internet is just exactly like radio and telephone. There is no reason it should be classified differently.
—Kayla Domeyer, GRAND RAPIDS, MI

Net neutrality is the most important issue right now! Stop big corporations from taking over the internet!
—Michael Schatte, Burleson, TX

WTF??? Get your greedy hands of the Net!
—Matthew R. Early, Tuscaloosa, AL

Why would you even want to do a thing like this?
—Tyler Anthony, Shelby, NC

As a web developer, I worry about the future of Internet startups without net neutrality.
—David Davis, Durham, NC

The internet is about freedom. Using $$ to allow bandwidth priorities is wrong! Also I don't think the 6 strikes rule against piracy is very affective.
—Danwat1234 Watkins, Vancouver, WA

Tom, please back track on this. You're not thinking straight, I guess your age is finally catching up with you. Step down, it's ok to let more qualified people step up to the plate.
—Andrew Ciaravino, vestal, NY

Net Neutrality is important to me because I'm sick of an elite few companies getting all the perks. Make room for the little guys with fresh ideas and innovative means of sharing content!
—Michael Doane, jarrettsville, MD

Net Neutrality is the reason why the Internet has driven economic innovation, democratic participation, and free speech online. Please, for our future keep Net Neutrality.
—Chris Scruggs, Nashville, TN

the internet should be left as it was, without all these rules. Don't put a price on somethign that wasn't broken before!
—Sabrina Miles, huntington station, NY

Please reconsider your latest Internet rules. Preserve Net Neutrality!
—Christian Faure, Westmont, IL

Where is this sudden need for further control coming from? We as American citizens get enough of that going on as it is, the internet is the *one* thing we have - supposedly enough - freedom. For some of us, getting internet is already difficult enough, and now you want to add extra fees? Why? Why make it harder? Why not just leave things as is? Companies like AT&T and Comcast already have *other* products that give us more than one fee, so why not just leave this alone?
—Qwinci Reed, Jonesboro, GA

It's sad to see people rise to positions of power in a democracy that care so little about the needs of the people and so much for the profits of corporations.
—cHRIS Hardman, sAUSALITO, CA

you need to do this for the people. not the corporations. seriously YOU will decide the future of information flow with this ruling. THINK ABOUT IT. Corporate masters will take you or your children down if they can. All in the name of the almighty dollar.
—Peter J Klein, Neptune, NJ

Americans deserve fair and equal treatment on the Internet. We don't have tiered levels of service for phone lines, gas, water. We don't want tiered levels for Internet. It benefits the big guys. You are supposed to work for and represent Americans. Please hear the outcry: no tiered Internet!!
—Jill Curtis, Fowlerville, MI

I believe that it is important to keep net neutrality because small buisnesses and avaerage users should have the same level playing field on the internet.
—Christopher Buchner, Clarence, NY

The equal internet MUST be saved. This is an idea that once again puts business ahead of the individual. This country was founded on the idea of the individual. We have taken the WRONG path and we must return to the correct one. Government for the PEOPLE by the PEOPLE. The Supreme Court may see business as a person but our founding fathers did NOT. Chairman Wheeler, do not follow folly down that same road. Be a better man, be a better government. Sincerely, Shari L. Smith
—Shari Smith, Steger, IL

Destroying net neutrality and creating multiple tiers of service will not benefit the consumer in any way. We will be pushed into an internet where ISPs will have the power to who succeeds on the internet and who doesn't.
—Phillip Huynh, Brooklyn, NY

Fairness is the bedrock of a healthy society. The proposed Internet rules are NOT fair, and should be thrown out.
—Pamela Schott, Austin, TX

Introducing fast lanes on the internet will threaten the freedom of enterprise that currently exists and snuff out many burgeoning start-ups hoping to make it big and change the world. Or, it won't, and those startups will just start in other nations who will loosen their restrictions on the internet because THEY don't have fast lanes. In a world where the United States is already losing its technological superiority, do you really want to add MORE hurdles and further hinder that superiority?
—Jeff Warner, Pittsburgh, PA

Net Neutrality is central to the future of innovation in America.
—Willy Karam, New York, NY

net neutrality is how the US maintains its economic competitiveness.
—Minting Wei, gaithersburg, MD

Keep the internet open and free.
—William Lafleur, Baton Rouge, LA

Without an open internet, big corporations would have tight control over how we access websites and services. Please do your part to keep the internet a cornerstone of freedom and opportunity.
—Brian Garrison, Jasper, GA

Please don't let ISP's kill the internet, classify ISP's as common carriers so they can't slow down sites that don't pay extra. What you are proposing is the wrong approach.
—Casey Campbell, noblesville, IN

Open access to the sum of human knowledge should NEVER be dictated by who has the largest dragon hoard of gold. Fair access to the internet is a basic human right, and shame on you for trying to give corporations power over a basic human right. Corporations are NOT people, and it's about time this country learns that.
—Seth Hart, Flint, MI

At it's core, net neutrality enables us to maintain basic freedom of speech.
—Charlie Neubauer, Thousand Oaks, CA

Net equality!
—Terry Skemer, San Jose, CA

Dear FCC, Throw out your rules on the Internet and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Brent Godin, Millville, MA

The average citizen will be cheated if net neutrality is not preserved. Corporations are not people, they are for-profit organizations that do value nor respect citizens' rights. To preserve our democracy, YOU MUST PRESERVE NET NEUTRALITY.
—Jennifer A. Perry, San Francisco, CA

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Robert Garland, Centerville, OH

Real benefit should be to the consumers and not the corporations.
—Vimarsh, irvine, CA

What you are doing is wrong and are controlled by the greed of net providers like comcast. Also gamers will be heavily affected cause use Internet for co-op, mmos and livestreaming. Do you really want to start a war with the other billions of net users not just from the Us? I don't think so.
—Mecha Michaelis, Andover,

I am a stay at home mother who owns a small online business that supports my family. I would not be able to support them with any new internet regulations.
—Alicia Grainger, conway, SC

The fundamental requirement for a functional democracy is a free and informed electorate. Given that the Net is the primary source of information in today's world, and that interaction with federal and State agencies is often dependent upon it, Net Neutrality *must* be enforced at all costs; profit does not trump the rights of electorate to information and communication.
—Kray Van Kirk, Juneau, AK

Reclassify ISPs as common carries. Do not let the market run rampant on consumers. Act on our behalf, not giant corporations who own the pipes and the content being transmitted through it, creating huge conflicts of interest that will undoubtedly create an unbalanced marketplace, giving consumers less choice, and discourage competition. Reclassification is the only way to go.
—Gerardo Talavera, Brookline, MA

Net Neutrality allows for undiscrimated access to any website. That is something that we don't see a lot these days. The only way for Net Neutrality to truly be kept is to reclassify ISP's as common carriers. This will cause internet to be cheaper for everyone and faster.
—Anthony Mourey, Fort Wayne, IN

The internet must remain neutrality and not permit a two-tiered, system a fast-lane for the wealthy and slow lane for those unable to afford the expense. Please reject this concept and keep the internet available to all. The internet is a common carrier and should be regulated as such.
—Karen Buzzard, Maywood, NJ

The FCC's proposed Internet rules are terrible. 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 absolutely unacceptable. Just about every aspect of our lives today depends on an open and free internet. Please don't let this plan go through!
—Kara Mueller, Mechanicsville, VA

The purpose of the internet is the free and equal exchange of information. Throttling that ability in order to pad the pockets of the telecoms and granting greater access to those companies that can't afford to pay would not only be horribly destructive to the sector of our economy experiencing the largest growth, but would be devastating to science and lessen the ability of the citizenry to have access to information unfiltered by corporate objectives. This is bad for business, bad for knowledge and bad for democracy. You must reclassify broadband as a utility and regulate it as such.
—Kurt Leege, Brooklyn, NY

Net neutrality is important to me because it's what the people want, and if you can't recognize that then you as an organization, have collectively failed America.
—Albert A Zhou, Temple City, CA

A tiered internet does not benefit anyone except corporations. A fast line puts newer startups at a disadvantage. This is unacceptable and stiffles innovation
—Javier Charriez, Kissimmee, FL

Greed is only going to make the proposed changes worse and worse overtime. This cannot be allowed to happen. This is not what the internet was created for. Please discard the fast lane plan and reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Sean Burrows, West Jordan, UT

Protect net neutrality by abandoning the "two-tiered" scheme and maintain equal access to all web content!
—Kyle J Groves, Madison, WI

I strongly oppose two tiered approach for internet. ISPs must not be allowed to have the ability to discriminate traffic. I strongly urge FCC to reclassify internet as a common carrier.
—Parthiban Siddharthan, Santa Clara, CA

Give us REAL NET NEUTRALITY. Reclassify. I'm tired of all the shit my ISP is already getting away with.
—Michael Perkins, Valdosta, FL

What ever happened to "government of the people, for the people by the people?" How can one possibly think eliminating net neutrality is good for the people? Someone must have their hand in someone elses pocket! Or, someone owes somebody something. Another reason the citizenry does not trust Washington, DC.
—Joe Touchette, Richmond, VT

Net Neutrality is a foundation of the concept of the internet and not maintaining that fundamental access to all would be extremely anti-consumer and give all power to the incumbents.
—Matthew Jon Jaquish, Sandown, NH

This is totally unacceptable to have tiers of service; yet AGAIN offering a benefit to huge corporations with big bucks...and it sucks!
—Sunni Farley, Seattle, WA

The end of Net Neutrality would negatively impact on my ability to teach and of my students to learn and do research online, by raising costs and limiting the information to which we have access.
—Michele Malach, Durango, CO

Please classify the internet service providers as common carriers.
—BHarat Nandakumar, chicago, IL

The internet must remain neutral, not only to ensure smaller start ups have a chance of competing, but even as a basic consumer protection. The internet has become part of every day life just as other utilities.
—William Bosler, Three Rivers, MI

I demand net neutrality because a two tiered system is blatantly discriminatory.
—Matt Weidman, Ames, IA

True net neutrality. One tier. All equal. Do the right thing for history.
—Douglas Shaw, Cedar Falls, IA

Wheeler, you need to do what's best for the consumers, not play out of the big wig pockets
—Adam Booth, Edmond, OK

Net neutrality is a matter of basic fairness. All of us should be able to access and use this service with no one, not even a large business or carrier, having special, faster access.
—Bonnie Boller, Minnetonka, MN

Please don't break the internet! It is the epitome of free speech! To stifle the internet is to deny millions of people a voice as well as access to important information! Also, cable companies are doing just fine, they don't need more power!
—Alec weinberg, Reisterstown, MD

Keep internet providers as dumb pipes. They should have common carrier status and not be allowed to throttle certain kinds of traffic.
—Thomas Paine, Santa Barbara, CA

This betrays the very principle that the Internet was founded upon and sells the American people out in favor of service providers. Respectfully, please do the right thing and stop this misguided crusade.
—Alexander Brody, Los Angeles, CA

I fully support Net Neutrality as a religious leader, nonprofit director, and conservative American. Please reconsider your position and approve rules that would engrain Net Neutrality into law for decades to come.
—Brent Parrish, Dorchester, MA

The FCC's proposed Internet rules are terrible. The FCC needs to throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Jarrett Sommers, Minneapolis, MN

The open internet is the greatest source of market competition we have today. Turning it into an operational advantage for established, well-capitalized company is a huge mistake that's bad for literally everyone except telecoms. ISPs need either hard and fast neutrality rules, or to be regulated as common carriers. Those are the only realistic options for FCC that cares about serving the public.
—Stud Beefpile, Market Competition, VA

Very simple: The United States is based upon a Constituion, which guarantees freedom of press as well as freedom of speach. If a two-tiered internet becomes a reality, only those with the funds to afford it will be able to access the press or speak freely--those who lack such funduings will be relegated to "the background", often facing difficult or impossible accesses to information that may be needed. Whether they are disseminating or consuming information isn't really relevant. What IS relevant is this riduculous attempt to offer true "freedom of speach" and "freedom of the press" only to those who can afford it!
—Aaron Freed, Winthrop, MA

Please keep the Internet open to all!
—Ms. Margot Bittel, Northampton, MA

I don't want large corporations determining which companies get the fastest speeds. This interferes with small business growth. Let's keep the internet an open playing field.
—Adam Lacy, nashville, TN

Net neutrality is our demand. Individuals are not second class citizens.
—Geary Hewett, Duncanville, AL

The core concept of the internet is free exchange of information. When it began, the internet was literally a simple data exchange, but has grown to be a global network of human beings sharing information with one another—knowledge, entertainment, ideas, creations, and more. Fitting with this notion, countless companies, tiny and huge, have embraced the internet as a means to find new customers, to grow demand for their products, and ultimately to change the way human beings live their lives. Giving the internet any semblance of a "fast lane" naturally means every other lane is a "slow lane." The internet is meant to give equal standing to all data, regardless of where it came from. Allowing big companies with deep pockets the ability to pay for extra speed means, naturally, that little companies with almost no cash will be forced to be slower, and those big companies can use this to squash potential competition—competition which, historically, has always been good for the consumer and good for America. Without competition, we wouldn't be enjoying a lot of the products, services, and technologies we do today. It's crucial we not stifle innovation simply because some companies are throwing money around. And to Chairman Tom Wheeler: remember who you work for. You are not an employee of Time Warner Cable or Verizon or any other corporation. You work for the betterment of America and its people. Don't ruin what we have and could have.
—Ryan Ford, Huntington Beach, CA

Net Neutrality is important to me because I enjoy expressing myself through writing. It's a big part of who I am. Discrimination is still a huge issue in our work enviornments. The Internet mustn't follow suit.
—Westley Nelson, Norfolk, CT

NO FAST LANES FOR THE FEW AT THE EXPENSE OF THE MANY!!!! KEEP THE INTERNET EQUAL WITHOUT EXTRA FEES AND REQUIREMENTS THAT DISCRIMINATE AND SEPARATE.
—Ruedi Hofmann, Newburgh, NY

A two tiered system is ridiculous. tom Wheeler is clearly acting in the best interest of the cable lobby and not the American people.
—Dave Evans, Manhattan Beach, CA

Dear FCC- Please keep net neutrality. Don't sell it to big businesses. Your children will thank you.
—Norman Knoerlein, Los Angeles, CA

A two-tiered internet is the same as saying that phone companies can monitor conversations and only allow the ones that they think will matter. Want to talk about your wife's pregnancy? Sure, that seems important. Want to talk about someone who cut in your lane? Nope, sorry. That's trivial, and you'll have to wait in the call queue with the other trivial conversationalists. That's how ridiculous this "tiered Internet" idea is. Broadband Internet, in 2014, is nothing less than a public utility. That's how important it is for the advancement of this country. Do you want to be partly responsible for the US falling further behind other developed nations, to the point of no rescue? Then go ahead and destroy Net Neutrality. Thanks, Dilip
—Dilip C Louis, Tempe, AZ

The internet should NEVER be dominated and controlled by big businesses and those wealthy enough to afford the "fast lane" of service. This is the worst, most disastrous, most selfish, most misguided and self-serving idea I've ever heard in my life.
—Lindsay Young, Courtice,

The internet is an important new space for ideas and businesses to thrive. That space shouldn't be owned or exclusively controlled by commercial organizations, or else the ideas and businesses that live there will be bent to the market needs of the controlling organization. Comcast now and others afterward will always seek to unfairly control or own the internet for their own market advantage. The entire purpose of your organization in the modern world should be protecting the neutrality of this space - protecting the freedom in "free market" as it exists in the virtual world.
—RJ Owen, Westminster, CO

Don't touch net neutrality! Isps are not special! Don't allow them to discriminate and destroy the greatest level playing field humanity has created in a long time.
—Marcel de Graaf, SINT PANCRAS,

I want the FCC to classify broadband Access as a Title II telecommunications service.
—Craig Herrington, Akron, OH

Freedom of the Internet, I don't want my customers / visitors slowed down because of competitors.
—Michael Dance, Alcester,

Net neutrality is important because everyone deserves to have fast and reliable internet service! We are paying customers, that is our right!
—Marian Henares, San Diego, CA

It's time the FCC solve the Net Neutrality issue and protect the internet as a place where free trade and new ideas can continue to prosper. As a software developer it's very important to me that there continues to be a fair playing field for all in the internet space. This will allow the development of new technologies to continue to prosper, much like the work that created the internet and world wide web in the first place. The FCC should reclassify ISPs as common carriers and protect Net Neutrality.
—Douglas Gammell, Denver, CO

Please keep the Internet neutral. These proposed rules will discriminate against those individuals who cannot pay the increased fees that providers will require for two tier service. I am getting ready to retire next year and anticipate on being on a fixed income. We have already cut our cable television service to save money. Instead we rely on services such as Netflix for entertainment; we now pay a reasonable price for Internet access from our provider. However, should prices increase we will be unable to continue expanded Internet use. And as we live in a rural, mountainous region we cannot receive broadcast (including public) television. For once side with the little people....not the large companies.
—Cathy Reynolds, Marion, VA

We as consumers pay enough per month just for standard internet packages. If a slow/fast lane set up would be approved, most people would no longer be able to afford an internet connection. Dear FCC, please do the right thing and support consumers, and their families. Keep the internet open for everyone to enjoy.
—David Bracken, Richboro, PA

Two tiered Internet is damaging to the Internet as we know it in that it allows money to dictate who gets to the fast lanes. Why are ISPs defining who should and should not get access to the fast lanes based on money. The ISPs are already abusing their monopoly powers (in many markets) and are shaping net traffic for the worse. Why do they get to pick and choose. Keep the internet free and the FCC should throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Haroon Sheikh, Longwood, FL

Without the internet uncensored news couldn't spread as it does. The internet is the only place for unadulterated content, freedom of speech and liberty.
—Evan Shallcross, brighton,

In order to promote greater internet access and fairness to all citizens, reclassify ISP's as common carriers. It is in our best interest as a nation to have well informed citizens, so we need to provide access to all.
—Martin Kalkowski, Omaha, NE

The deneutralisation of the Internet will be a disaster for international trade and commerce. Individual freedom is at steak but probably more important to America is the capacity to make money - Letting the big telecoms companies create a two tier system may look superficially attractive for their shortterm profits but will ultimately damage free trade.
—Tony Trehy, Manchester,

Dear FCC, I support your organization and have personal experience with your work. However, the proposal for ending net neutrality will cause much more harm than good. You have to know that this is true. It may seem like a good idea at this time, but large companies will absolutely take advantage of this policy. Please reconsider these proposals and make a change for the betterment of all Internet users.
—Aaron Vimont, Pine, CO

My opinion is the FCC must throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers to preserve net neutrality.
—Steven Jensen, Vestavia, AL

Please - if it ain't broke, don't fix it Stop catering to the big corps and leave the "net alone
—Joe Messineo, Oak Ridge, NJ

Please classify ISPs as a Title II common carrier. The cost to set up the cables is very cost prohibitive. Let's have one connection and have ISPs compete over the quality of service instead of the ISPs monopolizing the entire system.
—Michael, Plymouth Meeting, PA

Net Neutrality makes it possible to have a level playing field for start ups and huge corporations. To kill Net Neutrality would be to spit in the face of everyone who ever started a company with the goal of changing something. Don't be a corporate puppet, keep the Internet free from slow and fast lanes.
—Michael Anthony, Canton, OH

I think this can be decided by asking yourself whether you want things to be better for corporations or for human beings. Keeping the internet open and neutral is a much more human choice.
—Charles Gerard Timm, Clifton, NJ

The internet is a wonderful thing the way it is. We need true Net Neutrality.
—Landon Conover, Orem, UT

Net neutrality is vital to the continued freedoms of citizens of the world to pursue a life of their own choosing. By limiting their choice, and access to certain places, we would be moving back on years of progress towards a better world.
—Ben Cox, London,

Please keep the equivalent of "pay for play" out of the Internet! Content choices should be left to users without being skewed by fast/slow lanes.
—Maria Barva, New York, NY

Please don't let large telecommunications corporations overpower the Internet. Preserve net neutrality the way it is now.
—Sally Chappell, Bridgton, ME

The internet should be available to all, regardless of income or wealth.
—Susan Cozart, Austin, TX

Please keep the Net Neutral.
—Daniel W Buchbinder, Fairfield, CT

Please reconsider this awful plan to let rich mega-corporations control the internet. Thank you.
—Kevin Norman, Minneapolis, MN

It is critical to our basic freedoms to treat internet as the utility it is. It should be protected as a universal platform for information, commerce, and creativity. It is imperative that you do not allow ISPs to have any say over how people use this utility they pay for. Do not give in to the corporate interests; do the right thing.
—Matthew Winkler, Long Beach, CA

Dear FCC, perhaps you can tell me what the fuck you people are good for…you were supposed to fix the problem of commercials being louder than the program on both tv and radio… well that is and has been a crock of shit…!!! Now you want to fuck with the internet…? Stay the fuck away from it…!!! FIX RADIO AND TELEVISION BEFORE YOU START FUCKING WITH ANY OTHER MEDIA… THANKYOU
—Peter Carlson, Sonoma, CA

Net neutrality is only what I feel is fair. I play a lot of video games, am currently a computer science major, and spend a great deal of time online and on my computer. Removing net neutrality would mean that my family, who are already in a poor financial situation, would have to pay more to avoid being throttled by the sites that I visit regularly, such as YouTube, Twitch.tv, and other important sites in my everyday life. Small businesses can't compete with bigger companies, so major groups like Google and Facebook could cause harm just because they have a budget.
—Kyle Arthur Hatten, Wilbraham, MA

I demand that you impose REAL net neutrality, not any this two-tiered crap.
—Blake Blanton, Valdosta, GA

Dear Mr. Wheeler, As a burgeoning social entrepreneur without a lot of money I know the potential for positive change will be significantly encumbered if there isn't true net neutrality. The internet needs to be transparent and every website deserves to have equal access to any computer anywhere. ISPs must be common carriers. If not the repercussions will be far worse than Citizens United. Thank you. Rukesh
—Rukesh Samarasekera, Las Vegas, NV

No to Internet segregation! We need high speed affordable internet for everyone!
—Joseph Gibbs, Willowbrook, IL

It just seems like semantics where now we have a "fast" lane and "normal" lanes. If Facebook has a fast lane because they have enough money and influence to have one, how will a startup even compete with just a normal lane? I fail to see how this is at all beneficial to anyone other than the ISPs, the same ISPs who have failed to show any sort of innovative thinking in years. Why is it that they only upgrade their speeds in areas where Google Fiber is moving in? These companies are literally the ones who provide the worst consumer experience. Please do your job and help us, instead of them.
—Charles Plucker, Reston, VA

As others have said and I shall repeat. The internet should be a utility
—Scott, pittsburg, KS

A two tiered internet is unacceptable! The beauty of the internet is that it is a level playing field. Throw out the rules and reclassify ISP's as common carriers! Protect TRUE net neutrality
—Amber Doran, Charlotte, NC

I don't want monopolies on the internet. I want diversity. Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Let's have REAL net neutrality!
—Marianne Bodine, Monroe City, MO

I am an independent artist and animator. i depend on the neutrality of the Internet to be able to have my work seen. Traditional media gatekeepers squelch independents because we don't have the resources to finance the distribution like Disney, Cartoon Network, etc.
—William Studios Sutton, Ooltewah, TN

Net Neutrality is ESSENTIAL, for a vibrant open Internet. The internet is supposed to be accessible to anyone, but if your plan is implemented, thousands or millions of people will not have access to useful resources available online. Stop this plan right now, as it is full of rubbish, nonsense, and hogwash. PROTECT NET NEUTRALITY!
—Saya cutest, McLean, VA

I have been building an internet-based small business and I have relied on net neutrality for my business to expand. I cannot fathom what will happen when I have to compete with another company that can pay for a fast lane to expedite their traffic. That is not a level playing field.
—Justin Heninger, Windermere, FL

I'm sure the intentions of this proposal at some point meant well, but a serious mistake is being made. Please, take a step back and listen to some expert opinions from the other side.
—Brian Westgate, Crestview, FL

The USA should not be a nation where corporations are more highly valued than citizens. It is the citizens who pay the lions share of taxes, it is the citizens who vote, it is the citizens that spend the money that make the corporations rich. Keep the internet truly neutral.
—Daniel Davis, Minden, NE

The internet does not need another tier... We may need a new FCC Chairperson though. Technology will catch up to the bandwidth people are using and in the meantime don't allow companies to pick who gets a fast lane. The net should be 100% neutral to allow the types of innovations we have seen over the past 2 decades. Don't let ISPs decide who get in. There won't be a next great American companies like YouTube or Netflix under these restrictions. Change course!
—Chris Cantu, New Orleans, LA

Broadband Deregulated is good for everyone! Do not restrict Net Neutrality!! Respects the rule of law, Congress' Constitutional authority to set interstate communications policy, the Constitution's protections, and court precedent.
—Sarah Cook, Pensacola, FL

Please don't ruin the internet for the sake of making rich companies richer.
—James Gardiner, Chelmsford,

Net neutrality is important to me because I believe it is the only real way forwards on this issue. Anything less than a truly neutral net is abhorrent to me. It's an international information transmission service, not merely a media hub.
—Daniel Haigh, Massapequa Park, NY

Please, please, please, please, stand up tall for the average American citizen and keep ISPs as common carriers.
—Paul Bartos, Gary, IN

Net Neutrality is extremely important. Please don't let uncontrolled financial greed control yet another important service.
—Corey Silva, WALTHAM, MA

The fast lane is a terrible idea. By allowing the FCC to decide what constitutes fair or not, you will undoubtedly doom the internet to the corporations that can pay the most to influence the FCC. That is too much risk. The internet is as necessary to my life as electricity and should be treated as such.
—Jason Underwood, New York, NY

The web is my livelihood, as a Web developer. I work for a nonprofit that helps disabled people and disability professionals. It is essential that my organization have wide access on behalf of isolated and low-income people.
—Paul Foos, Brockton, MA

Segregating the Internet by creating tiers designed for financial gain is NOT a solution. While we are at it, why don't we just skip ahead and start charging consumers for everything they read online! Screw the poor and middle-class, right?
—Matthew Mitchell, Allen Park, MI

To me, a retired pensioner, the internet represents all my communication with the outside world. My news, my telephone service, my music, my sports and most importantly my communicition with my family world-wide. I am in no position to pay surcharges for the service I currently enjoy but know that would be the result of the loss of Net Neutrality.
—Patrick Harvey, Columbia, MO

Net Neutrality is important to me because it is the difference between developing an application that can access the Internet quickly and easily or slow and time consuming. If we treat everything equally on the Internet then we have a free and open platform to be creative. If we close down those doors things like Netflix and Facebook wouldn't have been created because no one wants to visit a site if it takes longer than 5 minutes to load.
—Ryan Bauling, Sartell, MN

Please protect free speech online by reclassifying Internet Service Providers as common carriers. Save Net Neutrality!
—Rod S Simpson, NEW YORK, NY

Internet is the new phone and should be classified under the same rules and regulations as current phones are
—John archer, Long branch, NJ

Keep the net free and open to everyone, no two-tiered system.
—Tom Nowicki, Winter Park, FL

To allow all of us to have access to as much information as possible. To educate the masses. So we can all express ourselves.
—Mathieu Spencer, Palos heights, IL

Not reclassifying ISPs as common carriers is the worst thing the FCC could do to the internet. You promise that we won't get an internet riddled with companies making decisions on who gets where faster but you don't have enough people to regulate that - reclassify ISPs as common carriers!
—Stephanie Summers, Olympia, WA

Its time to take action and reclassify to allow the FCC to properly regulate. A 2 Tiered system would be a huge mistake!. You know that. Its time for the FCC to truly represent the people and simply those who spell their lasts names "Corporation".
—Andy V, Kirkland, WA

A "two-tiered" approach to the internet will exclude people like me (and my business) from the more expensive "faster" highway. YES TO NET NEUTRALITY! NO TO A TWO-TIERED INTERNET!
—Janet R. Stafford, HILLSBOROUGH, NJ

Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers. The internet is a powerful tool, and allowing large companies to control a two-tiered internet and discriminate against online content would be egregious. We should all be allowed to access the internet and utilize our own critical thinking - not be discriminated against because many of us would not be able to afford the extra fees allowing rapid access to an unedited online content.
—Lisa S McCarley, Black Hawk, CO

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality.
—Tim Leahy, San Francisco, CA

This is not for the common good. This is anti-democracy. It will worsen what are already dangerous inequities. It will stiffle innovation not advance it.
—Elizabeth Fraser, Chicago, IL

Net Neutrality is extremely important to me as so to keep a free internet not subject to the whims and desires of a private corporation.
—Andre Goree, Oviedo, FL

Be the upholder of the free world, because this is where it begins and ends. Save the cheerleader, save the world.
—Daniel Ross, London,

1. Comcast's monopoly over the most important thing in people's lives (the internet) is already over bearing and controlling. They need to be more regulated. 2. We are destroying small business chances to compete with large corporations and telling the American people that our government values money over its citizens. It tells me that my representatives in Congress are weak, easily bought, and are not representing the people. 3. I will not vote for you ever again.
—Emily Bradford, Florence, KY

Freedom of speech and choice. No external manipulation of internet.
—Ed Plank, Frederick, CO

What ever happened to the will of the people? Letting cable giants create an expensive mess out of the internet so they can increase profits is just plain wrong. Is the FCC a public watchdog or corporate lapdog?
—Michael Racz, Broklyn, NY

ISPs are common carriers. To promote and move forward with a 2-tiered internet is not only ignorant, but it is not in the best interest of people. It is only in the best interests of ISPs. The people do not want two-tiered internet.
—Caitlin Queen, Atlanta, GA

keep the internet equal for everyone keep ISP companies investing to create value, and not monopolizing it or deciding over the right of people to access information.
—Ezri Hipolito, Belvidere, IL

Net neutrality is important becuase it keeps the Internet alive with ideas and gives everyone the ability to be heard.
—Mr. Brian Inami, san francisco, CA

Innovation has now become reliant on sufficient bandwidth. For anyone pursuing anything that requires it (now all of us), this would be taking away one of our primary tools.
—Lee Baramore, River Forest, IL

Allowing ISP's to pick and choose content speed would effectively stifle new innovation. Start up businesses with limited resources will not be able to afford ISP fees. Comcast, AT&T and Verizon already routinely received substandard customer service reviews. They continue to hike up rates with no perceivable improvement in service. Several times I've had to actually reduce my service to keep my current payment rate. Any fees paid by internet companies will obviously be passed through to the customer to meet stockholder demands. All in all this is a huge loss to the average internet user. In today's society the internet is not a luxury, it's a necessity. Please do the right thing and reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Alicia Romano, San Francisco, CA

We need Real Net Neutrality. Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers, which is the Only way to protect Real Net Neutrality.
—Kristi Erlenbach, Houston, TX

The FCC needs to classify the ISPs as common carriers. The world has become too dependent on the Internet to allow the ISPs to become anything other than common carriers.
—Rick Duff, Corinth, TX

The Internet is a powerful, open, free place for information, creation, and the exchange of ideas. Please don't ruin the Internet by discriminating against types of information, especially when that discrimination is based on what amounts to a ransom that must be paid to be put in the "fast lane." Net Neutrality, real Net Neutrality, is what the world wants, and it must be codified. It's time to reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Brandon Cozart, College Station, TX

i want my internet to remain the same
—Tage Valone, sacramento, CA

The internet is now intrinsic to the world and should not be monopolised or manipulated by any single entity. It is a resource for knowledge and the sharing of information and that should be available equally to all.
—Saoirse O'Dwyer, owasso, OK

Dear FCC, My message will be brief but hopefully strong. Throw out your rules. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers. For not only the good of your country, but for the good of the world as we know it.
—Rebecca Smithson, Clayton-le-moors,

It seems to me that the best step is to reclassify ISPs as common carriers, and thereby eliminate the discrimination that will be allowed with your current proposal. Most Americans OPPOSE the proposed new Internet rules!!!
—James Cavallo, LAMBERTVILLE, NJ

The Internet was built on fair and equal access to bandwidth. The proposed ruling will unfairly inhibit innovation in the US and ensure that we do not see new ways to use the Internet because they can not fund the "pay to play" model. This approach is tantamount to blackmail that Comcast and AT&T will hold the flow of data hostage unless they can get a fee from the suppliers (see Netflix bandwidth pre/post their decision to pay Comcast for direct access). This is not a last-mile problem. Please do not pass these rules.
—Daniel Ayala, Ann Arbor, MI

I currently read and hear about organizations making the effort to get money out of politics. Many of us in this country think our politicians are bought and paid for by corporations and individuals with a lot money. If the FCC allows discrimination online and ends net neutrality, it only makes the problem worse.
—Wendell Wright, Harrisburg, PA

The internet was made for people, not big business. We know that businesses see it as an opportunity to tailor advertising to the people most likely to buy. I can live with that, though it wasn't how it started out. But 2 lanes, a fast for those who can pay and a slow for us mortals? No. It's for everyone. Equally. That's how we get our news nowadays. It must stay that way.
—Miriam Wois, Deal,

Net Neutrality is important so we do not end up with a two-tiered Internet. Where those who can afford the extra fees get fast internet and the rest of us are left with slow speeds.
—Renee J Jacobs, Bennington, VT

Coorporations already have overwhelming representation in goverments. Please let the internet be a truly free marketplace by allowing everyone to have equal access to bandwith. Say YES to net neutrality. Or better yet, net equality.
—Gonzalo Urrutia, San Diego, CA

You need to reclassify ISP's as common carriers. It's the only way to continue to allow real competition and innovation on the internet. If the big guys like facebook can just buy out ISP's so that they get prefered service. Then there is no way for a new company to compete, even if their product is better - if they don't have the deep pockets to pay off all the big ISP's people will continue to use the faster(incumbent) site. This stifles innovation and would be just about the worst thing that could happen to the internet.
—Matthew Lengenfelder, Bismarck, ND

Internet access is critical to all people. I don't want my ability to access content be limited to those who can pay. I pay the ISP for a service. They should provide the service to me based on my agreement with them, not the deals they make with content providers.
—Jay Artz, North Andover, MA

Please preserve the thing that made the internet great: democracy and neutrality!
—Meg Buzzi, Los Angeles, CA

Net neutrality IS Free Speach! KILL YOUR NEW PROPOSAL NOW! I am contacting my Senator and House Reps to stop your misguided corporation based proposals. You sir are a damn shill for them!
—John Colarusso, Bronx, NY

Internet these days is not a luxury. It's a backbone of democracy and knowledge and almost every social process. It's essential utility like water and electricity. If YOU , the reader, don't realize that - try to shut down your phone, your email, your tv, your news etc for just a day. What will you feel? Now what if your favorite news source is disadvantaged over others? The internet traffic cannot be allowed to be discriminated!
—Vlad, Vancouver,

The Internet has become a basic utility whether it's technically classified that way or not. Allowing a handful of companies to monopolize and restrict open access will irreparably damage our country's future development and leadership in an absolutely vital technological platform. Existing policies and lack of real competition are already hurting us as a nation, let's undo some of that and move forward with a real open internet.
—Neil O'Laughlin, Hopkins, MN

Net Neutrality is the backbone of the internet. Without it, corporations will buy out all "bridges" and demand their tolls. Getting rid of Net Neutrality is a horrible horrible idea. If anything, we need a STRONGER Net Neutrality.
—Graham Mickle, San Diego, CA

A two-tiered internet system is unconstitutional. I demand free speech. I demand real net neutrality.
—Daniel Edgerton, Bethlehem, GA

History is full of powerful people denying information or providing false information to the masses for their personal gain. Please don't jeopardize the greatest innovation of our time by putting that power into the hands of a few. This is your chance to be on the right side of history and be a champion of the common man. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Kurt Kelley, Troy, OH

You must protect net neutrality via reclassification. A neutral net policy allows even the smallest voice to be heard and gives grassroot activity the chance to grow. Do not allow a 2 tier system to be implemented.
—Mark Gillette, Ansonia, CT

The Internet should not belong to just a select group of service providers. It should be democratized and available equally to everyone. Discrimination should not be allowed on any level. Please protect real Net Neutrality!
—Kia Kiso, Los Angeles, CA

Because I don't want my netflix price to go up because they're being bullied into paying more for faster speeds. If Comcast tells Netflix they need to pay more so they can broadcast faster than a dialup modem...that's bullshit. I can understand if there was an option of going from FAST to SUPER FAST for extra money, but taking the existing speed Netflix gets and telling them they'll now have to pay to stay at that very same speed..well, only a Dingo would be ok with that (and eating babies). -Justin
—Justin Gilson, Washougal, WA

The internet, uncensored and freely available to all, is essential for continued innovation all over the world. Never before have all people from all walks of life been able to communicate instantaneously. The internet is solely responsible for carrying us into the next phase of human development: globalization and the removal of borders. Placing a tier system on the internet will severely interrupt this vital flow of information. It would detrimental to our evolution as human beings. The importance of the internet as it is today can not be stated enough.
—Matthew Rempel, Calgary,

Please protect free speech on the internet. The creation of fast lanes will prevent new startups from becoming successful businesses because they can't afford to play ball.
—Stuart Thacker, Monroe, OH

Your support of corporate profiteering is an assault on the civil rights of every American. How dare you! You are just another government official for sale, and we're not buying. Show us you are made of more than money. Keep the net neutral!
—Rachel Santos, Long Beach, CA

This would unfairly benefit companies with large purses and relegate everyone else to slow service. Unacceptable.
—Jose Garcia, Middle Village, NY

The proposed 2 tier system is yet another example of corporate money trumping the rights and interests of common citizens. Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers to protect free speech and commerce on the net.
—Laura Grafton, Spring Lake, MI

Every website should have equal access to high-speed transmission. Service providers should not be able to milk money from large websites at the expense of small websites.
—Harold Shuckhart, Sioux Falls, SD

I believe that in our country we should be allowed the freedom to share and grow a website online without worrying about whether we will have to pay massive fees to make our website viable to those viewing it. Letting big communication companies have free reign over the internet is like allowing the mafia freedom to charge protection money from every business in America. The only ones who will profit from this are the corporations. Everyone else will suffer and creating a successful business online will become more challenging than ever.
—Melissa Blanchard, Tooele, UT

i believe that the fast lane option is not optimal for increasing internet speeds across the U.S. for everyone. if this plan was temporary then you could trick ISP's into building better networks. and then five years later change it back to a neutral net. i personally can afford better speeds, but this will put network advancement to a halt. we have no idea how they will "upgrade" the network for premium users. they could just be routing lower end users, with BGP over a slower network. so please rethink your strategy on net neutrality.
—Logan, Sierra Vista, AZ

The Internet is a bastion of free speech. To try to control online content through willingness to provide certain content is a disruption of this free speech and will inevitably allow ISPs to choose whose content they support and whose they dismiss. The Internet must remain neutral so that our basic rights are not infringed upon for no other reason than whether or not your ISP agrees with the content on a certain webpage, application, etc.. A non-neutral internet will only ever result in the censorship of ideas, destruction of smaller home-grown websites, and of our right to speak freely and openly to our peers. Please protect the Internet - do not destroy the freedom it allows us. Regards, Jessica
—Jessica Herring, Cambridge, MA

It is inexcusable to sacrifice the economic driver that the internet is for the United States just so Comcast, Verizon and a few lobbyiests can make some money. This is short term gain for few at the expense of longevity for our nation and is downright shortsighted, ignorant, and perposterous of the FCC to even consider.
—Owen Wallace, Greenfield, MA

I need net neutrality because I'm trying to pursue a career in programming. I need the same advantages to learning programming as everyone else and creating a two tiered system will just further the gap of what Americans can achieve when they aren't wealthy. I need this. The equality on the internet has made the American Dream achievable for the past 20+ years, don't take that away.
—Rachel Luebcke, Indianapolis, IN

Because an Internet without Net Neutrality will cease to be the Internet at all.
—Scott Bassin, Golden, CO

Real net neutrality is important so that we do not stifle the innovation and access to large audiences that has made the internet great.
—Harris McGehee, Durham, NC

The internet is possibly America's greatest contribution to humanity. Please don't ruin it.
—Will Gee, Baltimore, MD

The Internet is critical for my businesses to be able to operate. While my personal Netflix will stay fast because they have the money to pay for it. My business will suffer and be more and more limited to using just other sites to connect to customers. My own blogs, web site and web apps will not work for customers. I will lose my ability to sell on my own. I will have to pay for other web sites to sell for me. Less direct access to customers, increased cost, slower speeds - this is not a fair environment for small business.
—George Sanders, Red Lion, PA

The internet is for everyone, equally. There should be no difference in how and what any user can see or do based on who they are or what they can afford to spend.
—Anthony Milano, Simi Valley, CA

Throw out the FCC rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Net Neutrality is important for me because I use the internet for a majority of things, work, education, communication, politics, everything. We already have speed differentials as it is, and as it stands even when you pay for more, You are still paying for less. In my Area, and many others, people don't have the ability to "choose" a provider, so all this talk about being able to choose a different provider isn't possible; It would create Pseudo-Monopolies all accross the country as only major cities have an actual choice Between Providers. The Net was set-up as a way to allow the spread of information, and if we are going to let companies LIMIT the content we have access to we'll see spike in prices as companies are forced to pay extra-fee's to allow users access to them meanwhile those of us limited to one provider may lose services etc that we've grown accustomed too. There's already payment plans for faster connections/more data usage per month -> Why risk making the American people able to be cut off from information and services, all because a company or indivdual has seen they can make profit off of a popular website or service.
—Joshua Gaston, East Stroudsburg, PA

Electric wiring is common carrier, water is common carrier, phone lines are common carrier. Most areas of the USA are defacto monopolies or duopolies. When electricity was switched to common carrier prices dropped and competition rose. With a two tier system the only competition will be for highest price. The internet is as necessary today as phone lines were 60 years ago.
—William Flashner, Old Greenwich, CT

Keep the net neutral. Without true net neutrality, we won't see the tech innovations occur with smaller start ups that can't afford the "fastlane."
—Vivian Obarski, Madison, WI

Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers and keep the Internet fair and available to all.
—Joan Coyle, Arlington, VA

We must have Net Neutrality in this county so everyone is Equal. Net Neutrality is very important to me.
—David Opichka, Neenah, WI

The internet is not broken for most of the people who use it, nor is it broken for most of the people who are creating new online products and sites, and creating information. A two tiered system is discriminatory, it will only benefit a few. Do not allow the internet to become yet another victim of corporate greed and control. You are supposed to serve the people and do what is best for everyone, please do your job.
—Robin Miller, Olympia, WA

Net Neutrality is important because it allows free learning, knowledge of what happens around the world, and a hell of a lot more
—Natalie, Norman, OK

Keep the internet as a common usage.
—Robert Gist, St. Louis, MO

Dear FCC, The internet in its current form directly enables social mobility and small-business entrepreneurship. If enacted, proposed changes would have the effect of limiting the tools of small digital proprietors in favor of consolidating the already huge advantages of large corporations. Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Kyle Y.
—Kyle Yandow, San Jose, CA

If we want to be the ACTUAL greatest nation on earth, can we please look around us at other countries, see the things they're getting right, and learn from them? Net Neutrality = equality. Net Neutrality = competitive market economy. Don't start the process of taking after China. Leave this for the people. It's our greatest source yet for the 4th estate, and keeping up on unchecked power in government.
—Jessica Lawheed, Chicago, IL

Other countries have cheaper and faster internet than the United States. Many will have a free and open internet. Those countries will succeed in the future. We need to be able to compete in terms of innovation and a free sharing of ideas. Our economy and future depends on it. Don’t favor a few cable companies!
—Laine Thomas, Raleigh, NC

I am a 59 year old man who lost his job as a result of the last recession. I have started a web services portal for restaurants to bridge me into my retirement years. I can not afford to pay any more for my internet services than I do already.
—Dale Southard, Salt Lake City, UT

The internet should be free for everyone and not faster for those who have the money to do it.
—Trent Keller, sheridan, CO

Reclassify Comcast and the likes as isps and end their oligopoly and ridiculous prices that are no where near their costs.
—Joey Maziar, Atlanta, GA

Classify internet providers as common carriers.
—Jeff Rogers, moselle, MS

This is so problematic! Allowing this kind of rampant discrimination online is unacceptable. Please do better and reject the proposed FCC internet rules.
—Nse Umoh Esema, Cambridge, MA

A two-tiered internet system is a flawed implementation that only favors the already wealthy corporations with better service. The internet has historically been an even playing field for all companies, regardless of start-up capital and a two-tiered internet will eliminate that completely. A mom and pop place will not be able to pay for costs to get on the 'fast' internet and will be relegated to the slow. This will quickly hurt an already ailing economy where small businesses are concerned. The users of the internet too will be forced to "choose" multi-million dollar corporation's services over that of others simply because the connection will likely not be adequate. Net neutrality is indeed the way to go and regulation of the internet and its services are what is truly important here. The internet needs to be reclassified as a basic service much like telephones so that the FCC can reign in some of the corporations that already have a monopoly on much of the country. There's a reason these companies score dead last in customer satisfaction surveys year after year, they're too big to care. They don't need new customers because they know you have no choice in service providers, and they can make the prices whatever they want and deliver whatever type of service they want since there's little to no competition in any given geographical location in America. I have moved across 2 states and lived in several different regions in both and I have only ever had one choice for internet if I wanted something above a dial-up modem which would not be conducive to my livelihood. Do the right thing, enforce reclassification of the internet to a basic service and do not implement the wealthy corporation's idea of internet.
—Amanda Mellott, Waynesboro, PA

Our country is founded on equality. Now, whether that really happens is up for discussion. But this plan will divide our country even more. PLEASE stop it!
—Jessica Voigts, Stanton, MI

A free internet is about the only freedom left to us in our corporatocracy.
—Mr. John M. Hatcher, E. Syracuse, NY

Do right by the people, not corporations. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers...
—Chet Winney, Yorba Linda, CA

I want the FCC to protect net neutrality by reclassifying ISPs as common carriers! The tide is rising against internet fast lanes and giant ISP mergers, please hear our voices! If you cannot even hear us now, then we will most certainly be drowned out once these rulings are actually put in place.
—Diego, Brooklyn, NY

More information is delivered via the internet than any other medium. Our money, entertainment, security, emails, photos, social life... damn near everything happens online. Making fast and slow lanes would allow companies with larger funds to access more people and more money (creating a cycle) and smaller companies would fade away as their slow bandwidth eats into their profits. This decision isnt about whats fair to the companies... its about whats fair to the public, to our county's citizens, and its about the example we are setting for the rest of the world. People like myself are getting awfully fed up with the amount of freedom being taken from us and given to corporations and moneyholders. Please knock it off and start listening.
—Tiffany Jansen, Latonia, KY

No monopolies for cash please!
—Jason Hope, San Francisco, CA

Ending net neutrality will completely change the internet and how my generation functions. People responsible will be noticed and addressed during future elections.
—Philip slice, Phoenix, AZ

We need a free and open internet. The internet should be regulated as an essential utility. Be on the right side of history!
—David Robinson MD, Seattle, WA

Robust competition requires that all firms have equal access to consumers, and all consumers have equal access to basic information. Competition is the mainstay of the US economy and political system. It is not self-sustaining!! Keep a level playing field.
—Aashish Mehta, Santa Barbara, CA

Net neutrality is the foundation of free expression on the Internet. With so few venues left where Americans can utilize their first amendment, this is essential to our democracy.
—Bennett Stebleton, Memphis, TN

I request the FCC reclassify ISPs as common carriers. I have signed petitions for this in the past, and it's interesting to me that the situation keeps popping up - does our voice count? Let's take it beyond comments and start a conversation: Why does Tom Wheeler believe that ending Net Neutrality is the right thing moving forward?
—Malachi Smith, NYC, NY

Please do not create two-tiered Internet. The less fortunate deserve access to information. It keeps our democracy strong. Don't partition the Internet and allow corporations to have a separate system. Thank you for listening.
—Ryan, Little rock, AR

Internet neutrality is fundamental to democracy. Period.
—Dr. Jane Marcellus, Murfreesboro, TN

Future democracy depends on net neutrality! Please don't create second-class communications for those who cannot pay as much!
—Kay O'Laughlin, Gloucester, MA

The only reason the internet works so well is that the information is available to everyone who has a connection. Once preferences are given to people who can pay more money information will no longer flow freely.
—Christian Robsahm, San Francisco, CA

A free and open internet is integral to our society and to the US staying a world leader in technology. Please enact REAL network neutrality rules, and stop insulting the public by dressing up "fast lanes" as neutral.
—Jason Harris, Fontana, CA

Net Neutrality is a right of humanity
—Jose A Portillo, Austin, TX

Net Neutrality is imporant for everyone deserves an unhindered access to education and research through the internet. A slower connection will discourage those from discover the truth.
—Hannah Orlando, Vacaville, CA

Net neutrality is vitally important to me. True democracy allows people and societies to flourish so an open and free internet is essential for free flow of ideas and information. Please cast aside political ties with corporations and work to keep net neutrality a priority. We pay you to work for us (the people) and we appreciate your service. Now, do the right thing for all of us.
—Mike Robinson, Flourtown, PA

The internet is currently at the center of the modern creative process. Consider the effect an non-neutral internet would have on the ability to use the platform to speak freely and also how it would negatively impact the economy by throwing a wrench in the free market system. The only reason to end Net Neutrality would be so that some companies can gain an unfair advantage in competition through legislation, which goes against the core economic principles of this country.
—Haris Khan, Hilliard, OH

The power of the internet is it's ability to democratize content, the internet CAN NOT become a tollroad, -Mark
—Mark Walhimer, New York, NY

Please throw out FCC Chairman Wheeler's two-tier plan for the Internet. Net neutrality is the basis on which the whole of the current internet is based. Allowing any exception where carriers can discriminate between the types of traffic that they are carrying will be quickly exploited, to the detriment of the public good. I urge you to reclassify internet providers as common carriers. That is the only way to ensure that the internet stays a vibrant, driving force in our nation's economy.
—Mr. Dan Eshleman, Rockford, IL

Please keep the internet free from tolling. I believe in an open internet for everyone
—Troy Kinsey, Spanish Fork, UT

Every citizen of the US, of every HUMAN BEING of the world, deserves to have access to any information that could help them in their lives and careers. Every human life depends on information, from how to take care of themselves, to how to do basic daily routine tasks. Life in and of itself is the transfer of information from one person to another. To allow American companies to move the WORLD WIDE internet into 'fast' and 'slow' lanes, providing better service for those who can afford it, is not only enabling these companies to discriminate which people 'deserve' access to the compilation of information online, but it can also open the door for other countries to do the same, for all information everywhere to be monitored even more-so than it already is. You know what other country monitors the information their people receive from the outside world? North Korea. This idea if you have the extra cash to send in to get in that fast lane is classist, ableist, and quite frankly disgusting.
—April Garland, Plant City, FL

Net Neutrality is important because equal access to information is a fundamental human right, if you refuse that you refuse to embrace humanity.
—Francisco Crescioni, Seattle, WA

Net neutrality is imperative for a free and equal society. Without it, those who are traditionally underserved will be even more so. Please ensure net neutrality and equal access to the Internet for all.
—Melissa Megan Butler, Antioch, TN

ISPs are common carriers and should not get special treatment. Don't let big money corporations stick it to the average American just to make the rich richer.... Please for the sake of our country, protect net neutrality.
—Everett Simila, Kingston, WA

In a time when the internet has become a basic utility and a necessity for every family, ISPs MUST be reclassified as common carriers. Cable monopolies cannot be trusted not to discriminate against online content and applications. Please, please preserve the internet as the free and open resource we are fortunate to enjoy today. The American people want net neutrality. Listen to us, and not to greedy corporations.
—Danielle Key, Louisville, KY

There is simply no acceptable option besides a neutral and unfettered access to internet. The FCC works to protect consumers, not enhance corporations' profits. Please do the right thing and give us real net neutrality.
—Charles Dorner, Tacoma, WA

As an internet based startup company working to improve healthcare delivery, net neutrality is a critical issue for my company, myself, our employees and customers. A two tier internet would be a terrible decision. Please support the reclassification of Internet service providers as common carriers.
—Ray Costantini, Beaverton, OR

The internet must remain equally accessible for everyone! We don't need tiers. This is NOT the same as cable tv.
—Leigha Baer, Summerville, SC

The internet is a fundamental human right and as such should be unrestricted / unconstrained for all. Speed, connection (DTE to DCE) should not be a billable item
—Christopher Marcotte, Salt Lake City, UT

The Internet is used by over 90% of the World. And your rules will destroy this number intensely. A Fast lane that costs people Money? Hypocrisy! It is not right to treat those who aren't as fortunate as others with less care and force them into slow lanes while the rich companies have the fast lanes.This also encourages discrimination against other starting companies, which is also another wrongly thing. Was this nation not started on the thought of Freedom for all? You Backstabbing snakes! Do you not see the venom that these rich and careless companies want to inject into the internet? Disapprove of this new proposed plan! throw their own venom back at them!
—James Yourchak, Appling, GA

Reclassify Internet service providers as common carriers. Protect free speech online. No paid fast lane, no discrimination, one equal lane for all.
—Alexander Clifton, Garrison, NY

The Internet belongs to everyone! Discrimination of service would put too much power in the hands of companies that already have near monopoly power. Preserve net neutrality!
—Edward Schaffer, Bell Buckle, TN

Information via the internet should be freely available to anyone who chooses to look for it on a level playing field. People should not be throttled by their internet providers because they can't pay more for fast information nor should their content be obstructed. Imagine libraries where only a certain class of people could check out books but everyone else could only look at books while they're at the library. Who would consider doing such a thing?! Um, the FCC. Ask the PEOPLE what they want. The citizens of the USA want net neutrality. We all want and deserve the same opportunity to access data online at the same pace. The system is not broken, so what are you trying to fix? Get rid of these ridiculous rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Do the sensible thing and represent the will of the people.
—Wendi Lewis, PORTSMOUTH, RI

Please preserve Net Neutrality on the internet. Classify ISPs as common carriers.
—Dr. Nikolas Ivancevich, Seattle, WA

Net neutrality is important to me because I am an activist in a community without mainstream or corporate media connections. We have depended upon the democratic possibilities of the internet to make blogs and websites free of charge that will spread our message just as quickly as corporate websites. If you strike down net neutrality, you strike down a major bastion of free speech and freedom of assembly.
—Rosemary Clark, Secane, PA

Please don't do this. Please don't legitimize internet fast lanes. Please don't destroy net neutrality. Have some human decency, and actually help the people and citizens of the country you serve rather than the corporations that fill your pockets. This hurts everyone. It's monopolistic and anti-competitive. It's not just that companies like Comcast want to profit even more from their services at the expense of other companies' successes, they want to help ensure that they can stifle competition from their own products and services. Charging Netflix for faster access helps subsidize their own inferior video-on-demand service. Also, keep in mind, for so many of us there are literally no other choices for internet service providers. We can't tell these companies what we think of their business practices by taking our business elsewhere, because they are the only choice.
—John Hanauer, Chicago, IL

A multi-tier internet will stifle innovation and consolidate content to only the richest providers. Please stand up to these interests and allow all content and services to have the same opportunities. We will all be sorry when there are only two internet providers and two content sources. It will be 1984's dream realized
—Robert West, Seattle, WA

The speed with which I move through the Internet should be like the federal interstate highway system: One speed limit for everyone. The Internet is also a basic service to which everyone must have equal access, just like landline telephones.
—Kip Boyle, Covington, WA

The internet is the only place on earth for the unrestricted exchange of ideas and information please PLEASE do not leave your mark in history as the people that fought to destroy that because you will bring shame to our country and be the laughing stock of future generations
—Alex A Chagovetz, Salt Lake City, UT

Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This needs to be done to keep the internet free.
—Mr. Derek Bode, Morenci, MI

freedom. equality. for all. America's ideals.
—Jamie, Maryville, TN

Small businesses, such as ours, would not be able to compete with big-bucks corporations without a level playing field. And, as you probably know, the U.S. Small Business Administration's studies show that small firms employ over half of the private-sector workforce, and they created nearly two-thirds of nation’s net new jobs over the past decade and a half! Small businesses are the backbone of our economy! Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers to give businesses like ours a chance to continue this huge contribution to our economy.
—Liz Schmidt, Ashland, OR

The internet should remain open and free to everyone. A 2-tiered approach will have the unintended effect of squashing competition. Leave the internet alone. You don't own it and shouldn't be able to regulate it or regulate access to it.
—Tim oehke, Fargo, ND

The FCC should reclassify ISP as common carriers as the law intended to protect net neutrality.
—Jared Garfinkel, Plainview, NY

All internet transmission ultimately boils down to packets of 1's and 0's. There is no functional difference between someone who spends their day watching Netflix or all day reading the archives at a small independent website like the one I run. ISP's must be classified as common carriers for the protection of small and growing sites like mine. There is no reason, historically or otherwise, to believe a two-tier system will not be used to enrich the providers at the expense of the user. Please deny the two-tier system for the sake of citizens and small businesses everywhere.
—Glen Ort, Kansas City, KS

It is important for all U.S. citizens to have unrestricted access to the Internet. By countermanding Net Neutrality, the large ISPs would benefit financially--paid for by the citizenry. The Internet is a great resource for national and international news and research; it is not all for entertainment. Restriction to these beneficial aspects of the NET would be detrimental to public education and awareness. It is important that ISPs are reclassified as common carriers, so large corporations can not discriminate against subscribers and online content.
—Kae Cheatham, Helena, MT

Please preserve net neutrality by reclassifying ISPs as common carriers!
—Caitlin Burnett, Washington, DC

Your proposal to allow ISPs to discriminate against individual internet users is a travesty and will slow the pace of innovation and economic growth. The current technology economy would not have been possible if high-speed internet capacity were not allocated equally to all users. Your proposal will hamstring the economy and you will be personally responsible.
—Ramya Varma, Brooklyn, NY

I wish to register my strong support for net neutrality and the reclassification of service providers as common carriers. I oppose any tiered plan.
—Forrest Page, Chapel Hill, NC

I am so tired of public resources being used to make corporations rich at our expense. The Internet was paid for with tax payer dollars. it is not to be taken over by private interests. AA&T is no different than Cliven Bundy squatting his cattle on public lands. No more Corporate welfare queens.
—Katherine Trimm, Tucson, AZ

ISPs must be classified as common carriers. Innovation thrives when all network traffic is treated as equal.
—Damon Gillespie, Hudson, NH

This is the dismantling of public internet. This is putting us on the path to corporate censorship. I want to know how much you guys are getting paid off to do this to the public.
—Christopher Sessa, Mesa, AZ

WE NEED TO KEEP A LEVEL PLAYING FIELD FOR FAIRNESS TO ALL.
—Will Henderson, San Francisco, CA

We are American! We have certain rights garunteed by our God and our constitution. By you changing the very ability of us to communicate freely , you infringe on our rights! Stop this arrogance and allow the net to stay free!
—Freddy Grant, Boise, ID

Dear FCC, As a programmer and developer, I am appalled that this is even being considered. ISPs should not have the ability to tier network speeds. They need to be common carriers. Thanks,
—Clayton Sann, Parkville, MD

Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers to save net neutrality; an idea so vital for humanity and is already practiced in most parts of the world.
—Woo Cheol Shin, Latham, NY

Keep the net the way it is!
—Stan Mrak, Atlanta, GA

Why is the FCC once again trying to fix something that isn't broken? Leave this alone. Who will benefit from the proposed changes ... the people or businesses?
—Russ Baker, Willow Springs, MO

PLEASE, throw out its rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Donald Montgomery, Oshkosh, WI

Equal access to the Internet is crucial to America. It promotes innovation, the free and open exchange of ideas, and can help drive the entrepreneurship that will help the United States stay a world leader. We cannot allow corporate greed to restrict who can access the Internet. Please do not implement the new Internet rules that will further widen the gap between rich and poor in the US. Classify all ISPs as common carriers. Net neutrality must be maintained for the good of the entire country.
—Jane Maple, Wichita, KS

As someone who works on the internet, I don't want my job or my creativity to be in danger due to the greed of people who can't even compete in the global marketplace because of their greed.
—Eric Aichele, Marietta, GA

Dear Chairman Wheeler, Please rethink your misguided plan to allow multitiered deliverability "guarantees" across the internet in the US. The world is watching us. Other countries are aware (as we should be) that such a move will ultimately hurt American competitiveness and innovation, merely to protect the substandard service provided by a few companies. Due to the subpar infrastructure of companies like Comcast and AT&T, the US is already in the internet slow lane with respect to most of the developed world. You can help change that by reclassifying ISPs as common carriers. Thanks for listening. Nathan Smith Oakland, California
—Mr. Nathan Smith, Oakland, CA

Just when the population starts to rely on the Internet the fees go up. This time lets show the world that everything is NOT about profit to a few in America.
—Mr. Randy Knatat, maryville, IL

The internet is the last vestige of a free press, a key foundation of democracy. Without net neutrality, combined an ineffective and useless congress and the Roberts supreme court, the country will be propelled back to the 19th Century.
—Lynn Segal, Menlo Park, CA

I do not support a two-tiered Internet. This is the worst thing imaginable for the Internet. The only way to protect free speech online is to reclassify Internet service providers as common carriers.
—Clyde Heppner, Liberty, MO

Throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality.
—Kayvon J Ghaffari, SEATTLE, WA

Please reclassify Internet Service Providers as common carriers. 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. And no one would be able to do anything about it.
—Tim Wilson, Riverside, CA

Without Net Neutrality, people won't be able to start businesses online. It will destroy the free market economy!
—Jared Panico, Austin, TX

As a teacher, net neutrality is a core issue when teaching students about the power of connected networks. Anyone, anywhere can (and should) create content to share freely with the world. Students have a unique opportunity to join the rest of the world in that privilege. By splitting the net into fast and slow lanes, the FCC will simply reinforce the idea that government is run by those with the deepest pockets. The Internet is one of the last places run by a true democracy, and it isn't up to corporations or third parties to determine who gets to share ideas and who doesn't. Please consider the implications down the road - future generations depend on it.
—Brian E. Bennett, South Bend, IN

Dear Mr. Wheeler: Please stand firm on Net Neutrality and do not open the way for "fast lanes" for the large ISPs to sell to the highest bidders. The Internet has become an increasingly important form of communication for all citizens, but its utility will be degraded if service becomes tiered based on who can pay the highest rates for services. In a world in which we pay by the GB for access whether or not we use all of it we are already paying heavily for service with the providers reaping financial rewards they do not earn. If it becomes necessary to pay even more to use their best available speeds, many of us will be priced out of the market. I already cannot afford cable TV. The wealth of information available on the internet is not something I can replace with a library card or a newspaper. If access is restricted (as it will be if Net Neutrality ends), it will affect my readiness for work life, my financial well-being, my security. Stand firm. Thanks, Cheryl Kettler
—Cheryl Kettler, Chcicago, IL

Endorse REAL net neutrality and do not implement a tiered system of services for internet speed. The internet is meant to be a place of fast dissemination of information and ideas to drive innovation. There can be no proper innovation if ISPs are allowed to dictate the speed with which ideas spread. ISPs would have too much power to control which ideas we see. This is a step backwards for the world if information can be selectively promoted simply by affecting the speeds with which they spread.
—Thomas Hopkins, Ann Arbor, MI

Please reclassify to common carriers
—Ian Sinclair, Frisco, TX

I'm rather confused at how you could possibly consider ISPs anything other than common carriers with how important the internet is these days. Nearly every business uses them and a good connection is practically required to look for job listings or get important news. To act like it's still a luxury service when it has become such an enormous part of everyday life is ridiculous.
—Sam Peeples, Spring City, PA

Net Neutrality provides for an even playing field for all Americans, it virtually as essential as the freedom of speech. To take this away from Americans and provide a two tiered system favoring those who are more financially capable of paying would be biasing the financially capable in just another facet of life.
—Timothy Lin, Santa Clara, CA

Net neutrality is what made the internet such a successful technology and a boon for the economy. By eliminating it, you're hurting the ability of start ups and medium size tech companies to compete.
—Eric Smith, Sammanish, WA

Net neutrality is important because it promotes free enterprise, entrepreneurship, innovation and freedom of speech. It also is a way to stop unfair and unethical pricing practices. Corporations should not have control over how "we the people" access content and services. I implore you to please take this issue under careful and thorough consideration. Thank you.
—Robert Ortiz, Novato, CA

We all know that Net Neutrality is merely an effort by providers to gouge customers. The FCC should not allow this to happen.
—Richard DuPree, denton, TX

Throw out FCC rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Protect Net Neutrality!
—Donna, t, FL

I think corporations that want to impose this plan should owe 100% of the profits in Federal tax just for proposing it.
—Jeff Smolinski, denver, CO

Net neutrality is a crucial component of a functional internet. Protect it for your children's sake!
—Jan Sell, LONDON,

The pending FCC changes to Internet access and the costs for services would be particularly difficult for those such as myself living on fixed incomes. If the greedy ISPs and telcos keep increasing prices for services, we soon will be without phone, Internet and TV services.
—Terrence Thompson, Glenview, IL

Real Net Neutrality is key to our democracy and to the Internet. Do not allow discrimination of any kind towards applications, devices, content and do not allow any fast lanes that put some companies ahead of others. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Chris Dorr, New York, NY

I'm afraid I know who you're working for and it's not the voting 99% public but "big time" corporate money - the 1%. Your priorities are upside down! Your efforts to two-tier internet service indicates to me who you really represent. You must reclassify ISPs as common carriers!
—Mr. Paul Rutkovsky, Tallahassee, FL

Please do not give away our Net Neutrality - internet should be free and available for all. Please do not start a process of segregation.
—Claire Cumpper, MATLOCK,

Tom Wheeler is dirty. He's being paid by the cable company(ies) to help them line their pockets. Keep the internet open, free and fair.
—Tyler Travitz, Chicago, IL

Content creation on the internet is like no other source of media. But if net neutrality is compromised then it all turns into shit. Not just anyone can be an artist anymore.
—Ginger Nelson, Sebastopol, CA

Your proposed Internet rules are terrible. Please throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality.
—Michael Evans, Clarkston, WA

I feel it is important the we have REAL net neutrality. Please reclassify ISP as common carriers. Thank you, Michael
—Michael T Mowery, TELLURIDE, CO

Please! Let's keep it free.
—Ronald W Colman, Long Beach, CA

Please keep the internet a place for the free flow of ideas, commerce, and community by reclassifying ISPs as common carriers.
—Christopher Parlon, Mansfield, MA

We live in a democracy - of, by and for the people, not of, by and for the corporations.
—Robert Swiatek, Buffalo, NY

A free and open internet without restrictions is essential for job creation, freedom of the press and especially for democracy. Please do not allow the internet to become a tool of corporate power. In a true democracy, the internet is the tool of the people.
—Robert Pehlke, Lowell, MA

Net neutrality allows me to perform my job. I am not alone. MILLIONS of us work through the internet. DON'T take MORE jobs away!
—Jo Barcelona, Hazelwood, MO

Net neutrality is so important to every level of our society and every age group now more than ever before. Allowing anything other than net neutrality is a gross violation of our freedoms, in my opinion.
—Rachelle Jones, Kinston, NC

The internet is where the future lies. It needs to be an even playing field so the next wave of innovation isn't snuffed out by huge corporate greed.
—Sean Maley, rochester, NY

We desperately need to keep net neutrality for education's sake. I support higher education via distance learning. It is based solely on a fast stable and affordable internet connection. Changing that could jeopardize the opportunities for some students.
—Audrey J Williams, Knoxville, TN

Please, please preserve net neutrality! Cable companies built a distribution network for data services, and now they're trying to take over the business of anyone who actually makes use of it. If the federal government isn't going to give us a "interstate highway system" for data, then you need to ensure that the network that's already in place remains fair and open.
—Rob Repp, Lake Bluff, IL

Net Neutrality now. PLEASE. I know you know that the Internet is an essential service Americans rely on to conduct our most basic daily affairs, from applying for a job, to finding a home, to running a small business. As an Internet user who believes strongly in the importance of a free and open Internet, I urge the FCC to reclassify broadband Internet access as a telecommunications service, and save Net Neutrality. In addition, the FCC should reject the proposed rules that would allow Internet service providers to divide the Internet into fast lanes for wealthy corporations and slow lanes for the rest of us.
—Joan Hoffman, Dexter, MI

Tom, WTF man, didn't you get the point with all the comments on the FCC's website? We don't want fastlanes. Stop pocketing money and trying to make your friends happy, you Dingo! reclassify ISPs as common carriers!
—Chad Preslar, Garland, TX

Net neutrality is important to me because it enabled me to be creative. I can access information on the internet when I need in whatever medium I need. I create different free website for people that provide verity of services such as email to fax or host check to make sure your server is running. Please support net neutrality and make it a lasting reality.
—Yonatan Ryabinski, Southampton, PA

We will not stand for anything less that true net neutrality!! Remember, you work for US, not for them (well now anyway) DO YOUR JOB!
—Lauren Buchholz, Seattle, WA

The Internet is place where everyone is welcome. No one has the right to discriminate others.
—Saul Molina, el mirage, AZ

Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of happiness.
—Neva Wuerfel, Chandler, AZ

Dear Chairman Wheeler: I am an individual that uses the internet and am in the process of developing a website for my small art photography company. From what I have read so far, the two lanes of internet traffic would hurt people like me. That is why I request that you strongly consider reclassifying the internet so it is more like a public utility. It would help the citizens of our country if you would do a point by point comparison so we could see how it wilk truly impact us as individuals and very small internet businesses. Thank you for your consideration of this request.
—Erica Wendel-Oglesby, Placitas, NM

Keep Net Neutrality! Reclassify Internet service providers as common carriers!
—Lisa Alexander, Las Vegas, NV

Real net neutrality is all WE THE PEOPLE will accept. Reclassified as a common. Stop selling US OUT !
—Greg mccarty, lineville, AL

As long as it's effectively impossible for a new entrant to lay new cable to compete with the monopoly ISPs, the current ISPs should be classified as common carriers.
—Jacob Stein, Philadelphia, PA

Hey Mr. Wheelier, you bozos in Washington need to reclassify ISP as common carriers.
—Mike J Morris, Gurnee, IL

The Internet touches every aspect in our lives, whether it be through communication (e-mail, Facebook, etc.), finances (on-line banking and bill-paying), research (Google, Wiki) or just entertainment. It affects how we vote, what we eat and even who we love. Every American deserves unfettered access to it, not to be treated as a second-class citizen unless we use one of the corporations that stifle competition and freedom of thought. Please don't bow to the money; don't create a 2-tiered system with more privileges for the haves and less for the have nots. This goes against every core value America has traditionally stood for.
—Mark Reid, New Orleans, LA

Please don't let big business influence how consumers access information on the internet. Healthy competition is essential to allow for innovation and the proposed rules risk locking in the current big successful internet corporations and discouraging new entrants.
—Samuel Adelman, Cambridge, MA

Dear Chairman Wheeler and FCC members: The Internet does not belong to you. It does not belong to the corporations who seek to profit from it. It belongs to the people of the United States. ISPs should be reclassified as common carriers in order to make sure that the Internet remains the free highway of information and ideas that enabled the entire world to benefit from it. Sometimes the people, not corporations, must win. This is one of those times. Please do the right thing and reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Barbara Forrest, Holden, LA

A free and open internet is important to me for several reasons. Above all, it drives entrepreneurship & protects freedom of speech. As a small business owner, I am very concerned about this issue & want the FCC to preserve the single greatest technology of our time. Control should not be at the mercy of corporations.
—Tara Cope, Claremore, OK

The internet is currently a bastion of free expression and a wonderful arena for the exchange of ideas and information. Your proposed two-tier Internet would instantly destroy this wonderful thing we have created and diminish the Internet experience of 99% of the people that use it.
—Jonas Mueller, Cambridge, MA

I want Net Neutrality please.
—Nick Hart, Whitmore Lake, MI

It's outrageous that you would agree to this undemocratic ploy. R Gilbert
—Ronnie Gilbert, Mill Valley, CA

Big companies don't get the right to separate the traffic and make a profit on something that we should all have equal access to!
—Travis Phillips, Campbell, CA

The FCC needs to protect the citizens of the US from the abuses of the giant telecom companies. Without the FCC, no one stands between us and the corruption of vast riches that exploiting telecom customers provides. Please, remember the finding principles of the Internet and protect its delicate openness for the good of all people.
—Travis Geis, Louisville, KY

I pay to have an internet connection at my home, and I don't want other people policing my connection to any website that I might want to go to just because they want more money. I have already paid money to see that website, please stop being so greedy. It will only kill the little guy like the average consumer and small businesses.
—Mary Sawyer, Groton, MA

Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Please do not create a multi-tiered Internet. This will affect our freedom and everyone's ability to compete equally. We NEED true Net Neutrality.
—Rick Gordon, Fremont, CA

Anything less than complete neutrality is unfair discrimination.
—Mark Dee, West Newton, MA

We need a media for self expression and communication free of the suppressing effect of structuring the net to make profit for a select group of companies. Preferential treat for access to the Internet interferes with our right to communicate freely and creative expression. Don't limit our access to benefit the profit margins of a few greedy companies.
—James Wallis, New Port Richey, FL

Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Do not create a two-tiered Internet.
—Josh Kirksey, Dallas, TX

Please, please, please, keep at least one thing in America free and equal.
—Samantha Fleming, Quincy, MA

You need to reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Vytautas Jaunius, Kvedarna,

Creating a two-tiered Internet will strangle the growth of new businesses, stunt education and research and be disastorous for consumers everywhere. It also sets a dangerous precident that could have untold effects on a global scale. Keeping the net neutral is the only way to encourage fairness and competition in the internet business. This may very well be one of the most important decisions of this century. Make sure you make the right one; keep Net Neutrality.
—Matt B, London,

Dear FCC, this concept of a two tier internet will cause nothing but trouble for small upstart companies and give corporations a money boost, keep the internet for the people, not the conglomerates.
—Solomon Branch, Toledo, OH

Net neutrality is essential to keeping information as accessible as possible. Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Lauren, Baltimore, MD

The Internet does not, and should not, have a fast lane. It makes absolutely no sense that certain content should be favored (and likely charged for). By introducing this idea would bring in content discrimination and censorship that should not be on the Internet.
—Brian Wu, Champaign, IL

IT IS A FREE INTERNET, NOT A PAY AS YOU GO INTERNET!
—Jeremy Haupt, San Jose, CA

Discrimination against common people to give the upper hand to billionaire corporations is not only unfair, it's downright shameful. Tell the FCC to throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Stacey Young, West Frankfort, IL

The net is the birthplace of a lot of innovation. Do not stifle innovation by discriminating people on the net.
—Karl Janus, Marietta, GA

Please: Equal Playing Field for ALL!
—Carolyn Mordecai, Phoenix, AZ

The broadband providers are already overcharging and under providing. The idea of allowing them to divide broadband usage and charging extra will impact small businesses, students, every day users negatively.
—Connie Pettit, naples, FL

Do NOT let Internet service providers like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon create a two-tiered Internet. 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 reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Restore Net Neutrality.
—Nathan Mihalovich, Tiburon, CA

You need to keep the internet open for ALL users!!!!
—John Carpenter, Shelby, NC

I dislike what you are doing to me and other.
—Christopher Sherrill, Detroit, MI

Dear Mr. Wheeler, Maintaining net neutrality is a high priority to me as a citizen and educator. Access to the net should not be limited by service providers on a profit motive basis only. Access is no longer a luxury but a necessity to most Americans and creating a stratified access system will once again place an unfair burden on those less able to afford this essential service. Thank you, Robert Katz
—Robert Katz, Tulsa, OK

Be neutrality is extremely important. I should be able to access any website I want without forcing the website to pay higher fees or have those fees passed on to us. Net neutrality should constitute a freedom a speech and should not be curtailed.
—Jennifer Barlow, Fayetteville, NC

Get your head out of the ass of your largest campaign contributor, and tell them the Internet is not for sale and should remain FREE for all to use.
—Joseph Lyda, Tullahoma, TN

Please leave the internet alone. We are accomplishing amazing things and do not need to give giant companies any more of a leg up than they already have. If net neutrality does not remain, how can you say we, the people have any power in this "democracy?"
—Sam b, Asheville, NC

Please stop trying to ruin the internet with unnecessary rules and regulations that bog it down and make it unfair to every individual living in the U.S.
—Dave Pelunis, Solon, OH

Internet fast lanes will be a disaster and our government needs to consider its people.
—Brian Beckstead, Mesa, AZ

A two tier internet is unacceptable. This will retard independent and start up growth as well as give internet providers unneeded control of internet content and speeds. The Internet should be a commodity much the way phones are now. Stop acting dumb and listen to the people.
—Patrick Sheehan, charlestown, MA

Net Neutrality is important and we need it to stay the way it is. This is because if companies have to spend money to have fast connection then only companies that have money gcan do it. This mean small businesses's websites will be slow and they will lose customer. Which will hinder the already bad economy. Also it will hinder people from achieveing the American dream because the way the world is today you have to use the internet to do anything and business is no exception. Therefore new companies will struggle to grow because they can't afford the steep prices for good connection leaving them unable to reach customers efficiently. This will more harm than good so please don't allow internet providers from disciminating who gets good connection.
—Ryan Alwine, hammonton, NJ

Don't divide the internet based on someone's ability to pay! This is a country of freedom of equality, and that means with our internet too. I and many use the internet to connect and communicate with people around the world, to learn, to entertain ourselves, and a lot more. Don't do it, FCC. DON'T CHA DO IT.
—Alexis Vasquez-Morgan, Fayetteville, NC

Democracy cannot thrive when access to the Internet can be doled out based on an organization's ability to pay. Protect Net Neutrality and an Internet that does not discriminate based on means. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—David Shepard, Seattle, WA

Net neutrality. Not "net neutrality". Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Bob, Bobland, IN

Without TRUE net neutrality, the internet will stifle creativity and become a pay to play environment where only the million dollar corporations win. A game controlled by the already monopolistic ISPs. I don't believe former ISP lobbyist Tom Wheeler has the internet's best interest in mind.
—Jacob Setchell, Hampton, VA

This summer on vacation in the Adirondacks we experienced for the first time a dramatic difference in the quality of the delivery of cellular data to our Sprint phones vs. Verizon phones in the same cottage in Eagle Bay, NY: a place where only Verizon has direct service. I am not certain if this is a direct result of the Supreme Court's decision or not but it was clear there was a difference in the quality of the service: even though we pay for data roaming in our contract. Please re-classify the Internet so this kind of situation does not expand! Whether it is wireless or broadband, there are many places in the US with only one carrier! Declaring all of them to be common carriers would ensure we all have equal access!
—Merrick E Shawe, Farmington, NY

You know true net neutrality is the right thing to do! I'll be watching for your vote.
—Brenton Spendlove, Colorado Springs, CO

Allowing further monopoly of internet services goes against the very basis of our country and its economy, in which competition and regulation keep companies focused on providing the best services for the best cost, building relationships with consumers that benefit both over time. I don't pay for high speed internet service so that I can be at the mercy of how well the sites I use can pay fees for connection speeds--this is a greed/profit fueled move that will hurt consumers and allow providers to make money off giving consumers like me a less neutral, less reliable service. Nothing shows how the government is swayed more by money than the will of the people than the constant bowing to corporate demands over what is beneficial to people on the ground. We've already seen this with corporations being deemed people by the Supreme Court, allowing companies to put their religious beliefs before the beliefs and health of their individual employees whose rights are now second to the company that they keep afloat with their labor. We see it with lobbyists keeping the supplement industry from regulation under the FDA to stop the literal deaths of unknowing consumers, and now we see it with these threats to net neutrality for the profit of some at the expense of an entire nation of internet users. I wholly object to a tiered internet: every other living condition is divided by class/wealth, including the ability to get ON the internet--once your'e online, that divide should not continue to apply. Internet providers already mess with the connection speed of sites to pressure the owners into deals--to make this the rule instead of the insidious exception is unconscionable and leading down a road that could easily infringe on the rights of content providers and individual users.
—M Tatnall, North Hills, CA

Net neutrality is necessary to prevent internet gatekeepers, the regional monopolies like Comcast, Time Warner Cable, AT&T, et. al., from giving preferential treatment to political and/or business allies in an attempt to stifle the free-speech or business success of their opponents. If supposedly political/business-neutral organizations like the IRS can be used for political gain, which recent news reports have proven occurs, then surely corporations like Comcast, TWC, et. al. will use their monopolistic power for business gain. *Real* net neutrality is absolutely necessary in a world where political and business ideologues do whatever is necessary to further their agenda.
—Mr. David Ellis, Canyon, TX

I want an even playing field on the internet, and I don't want it to be up for sale for those who can afford to pay for it. We deserve access to any and all information without any discrimination as to who provides it. The internet is beautiful because anyone can have a voice. It is a living incarnation of the voice of our era's zeitgeist. We can't have it stifled because huge corporations want to get richer, crowd out competition, and have only their messages communicated to the public.
—Alexander J Gilchrist, Wappingers Falls, NY

As a student interested in global networks and communication, I find that the United States is far behind other countries in terms of our networks. This is partially due to the major corporations that already have to much power. Forgive my bluntness, but if the United States does not protect even the most basic of common sense in terms of networking (Net Neutrality being one of them), the vast majority of people whom are interested in communication and networks (including myself) will be forced to leave the country in search of work elsewhere. As a side note, I did the math. AT&T could reasonably survive if everyone paid $20/month for home internet, and they could give everyone ~50mbps. That includes network upgrades. They don't need anymore money. Reclassify the ISPs as common carriers. It isn't nearly as hard as you make it sound.
—Jacob Slater, Santa Rosa, CA

Please keep the internet free. We need to stop producing ways to increase revenues for corporations by separating those with money from those without. This only makes the rich people spend more of their unnecessary fortunes and makes life more difficult for those who are just trying to live.
—Joe Patierno, Denver, CO

It has been the role of the FCC to protect the privacy and freedom of Americans since its inception in 1934. I am asking that you continue to maintain this precedent and protect the freedoms of Americans, especially in the case of Net Neutrality.
—Taylor Griffith, Athens, GA

I live and work on the Internet and I believe that if we allow a group of companies to determine how to send the packets I request to me that it will begin to erode the Internet as we know it. I believe that it will create a few huge websites that will control the majority of what we do with little ability for startups to be able to compete (basically a mirror of the current government backed monopolies that the Cable and Telephone companies have). The Internet helps to equal the playing field between the powerful and the weak or up and coming and we should try to protect that as viciously as possible.
—Andrew Hamilton, Santa Monica, CA

Just keep corporations from kidnapping the information highway, please. Individual online freedoms must be protected as something sacred, not stepped on. By buerecrats or the profit obsessed.
—Mr. Andrew Luersen, Big Sur, CA

Please reclassify Internet service providers as common carriers. I am a professional musician and teacher. My livelihood depends on open and unfettered communication with listeners and clients. Deregulating net neutrality will limit the chances that independent artist/teachers such as myself will be able to continue making art.
—Richard Saunders, Brooklyn, NY

The internet is the most important creation of the 20th century. Just think about the millions of jobs that now fully revolve around it. Creating these tolls will add a huge cost to everyone that uses the internet and if you think that end cost will not be passed on to consumers then you are a raging incompident. These tolls will not only raise the price of everything on the internet (as it is all connected), but it will also force companies to fire employees in the U.S. and send the jobs over seas in order to balance out the cost that they would now have to pay in order to compete online. We need to think of the greater good here. Reclassify the ISP's as common carriers and bring true net neutrality.
—Sean Corkum, Menomonee falls, WI

It's time to end the attempted corporate takeover of the free flow of information...The very idea is anti-American and anti-human.. Freedom cannot be bought and no one has the right to attempt to sell it..
—Mr. Keith Hinton, Brentwood, TN

A two tiered internet speed will stifle innovation. A start-up company with the next great idea will not be able to compete with a larger company who can afford higher fees. FCC should be encouraging the broad availability of high speed internet all across the country by having increased competition among the providers.
—Steven Lee, Fort Myers, FL

I own a small business; costs are crucial. The internet should be a common carrier. I could neither afford a higher toll, loss of access, nor customers' loss of access to me.
—Steve O'Neill, Dixon, CA

One tier for net neutrality. One fast speed for all!
—Dennis Tarpey, Northampton, MA

Free exchange of ideas and information is vital to advancing civilization, especially for those whose voices are rarely heard.
—A, smyrna, GA

A two-tiered Internet would be undemocratic and harmful to our nation's ability to compete in the global marketplace. Please rethink this awful plan, which would slow innovation while speeding up economic disparity.
—Mark Smith, San Francisco, CA

throw out proposed FCC Internet rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Claire Van Dyke, Dalton, MA

Please, Mr. Wheeler, don't go down in history as "The Man Who Killed the Open Internet." ISPs are monopolies. At best people might have a duopoly to choose from. Based on the track records of the companies involved, there is no reason to expect these companies to exercise the newfound power to grant "fast lanes" in ways that aren't self-centered. It might take ten years...but the Interent WILL become dominated by giants. Innovation WILL suffer. And the best the America has done for the world will be relegated to "the other cable service."
—Russ Carrick, Telford, PA

Please protect net neutrality and tell the FCC to throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Allen Winiski, Roswell, GA

Pay to play is not the way! This will reduce competition by narrowing the market by default, since smaller (probably better) companies in any given field would have a harder time affording the better service compared to the mega corps that are already entrenched. Pay to play policies would strengthen the *effective* monopolies these giant corporations already have on our economy. NO.
—Gabriella Nunez, Alexandria, VA

Land of the free and home of the brave.
—Jennifer Armston, Brookline, MA

Mr. Wheeler, Internet Service Providers are unanimously using cable/internet connections for telephones. This fact alone REQUIRES you to reclassify broadband internet providers as common telecommunications carriers. The people of the United States will not allow you to implementyour current, discriminatory plan and keep your job. If you do this, we will dissolve the FCC and create a new government agency in its place, one which is controlled and influenced by the PEOPLE, instead of the corporations it regulates, and you will be fired.
—Adam Grimes, Coatesville, PA

The net has flourished because of its neutrality. Pursue the greater good instead of bending to special interests. Keep the net neutral!
—Kerry Kaluza, Saint Joseph, MN

I am a small online business owner, I do not want to be shut out of the game by the big players! Small business needs a level playing field period!
—Regan Caton, Montclair, NJ

Please save the Internet from the cable companies, our jobs and livelihood depend on keeping the Internet open and neutral. Stop the cable companies from destroying the small businesses that keep this country moving forward. All great ideas and business grow because there is hope. If the cable companies have control over who gets access through speed etc... then entrepreneurs will loose hope. and without that hope the cable companies will kill the American dream. Let’s face it, the cable companies do not care about the American dream for all Americans, they only care about what they want. And, if cable companies own the Internet speed, then there will be no reason for them or anyone to develop technology to improve Internet speed. The cable companies will just tighten the noose on all of us when the demand gets to great. Without competition or expanding needs of the public, there will no reason for them to improve the technology. The type of data that we stream, view or display today will change 100 fold in a short period of time and the cable companies will not keep up with this or any other future demand of the internet if they don’t have to. The only choice we will be given is to pay the cable companies more. Making them richer and leaving all of us with less income. Please save small business. Please save the American dream. Please keep net neutrality. Thank you
—Claude Prettyman, santa ana, CA

Save the Internet Chairman Wheeler, please reclassify. A two-tiered Internet is not the way to go.
—Chantal Laurent, Stamford, CT

The internet was funded by my taxpayer dollars. I do not want big business to take over the infrastructure and have preferential treatment and bandwidth access greater than what I have today. I do not want my internet use to take a back seat or "slow lane" - I demand that access be completely equal and neutral.
—John Opaluch, Hasbrouck Heights, NJ

What is wrong with men and women in places to do what is right that they come up with ever more ways to favor corporations while at the same time oppressing millions of people by downgrading our services? Can you hear the very stones crying out against plans to create a tiered Internet? Stop with he discrimination against the masses to benefit the few. get the money out of your eyes and let it be replaced by justice for the masses. God help us.
—Loren Balk, Fort Mill, SC

I urge you to reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Although the current Wheeler plan technically does not allow the slowing down of Internet access, it also creates "fast lanes" for priority access. This plan fundamentally would be no different than if ISPs were allowed to slow down and speed up Internet access to specific content at will. There would still be a two-tiered system. This system would limit innovation only to companies that could pay enough to ISPs to continue to maintain priority access. It would prevent competition and make for a market that is neither free nor fair.
—Matthew Chen, Boston, MA

It is perfectly clear, the Internet must remain in the public domain.
—Mary Swilling, summerville, SC

I have very few choices as far as carriers goes. I have been at their mercy when they raise prices or reduce the quality of service. I do not trust these companies to act on behalf of my interests let alone those of other internet-reliant companies. There is not enough competition in this system to keep these companies honest and our communication open without specific regulation.
—Brandon Catcho, Lansing, MI

Please reclassify the internet. For me it's a wonderful resource, a way to find all kinds of interesting small websites that are inspiring. I can't afford to pay more for these services and would miss them very much.
—Judith Hoffman, San Mateo, CA

In my view, the Internet should be treated as a public utility, not a private enterprise where priority is given to the highest bidders. Usage should remain equally open to all. If major players want better, more exclusive means of delivering their products, let them build their own infrastructure, not hog the existing Internet or effectively push out of business smaller players. Net neutrality is essential to preserve the freedoms and opportunities gained with this new technology.
—Douglas W. Sterner, Cranford, NJ

Please keep the net NEUTRAL!!!
—Wes Crook, Chubbuck, ID

Use this box to tell them we need net neutrality.
—Brad Broussard, Baton Rouge, LA

Please, ask yourselves if the web-based startups that have generates a substantial part of the US's GDP over the past 10 years eg: Google, Facebook, Amazon, etc... could have gotten past the startup stage with their innovative technology if they had the cost you are about to incur on modern day early stage companies. If the answer to that question is they wouldn't have been able to beat their larger competitors, then how is this not trading future GDP growth via innovation for current day favoritism of large corporates that simply want to become richer? Not sure what leverage the large corporates have, but is it really enough to make you be a key participant in killing the next Google, Facebook and amazon by allowing their less innovative larger competitors to incur higher costs of competition to reach customers with a better value proposition. What is the long-term view here, we have the luxury of taking that view here in the US and I think that is a large part of why this country has a 15 Trillion + GDP. Please ask yourselves; What is the long-term view here.
—Sergey Nazarov, New York, NY

In the interest of an open democratic society and the free exchange of ideas and information, I urge you to reclassify the internet as a common carrier.
—Mr. Thomas Johnson, Memphis, TN

Don't let internet speeds be monopolized by greedy corporations, let things be as great as they are intended to be! Equality is greatly needed on this country to make the internet another place of inequality.
—Chris Smith, Elk River, MN

If we don't reclassify broadband internet, it will be an open invitation for monopolies to take control
—Michael McEwan, Warrior, AL

You are the only people who have the power to make this right. Stop the corruptness and maintain privacy in all aspects of life
—Olivia Branton, Scituate, MA

Please maintain net neutrality for the sake of future innovation And access by startups.
—Ashley Daigle, Mobile, AL

Leave the internet as it is. I. Tired of companies dictating everything in this country, Hell, even the world for that matter. Enough is enough. Find something that's real and important to fight for. We have a lot of unemployed, sick and starving people in this country and world wide. Use your time to fix these issues and be a real leader in a world of greedy push overs.
—Jonathan Cupps, Warrior, AL

The proposal on Net Neutrality by FCC Chairman, Tom Wheeler, should not be approved. The government does not belong in the business of regulating the internet. ISPs should be reclassified as common carriers.
—Brian O'Neill, Landenberg, PA

The Internet in its current form is not broken, and the FCC is currently taking steps to fix that. Please stop.
—Andrew Graziani, Derry, NH

Throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality.
—Rachel Bliss, Flagstaff, AZ

FCC throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality.
—Marg McCAUSLAND, ASHBURN, VA

I want NET neutrality. Keep it open and equal for all users, not just those with money to buy votes of Congress and the Supreme Court!
—Carol Lynne Frey, Emerson, NE

Please classify the internet as a common carrier like telephone service. I already pay for my connection. Websites already pay for their servers. Why let telcomes triple-dip to create tiered plans? Would you like to pay extra to use water for showers versus the laundry because the municipal water supply knows people shower every day and can make more money that way? No. You pay for the water to get to your house, what you do with it is up to you. Similarly I pay for the internet to get to my house already, and what I want to do with it is up to me.
—Katherine Wright, Laurel, MD

As an Internet user who believes strongly in the importance of a free and open Internet, I urge the FCC to reclassify broadband Internet access as a telecommunications service, and save Net Neutrality. In addition, the FCC should reject the proposed rules that would allow Internet service providers to divide the Internet into fast lanes for wealthy corporations and slow lanes for the rest of us.
—Zack Scales, Albuquerque, NM

Net Neutrality is essential for digital equality.
—Abigail Mack, Saint Louis, MO

Leave the internet unbiased. Everyone has power on the internet. Please leave it as the last platform where individuals can express themselves without being overpowered by large corporations. Please classify internet service providers as common carriers.
—Meera Sathyadas, Parkville, MD

Please stop being stupid. I want to receive the dotted that I pay for at all sites not just the ones who have money to blow. That's the problem with this world. All About the "Benjamins". Please stop this nonsense.
—Phillip Simmons, Gaithersburg, MD

The Internet has gained so many many functions that were never even dreamed of during its creation. The things we can do today with the Internet from day to day is outstanding. We can meet friends, family, and employers. Or we could end up talking to total strangers that might just be able to lend the exact help with something you need help on when you need it. Net Neutrality is one of the keys to keeping the Internet operating at its current capabilities and allowing it to flourish further with each new idea, start up, and online project. Please do not let Wheeler and the ISP's ruin the internet further with even worse pricing categories and data speeds that killing Net Neutrality would help accomplish. ISP's need to be reclassified as common carriers. They may not move passengers or physical products but they do move digital products and projects from computer to computer, server to server, around the clock.
—Ryan Korteway, Plainwell, MI

Internet provided resources, just like water or electric, are a utility and likewise all traffic resources should be provisioned equally. Companies creating artificial toll roads over anothers data is not fair competition.
—Tim Young, philadelphia, PA

The internet is perhaps the greatest boon to innovation and dissemination of knowledge in history. Please reclassify so that this trend may continue and our internet may be free (libre). Putting cable and wireless providers in charge is not the way to go. Consumers need you to act.
—Will Austin, Winter Haven, FL

Keep the internet for the PEOPLE! Those who can afford higher fees will only feed the people a toxic IMITATION of choice. Two tiers will not allow those who still have a job to comply with their employer's ever increasing demand that they conduct all job-related communications online. You will be throwing more Americans out of work, without a competitive avenue for their own shot at self-employment.
—Elinor Higgins, Oakville, CT

Mr. Wheeler, Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers and prevent ISPs from discriminating against online content and applications.
—Dan Ebenal, Victoria,

I am very concerned about ISPs picking and choosing which content they want us to view online.
—Seth Lueck, Baltimore, MD

Are the decisionmakers at FCC aware of what the 1st Amendment to the US Constitution says about our freedom of speech? "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or 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." Clearly, FCC's proposed Internet rules are in violation of the 1st Amendment. That's it -- over and out!
—Shireen Parsons, Washington, DC

The major ISPs should not be allowed to control my access to information based on their bottom line.
—David Knipe, White Bera Lake, MN

It is not the job of the FCC to protect the ISPs. Rather protect the American people. Keep the internet a level playing field - no fast lanes.
—Robert Mitchell, Bend, OR

Throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Quit messing with the net.
—Ronald Parat, Norridge, IL

The only way to protect free speech online is to reclassify Internet service providers as common carriers.
—Mark Maes, Mount Prospect, IL

Net neutrality is very important to me. It is crucial for a free market. allowing preferred access or service to select clients violates impartiality and promotes monopolies.
—Nuri Hal Perin, Santa Monica, CA

Dear FCC, You must preserve true net neutrality! The open internet give people equal voice, and if you start messing with the volume and the speed of the people's word, you will destroy all that it stands for. Peoples livelihood depends on it. So make the right choice. Your, An Open Internet Citizen
—Sofya Kabachek, riverside, CA

I am so sick of legislation and rules being written that protects corporate profits on their poor business models. So No to greed and Yes to fairness for all.
—Jeff Crawford, Chandler, AZ

Please rethink your rules and how biased they are against the majority of the people. ISP's should be reclassified as common carriers and not have any more ability than any other. A tiered internet system is as biased as the social stratification Caste system. We,the people of the United States deserve "real" Net Neutrality. You have no moral or legal right to direct or manage the internet in the way you feel is correct. Everyone has an opinion, just because you have the power/ability to make changes doesn't mean you are correct or moral in those decisions. Robin Smith
—Robin Smith, Louisville, KY

Net neutrality is important to me because, as a student wrestling with my future in a tough economy, I'd planned on starting up a small business via the internet to help make a living. This new policy, to me, seems to deny customers to those who can't afford to pay the extra fees. It makes innovation difficult and does not promote growth in the way that has worked for so many small businesses in the past. Please, return the internet to the people! Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers so small business owners don't have to throw out their hard work!
—Sarah Cotton, provo, UT

Free markets and competition are good. Unfortunately, domestic ISPs are an oligopoly at best. Please don't break the Internet by placing monopolist minority interests over those of the people. The Internet is NOT broken now, but it will be with a two-tiered system!
—Mr. Daniel Lowrey, Murrells Inlet, SC

Real Net neutrality, equal access internet speeds, times, etc. are crucial for our democracy and economy. Treat it like the airwaves regulated utilities. not more expensive for big money access to download data. I support & our political representatives must support Real Net Neutrality. Keep the Internet open to all.
—Sarah Bice, Portland, OR

Don't take my ability to use startup enterprises on the web. Small business cannot compete if they have to pay. I live in rural area and it is very convenient for me to shop on the internet.
—Donnie Bryan, Paso Robles, CA

Net neutrality is critically important for healthy internet competition and development. Net neutrality allows startups develop new services and bring amazing change to our daily lives unhindered by corporate negotiation and entrenched corporate interests. Without net neutrality, the miracle of instagram, facebook, google would not be possible. The pace of innovation will slow down.. in the US. The startup culture will not disappear. It will have to find a more open country that welcomes innovation. Even today, the internet service access is ridiculously expensive. The service that costs $50 per month in Bay Area costs $5-10 in Moscow, Russia. With proposed changes, the prices will go up and the quality of service will go down. I don't see how that serves the interest of US consumers, the US economy or the greater good of the world. Dear FCC, please reclassify Internet Service Providers as common carriers. Yours truly Alexander Sorokin, PhD Director of Data Science, Engineer, Scientist, Dad
—Alexander Sorokin, San Mateo, CA

Sirs. Retain net neutrality. Do not allow a multi-tiered plan that benefits only corporate interests with money. For the future of the American economy, American democracy, and the freedom on the internet, the internet needs to be freely open to everyone on an equal basis. Designate ISPs as utilities, common carriers.
—John A. Williams, Effingham, NH

The proposed rule changes regarding Net Neutrality would deprive the American people of free and open access to the web and increase the already massive control of corporate America over the lives of citizens. Please, keep the internet free. Sincerely, Michael Gore
—Michael Gore, Worcester, VT

Two tier pricing of content will inherently create winners-and-losers not based upon the free-market merits of the products being offered, but based on entrenched providers over the new players. We need to maintain "real" net neutrality!
—Roger Merel, Naperville, IL

While the idea may look good on paper, imposing a two-tiered structure onto the Internet will be ultimately harmful for many web hosting services and web users. Many, if not most, users would quit outright, causing hosts to lose more money than they would gain from this structure. Meanwhile, more extreme activists would strike, protest, and picket all around the country - or, in fact, the world - and cause profits to drop even more. If profits are all that you care about, will you listen to this?
—Connor Lowe, Phoenix, AZ

I understand that the pressure of lobbyists is intense. Still, if you want to ensure the same level of creativity and innovation, you need to keep the internet open and not wrapped up in large monopolies.
—Kiera Beddes, Nephi, UT

Dear FCC. Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Anything less is a deception and a threat to free speech. Please don't simply become part of the corporate oligarchy. Information must remain free if speech is to remain free. We DO NOT need more monopoly and economic obstacles for small businesses to make it. Fight this stupidity now, do the obvious thing and reclassify.
—Gregory Tczap, Littleton, CO

Some of the best things on the internet or worldwide services came from the internet. Making it harder for new stuff to get out there is important to us all, even corporations and business
—Dominic Lane, Leighton Buzzard,

I oppose any changes to our internet that would provide yet more power to ISP's like Verizon, and ATT. The fact that Tom Wheeler is a former head of one of these ISP's is discouraging and blatantly unfair. You need to reclassify ISP's as common carriers, period.
—John mahoney, Medford, OR

We don't need a paid service special internet fast lane. It should be the same for all.
—Bob Young, Eagleville, PA

Dear Mr. Wheeler, I understand your position to enact the proposal but think about the rest of Americans who rely on the Internet for basic services like medical contact, educational advancements, employment options, and bill pay. Many of the disabled Americans rely on the Internet for basic mobility to retain independence in some fashion. Please retain net neutrality for us. If I had to beg for you to leave the Internet as it is for those persons, I will. Leave the Internet as it is Sir, please!
—Elvie Jester, Silver Spring, MD

Television has already been overcome by providing biased information to the public, if we don't retain net neutrality two major information sources will be biased. Please protect net neutrality.
—Melissa Waite, Naples, FL

Please protect free speech online by reclassifying Internet service providers as common carriers. A two-tiered Internet, with fast lanes for those who can afford the extra fees will help no one but the wealthy.
—William Vincenti, Belleville, NJ

A free internet is important for Democracy!
—Mike Grosshandler, Albany, NY

The airways belong to ME and the rest of MY FELLOW CITIZENS. Yes, that is a shout-out to say to you (the FCC) that you have gifted OUR property to enrich the two brothers who own Comcast and the few others who own the other pipes, not to mention the ownership of the content transmitted over the pipes. Do you care? Probably not, but I do, and many others like ME care quite a lot. WE will use what power we have to get OUR property back - but in the meantime . . . do not approve the rules that force US to fight to take back what is OURS in the first place. Thank you!
—Barbara Hoch, McConnelsville, OH

The Internet should stand for equal opportunity for all regardless of the depth of their pockets.
—Bruce Houghtaling, North Hollywood, CA

It is unbelievable that any intelligent individual could hold forth the premise that Net Neutrality is not absolutely necessary. The average internet user must now pay increasingly high fees to their providers. To provide the "fast-lane" to the com-giants and push Joe Average to the curb cannot have any other purpose than to knuckle under to the big boys , saying, "It's okay... pay through the nose for poor service. The com-giants bigwigs need another million added to their bonuses." Come on... think like an average US citizen!!!
—Jerry Carter, Tuscaloosa, AL

A tiered Internet would destroy the real engine of job growth in this country, which is innovative start up companies. A tiered Internet would be bad not only for the customers & most businesses but it would also be bad for our country in general.
—Leonard Abrams, Mountain view, CA

Net neutrality gives us the vibrant and competitive internet that we have today. Net neutrality has brought us innovative services such as you tube and Twitter, produced huge companies such as Amazon and dropbox. We need net neutrality to insure that our country will continue to be the innovative technology center of the world and to do that we must reclassify.
—Michael Harmon, The woodlands, TX

The internet is the corner stone of a number of movements and ideas including business innovations. Without them we find ourselves left with a stagnating economy. Already ours is on the verge of collapse due to to many large interests controlling the flow of information. Net neutrality is a required to keep the flow of our economy alive until it recovers. In the grand reality there is also the matter of politics. Is it right for businesses to be able to dictate which politican gets the fast lane? It would certainly be the death of democracy. Already we have seen abuses of companies in the manipulation of news feeds and media streaming. Those abuses would be magnified 100 fold by ending net neutrality
—Anthony Vaughan, Aurora, CO

To Whom It May Concern, I vigorously disagree with and do not support Chairman Wheeler's proposal to allow an Internet "fast lane", whereby Internet Service Providers can charge extra money for a better experience. If implemented, I believe that such a thing would quickly become the de facto standard, with anyone unwilling to pay the toll of the fast lane being relegated to a slow lane, which will become (relative to the fast lane) slower and slower over time. While the proposal includes some safeguards for minimum quality of service for the slow lane, such a safeguard depends on enforcement, the language is vague. There is no concrete definition of what the minimum acceptable service should be, nor does there appear to be any room for that definition to grow over time as technology improves and becomes more widespread. I believe that these rules would hurt small American business' ability to innovate by imposing a tax on them. In order for a small startup's website and content to be as accessible to potential customers as the larger, more established companies in their industry, they would have to be a de facto tax to potentially several large ISPs. That tax represents decreased hiring and production capacity. The dollars from this tax will not go toward building out broadband infrastructure to make Internet access better for Americans -- they will go toward CEO bonuses and shareholder payouts. This benefits ISPs and hurts ordinary Americans. Chairman Wheeler has declared his support for Net Neutrality in the past, and however well-intentioned his proposal is, I do not believe it is an effective means of attaining a neutral, open Internet. I firmly believe that the only way to achieve this is to classify the Internet as a public utility. It is no longer a luxury or a novelty; in order to participate in American society to a substantial degree, you need access to the Internet. The gatekeepers of this access have taken advantage of this reality by hiking rates, providing substandard service and not using the money they make to expand service into under-served areas. The reason we have public utility classifications is to prevent infrastructure owners from leveraging their monopolies to gouge the American people, which is what large ISPs are doing right now. American broadband access is consistently ranked very low in the list of developed nations. The reason for this is that we lack a comprehensive, nation-wide broadband strategy that prioritizes available, reliable quality service. The priorities thus far have been protecting ISP bottom lines, and that has not led to widely-available, quality broadband. Chairman Wheeler's proposal does not fundamentally shift the focus from ISP profits to the American broadband customer, and I believe that is a fatal mistake. Please do not adopt Chairman Wheeler's proposal and instead treat the Internet as a public utility by classifying ISPs as common carriers.
—Damien Sorresso, San Francisco, CA

It is not the FCC's job to pick winners and losers or to allow a certain class of large companies to do so, as well. The FCC must not give large carriers like AT&T and Verizon the ability to decide content with this so-called two-tier system. Throw out these new rules and classify all ISP's as common carriers.
—Patrick Robbins, Palmyra, VA

You cannot and will not control the world wide web its to big if you think you have a problem with hackers now you have no idea what chaos you will bring to everone. Im not by any maens a hacker and even i see this. Let this one go.
—Chantry klaus, Benton, KS

THE INTERNET SHOULD BE A LEVEL PLAYING FIELD FOR EVERYONE! IT SHOULD BE A FREE FLOW OF IDEAS AND INFORMATION FOR EVERYONE! NET NEUTRALITY IS NECESSARY!
—Jessica Johnson, Tampa, FL

The proposed rule should be withdrawn and ISPs should be classified as common carriers. This is the only way to preserve the fairness and usefulness of the Internet as we know it. It is an incredible driver of innovation and productivity and ISPs should not be allowed to hold us hostage.
—Theresa Swayne, Bronx, NY

It is important because it slow down technological advances for regular people.
—Kira Shiratori, oklahoma city, OK

The Internet has, arguably, been a critical component in the speed and quality of recent innovations in many fields. It's crucial to our economy and the health of the planet that we maintain true net neutrality and not stifle the quality or pace of technological innovation.
—Ron Turner, North Vancouver,

The Internet is the greatest chance of totally free access to information mankind has. To give preferred access to a wealthier class would permanently handicap impoverished peoples
—Frederick William Burkey, Columbus, GA

An open equal internet is essential for a functional democracy and society of liberty. The internet should be part of the commons of our society and should be classified as such. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers to ensure equality, and free speech of the internet. While your at Mr. Wheeler and all you fine folks at the FCC I ask that you to quit being corporate hacks for the telecom industry.
—John Swank III, Norridge, IL

The two-tiered Internet will decrease productivity in the workplace, stifle innovation, and degrade the quality of the Internet for everyone. People don't use the Internet to get information from a few, super-powerful companies—they use it to access a huge variety of services. Instead of hobbling the Internet, invest in better infrastructure to make it quicker for all users.
—David Lessem, Portland, OR

I demand REAL net neutrality. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers. No two-teired system! Net neutrality!
—James Gott, San Jose, CA

The constitution guarantees freedom of speech, not based on how you communicate. Keep the Internet available to everyone on equal terms.
—Peter Zilahy Ingerman PhD, Willingboro, NJ

Regulatory capture is disgusting. Don't side with telecommunications companies and make internet access in the US even worse compared to other developed countries than it is now.
—Nwr W. Richards, Elm Grove, WI

We the People of the United States (and especially me, Wayne Montoya) want TRUE Net Neutrality... that means equality in speed, access, reliability, functionality for EVERYONE... not just for the Have's or all those who can afford to pay extra for what should be readily available to all (rich & poor alike)!! thank you for the consideration. sincerely, Wayne Montoya (Redwood City, CA)
—Wayne Montoya, Redwood City, CA

True Net Neutrality is essential to having an equal playing field on the internet. There would not be room for growth if these plans pass.
—Brendan Carroll, San Francisco, CA

Money and influence should not dictate the information to which I have access.
—Quinn Zukas Belhorn, University Hts, OH

As the spouse of an active duty member of the military, accessible internet is a necessity for staying in contact with family, and keeping up to date with news and changing policies. (A lot of necessary post information is only available via facebook or twitter, and I literally could not function without reliable, non-tiered internet service.)
—Alys Humfleet, Middleton, WI

To be able to make a living with online sales and not be pushed out by the large companies that would pay the higher rates I could not afford
—Dennis Watson, Miami, OK

I believe we all have the right to Net Neutrality. Everyone should have the right to use the internet freely and as a means of communication and knowledge. It should NOT be limited or regulated.
—Kimberly Stafford, fullerton, CA

Because it is the correct thing to do and because are supposed to be the Leader of the Western World!
—Cathal O'Cathain, Dublin,

The internet is still one of the rare venues where small businesses, non-profits, libraries etc. play on an equal playing field with large corporations. Would be a real step in the wrong direction to see that go away.
—Matt Reed, Jamaica Plain, MA

Dear Chairman Wheeler - we strongly object to any dual use access or changes in the current rules for equal access to internet backbone by all users. It is terribly unfair to all of us who have contributed to the success and popularity of the system after years of work and investment to sudden;y change the rules to favor those who already profit fairly from the traffic to the millions of sites and services the rest of have created and popularized at the expense of the very people who created and built the network..
—Nick@masomurraycom, Portland, ME

Dear FCC, I implore you to throw out the discriminatory rules and to reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Net Neutrality is so important for the common people to have a voice.
—Mia P., West Chester, PA

You cannot do that!!!
—Robert, Fowler, CA

The freedom of uncensored/unbiased information is something worth fighting for. Everyone should have an equal playing field when competing for the attention of customers/ any audience. I demand Net Neutrality!
—Nima, Toronto,

Current regulations are failing American citizens and businesses. We need real competition, which—due to the monopoly most consumers encounter—is only possible by classifying ISPs as common carriers. In nations that have done this, the internet is cheaper and faster. America cannot take its lead in online services for granted. We must provide the tools needed for this vital part of our economy.
—Samuel Crockett, Chicago, IL

Throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Beth Zurkowski, Brodhead, WI

Dear FCC, It truly is important to me to have Net Neutrality because I have copd. I do not get out much and do a lot of my shopping on the computer. You would be ruining the internet for many people.
—Suan Barnes, Valdosta, GA

The economy thrives on healthy competition. You're creating an environment where the big carriers can squash new ideas and companies before they even get started. Not to mention silencing dissent, which I shudder to think about. Please protect free speech online and reclassify Internet service providers as common carriers.
—Tom Wyckoff, Doylestown, PA

We need Net Neutrality! The American people love a free and open internet. That's the way it's been since the beginning and we need to keep it that way. It's what we stand for. It is part of the American dream. Thank you!
—Terry O Railey, McGehee, AR

Please continue to have the Internet remain equal. Preserving the right of online communication for all, not just the highest bidder. Thank you
—Jennifer Parmenter, Omaha, NE

to maintain a true democracy, ideas must flow freely....the air waves do not belong to corps; corps are not We The People. Verizon/Comcast, etc. are dangerous and must be regulated, not sold our country's freedom. Conspiracy with all MSM outlets. Do the right thing, for history and our beloved country! Step up and reclassify now!! True freedom of speech and democracy, now!! Down with oligarchs and their corp lackeys!! Sincerely, db
—Dee Black, westcliffe, CO

The internet should be the same for everyone; not for these with big pocketbooks
—Mr. John Arnett, Van Buren, AR

The two tiered internet is the end of the open free internet that has allowed our society to advance in so many ways. This must not happen in order to give normal people without the deep pockets of a large company a chance to thrive.
—Richard McBride, Nashville, TN

Stop selling everything to whomever has money. Keep my internet free!!!
—William Watson, Orlando, FL

The proposed changes to Net Neutrality would be extremely detrimental to our economy. One of the few long term, prosperous, economic foundations our country succeeds at is Information Technology. It is appalling how we allowed the monopolization of Internet Service Providers. We have immediately seen how the quality of service and innovation has degraded by having this detrimental. Tiny, unknown countries have network infrastructures that far surpass our own. Allowing ISP providers, that are expanding into other Information technology markets, have direct control over their competitors is a pathetic and neglectful consideration. We might as well be considered the Soviet Union of IT if allow these rules to be placed. Obviously, I highly disagree with these new rules. If these new rules are placed, I see many aspiring entrepreneurs leaving the USA to take the ventures into other promising technology countries.
—Michael Hotan, Seattle, WA

We all need to have access to information, not just information put out by the largest, strongest company, or the one with the most money. The smaller providers need to be heard just as much if not MORE than the bigger providers. To make this more difficult is terrible. Please help support the majority of the people, and preserve net neutrality.
—Deborah Brunelle, El Cerrito, CA

The creation of the internet is one of humanity's greatest achievements. We have only just begun to scratch the surface of what near-instantaneous global information sharing can do to improve cross-cultural understanding, innovation, and invention. To eliminate net neutrality is to eliminate, or at very least, significantly reduce the ability of the common person to be heard through a major communication medium. This is already the case with most major media and communication outlets, there is no need to extend it to the last remaining area of truly free-speech. Allowing price discrimination by monopolistic companies is a betrayal of freedom of speech, and as such, a betrayal of core American values in favor of catering to the interests of a few. There is no way to view this where you cannot see the potential for abuse by those these rules favor, which will certainly be acted upon. Recognizing this potential for abuse and ignoring it, as well as ignoring the public which fundamentally opposes the end of net neutrality goes beyond a betrayal of values, and further becomes a betrayal of the American people. Furthermore, the choice made here, by the country that birthed the internet, will almost certainly reverberate around the globe and will be used as a precedent for other nations. Which message do you want the rest of the world to hear? I, for one, do not want the message to be that crippling freedom of information is acceptable in the name of increasing profits. Comcast has made nearly $60 billion dollars in the last 12 months, other ISPs have performed similarly. They do not need any more money in the form of legal hand-outs. Some things are more important than maximizing profits, Mr. Wheeler, and freedom of speech and information are among those things.
—Alexander Kennedy, New York, NY

The internet is a blessing to all humanity. No one has the right to turn it into some twisted caste system. Equality for all is what we demand!
—Paola Suarez, New York, NY

net neutrality should be for everybody and haS ALWAYS BEEN SO.
—Jane Clinton, moorestown, NJ

Net Neutrality is vital to secure our right to free speech in practice regardless of income and moneyed interests.
—John Costello, Warwick, NY

Chairman Wheeler, Do you use YouTube? Even if you don't use it, you've heard of it, right? And you know what a massive game changer it was in the online world. Consider this: If a Two Tier Internet (like the one you're proposing) existed when YouTube started, YouTube wouldn't have gotten to the point it did. Why? Because of Google. Google launched its video service around the same time that YouTube launched. Google was already massive and powerful, and would've been able to afford the fast lane. YouTube on the other hand was just a startup, and would have been stuck in the slow lane. Do you remember Google Video? I do. It was horrible. And users knew it, so they used the vastly superior YouTube. But with a Two Tier Internet, people would've gone to YouTube, realized how much slower it was, and suffered through Google Video's lack of usability simply because it delivered content to them faster. So because of Two Tier Internet, we would have been delivered an inferior product. Instead, the world got to decide which they liked better, and YouTube, a tiny little startup, beat the giant Google (eventually Google bought YouTube, and did away with their own video service, they knew they had an inferior product) So you have to ask yourself, what kind of internet do you want? One where users have to deal with inferior services simply because the big companies know "Hey, we're faster, and we always will be. We don't need to make something good, people will come to us just for the speed." This will effectively put an end to online innovation, and mean that new services (like YouTube, Facebook, SnapChat, etc all were at one time) will never see the light of day again. They just won't be able to compete. Or do you want an internet that's open? One where everyone has the same speed, everyone is free to use the same roads, one where competition thrives? Finally, keep in mind that what you decide affects more people that just the United States of America. What you do will ripple through the world. Maybe other countries won't enact the same Two Tiered Internet, but the majority of internet startups are founded and take shape in the USA. Without them, the rest of the world will be stuck without innovation too. The choice is yours, and it will affect approximately 2.5 billion people around the world, the vast majority of which aren't even in the USA, nor North America. Please, maintain true Net Neutrality and reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Alex Brandeau, St. Catharines,

Make the internet an utility. Killing net neutrality is like having to pay extra just for a clear, non-static filled phone call.
—Steve Daniels, Dallas, TX

Net Neutrality allows for competition in various industries, as well as allows small businesses to reach larger audiences. Net Neutrality is also important, as with it is allowed great ease in the spread of information. While this may disappoint certain Internet providers, I'm sure it would keep other companies, especially those who profit from online stores and would have to pay extra to said companies, very happy.
—Logan J. Tomko, New Kensington, PA

All internet traffic should be treated equally. Dividing the internet into "tiers" would make it almost impossible for new services to grow, since they'd by definition lack the capital to get access to "fast lanes".
—David Lovely, Chicago, IL

The internet is a fabulous tool that can be used for learning and a strengthening of community. Let people continue to make decisions for themselves about how and where they choose to use to spend their time on the internet. The internet was meant for EVERYBODY, certainly not corporations with their own limiting and money making agendas that are not in the best interest of everyday United States citizens. I can say this as an everyday person that the a life without net neutrality is not in my best interest as an individual nor financially. The internet is not a county, state, or national matter. It's not broken don't fix it. Thank you.
—Cristina Alicea, Hobart, IN

no corporation should be allowed to make money off the Internet, the Internet is a free and open services to all people throughout the world. all speeds and websites are treated equal, no one should have to pay more for faster speeds.. Now is the time to end corporate Greed! I demand it now!! fight for the freedom of the Internet.. by the way, if corporations are able to make record profits then so am I.. I am a corporate brand, a human being, and I deserve record profits.. on that note? the Internet today will be the same 60 years from now.. the Internet shall remain free and open for ever..
—Justin Gamache, Readsboro, VT

Two tiered internet is fundamentally unfair to start-ups and small business that cannot afford to pay for faster service. The internet should be neutral and equal.
—Amy Janzen, Oakville,

Stop trying to destroy Net Neutrality; liberty is requisite for a free and open society to remain strong.
—Wes Lund, Huntsville, AL

I am against "pay-to-play" for the Internet, which has historically provided access to everyone regardless of financial status. Preserve Internet Neutrality! And do not let companies like Verizon and Comcast dictate the terms!
—Jill Rapaport, New York, NY

Hey Corporate Whore, Net neutrality Bitch.
—Rufus Godbold, Tallahassee, FL

Freedom of speech shouldn't go to the highest bidder
—Bradley S. Zellman, New City, NY

Freedom of information is the most sacred freedom we have and THE pathway toward creating liberty and democracy world wide.
—Kenneth Prince, Lagrangeville, NY

The internet as we know it is the single most important tool for the spread of information that humanity has developed. To create a two-tiered system would diminish the flow of information and discourage the sharing of opinion and information through this medium. This is an incredibly dangerous proposal as it opens the way for more laws that inhibit the ability for people to speak freely. Please consider the reclassification of Internet Service Providers as Common Carriers to protect the right to spread information.
—Harry Fernandez, Edgewater, NJ

A few years ago we lived in America, today we are citizens of the Obama hell-hole.
—Brian Smistek, East Amherst, NY

Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the only fair and equitable solution.
—A R Gibbons, Tuscaloosa, AL

Don't sell out pussy. Keep the internet free.
—Ryan Killoy, Franklin, MA

This rule is so anti-American. People all across America are telling you how to vote, because the people in this country are America. We are creating a terrible precedence. which will open a door for more corporate control of our government. I am absolutely against more government control of basically monopoly corporations. What has happened in this country? After WWII, we celebrated individual freedoms of our country by doing away with monopolies. I do not support this rule, I support net neutrality.
—Diane Arena, Plainfield, IL

Our 166 Unit townhouse association is already experiencing FiOS slowing down transmission for selected online content. With the new rules, what will we experience. So, throw out the rules and reclassify the ISPs as common carriers. Thanks, Lucy
—Lucy Scott, silver spring, MD

Please do not go the route of two-tiered internet. By doing so you will squelch American creativity and the entrepreneurial spirit of start up internet companies
—Eric Semmelmayer, Pleasanton, CA

We have way to much government control and Big business. Enough is enough ,it's time to vote back real Net Neutrality so that Big business can't continue to control our pocket book. No paying for service based on who pays more for streaming service. After all the internet was not created just for the rich.
—Addison Reeder III, Girard, PA

Even tho it seems compelling for very rich people to get even more money, control and power, the responsibility for that power claimed by taking away the freedom of people is so big that it will destroy not only the rest of the world but themselves.
—Reslav Hollos, Zagreb,

We all depend upon having equal access to the internet, regardless of income. This should be treated like a utility and kept equal to each and all.
—Carolyn H Berkoz, LOS ALTOS, CA

Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers to help protect net neutrality
—John Lavender, BERWYN, PA

Please reclassify internet providers as common carriers and please support net neutrality. Thank you.
—Clayton Helme, Salt Lake City, UT

Net neutrality is important to me because it's the only true freedom we have.
—Brooke Baker, Vista, CA

I work as a programmer for a small internet based company. On the internet speed is most of the battle. If a site doesn't load fast enough then most people will leave. Allowing for the rich, big sites to pay to be faster than the smaller and start up sites. Also, the public already pays for the internet speeds they want and rarely gets them. The ISPs should be forced to give the consumer what they pay for, not get more money from websites to provide that specific site at that speed.
—Hannah Prest, Jackson, MO

The internet doesn't need gatekeepers. It needs to remain an open and fair playing field for innovation to continue. Allowing the telecommunication companies to dictate who gets fast internet speeds leaves start ups at a huge disadvantage. The internet was built with public money. It should be a public utility at this point. As shown in Chattanooga, doing so actually fosters competition. Start ups there have a better chance at making ground because companies like Verizon, AT&T and Comcast don't dictate the terms unchecked. The United States is already behind much of the developed world with regards to our online and wireless communication: We pay the most for the slowest internet. This is embarrassing, but doesn't need to be the case. Consider your country and not the corporate interests at obvious play. We need America back on it's feet, and the greatest number of jobs and growth is coming from our online tech sector. Please help our country grow and prosper. Please listen to the American people and not the lobbyists. Thank you!
—Sean Clark, Rego park, NY

I feel that in a free society, it is vital that everyone to have the same access to the information and communication possibilities of the internet.
—Stefani L Cushing, Seattle, WA

Why would this fast lane option really even be an option? Especially after the obvious outcry against it, it's appauling as an American citizen to see the opinions of it's people being ignored by the FCC and Sr. Executive Wheeler. If this fast lane deal goes through there will be more than just opinions being voiced, there will be protests and police will have an excuse to abuse people like with the SOPA and PIPA protests. For once I'd rather people be listened to than have them have to risk their lives to show their discontent for the moronic plans of the government. Please act on the side of logic and reason
—Tim Welsh, Sycamore, IL

It is hugely important to preserve the internet as a open and democratic tool.
—Nicholas Phipps, Lechlade,

There should be an equal connection speed for all websites, I do not want any mechanism to be in place that can undermine my internet usage experience by changing the access speeds of websites that I may like to visit. Please do not implement a two tier system for broadband access.
—Yevgeniy Kuksa, Brooklyn, NY

Save net neutrality. Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Larry Gott, Los Gatos, CA

A two-tiered Internet would undermine democracy and liberty by limiting the voices of some and favoring others. It is discriminatory and violates the very principles this country is founded upon. Net Neutrality must be preserved.
—Jessica Morlando, Washington, DC

Corporate running of the net is bad for people !
—Andrew Katsetos, Salem, OR

Mr. FCC Chairman are you out of your f***ing mind??!!!
—Peter Gobin, Wellington, FL

ISP's are not different than any other carrier except their shear size which is enough power in itself. Keep America great by standing by the ideals she was built on. The people are speaking to you Chairman Wheeler...are you listening?
—Niki Kircher, mission, KS

The web is an equalizing resource that gives every site equal chance to attract visitors without being a class system. It should stay that way. Do not allow big corporations to ruin the internet.
—Steven Bailey, Hooksett, NH

RECLASSIFY ISPs as common carriers. The Internet is a utility. It was built using our tax dollars. It has become essential to modern life, just as water and electricity are. It should be equally available to everyone, with no preference for those who are wealthier to have greater access.
—Nancy Wade, Chicago, IL

Internet is an important tool to free speech
—Chris Evans, Sacramento, CA

Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Net neutrality is important to maintain a truly free network.
—Theresa Hummel, North Wales, PA

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers to protect Net Neutrality.
—Sophia Hauserman, Bloomington, IN

As an independent artist my job would be compromised with the two tier system. Adding another cost of access to high speed internet will take away the independence and freedom the internet has given the middle class to make a respectable and liveable income. I hope you understand how many of us rely on internet equality for our businesses, in order to pay our mortgages and buy our groceries. In an increasingly competitive job market where so many are sliding beneath the poverty line, the internet is often where we can work remotely without leaving our families far behind. All the best, Taylor
—Taylor Lenfesty, Edmonton,

Dear Mr Wheeler - Please do not change the current access we have to the internet by permitting 2-tier tolled access to the inetrnet byways where those with more resources and power will have better access than the majority of us who tend to be small entrepreneurs and who created the products that create the deamand that those with money and power would profit from at our expense
—Nick Murray, Portland, ME

Net neutrality is the engine of growth for our future economy. Throttling or creating pay to play approaches only reduce innovation and competition without providing any benefit to consumers.
—Ted Howes, Oakland, CA

you can not take our freedom away on the net for corporate money!
—Farjad Zaghi, Great Neck, NY

Without Netr Neutrality the Mega-businesses will drive ou the smaller businesses. Prices rise and choice declines.
—Lawrence Weber, Colorado Springs, CO

The internet is a forum for people from all over the world. It is a means of connection. By taking away net neutrality, charging more for adequate service, lower class persons will lose that connection due to lack of funds. The global community will suffer as a result of the death of net neutrality.
—Deanna Kitchen, Colorado Springs, CO

This corrupt lobbying bureaucracy is broken. Throw out your corporate money. Do not approve what amounts to digital segregation. Do your job FCC. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Protect real Net Neutrality.
—Joseph Anthony Bianchi, Surprise, AZ

The people want net neutrality.
—Bradley Long, Lockport, IL

DO NOT give in to Comcast's pressure to allow service providers to charge extra fees for faster service. This is NOT ACCEPTABLE to free enterprise, job creation and economic growth. PLEASE RECLASSIFY ISPs AS COMMON CARRIERS.
—Thomas Buell Jr., Pittsburgh, PA

Keep the Internet free and equal! Corporations already have too much power in this democracy (that more and more starts to resemble and oligarchy), they do NOT need to control and reap exorbitant profits from the Internet too. Throw out your rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers!!!
—Fredrika Thelandersson, Brooklyn, NY

Please protect our internet for the good of all us common people. Respectfully, M Dorman
—Marolyn Dorman, N. LITTLE ROCK, AR

This is the last bastion of freedom. Please keep it equal for us all. You will win in the long run. It is hard to put into words what the amazing usage of our Internet system has meant to me. It's employment, communication with family and amazing entrepreneur websites and designers all over the world. Amazing health information and Yoga and Peace organizing efforts. I guess I really cannot name all the uses, but it MUST remain free! To all of us, and equal. And it is not exactly "free" anyway. We all pay something to our Internet Providers to be online. Let's just keep something that works!
—Baji Milici, Santa Fe, NM

Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers. A tiered Internet is unacceptable! As a small business owner and regular blogger (i.e. I don't make any money from my blog) a fast lane for those who can pay to play would effectively silence me and others like me.
—Jenn Poniatowski, Lynn, MA

I value free speech and access to diverse ideas. The only way to ensure these ideas reach a wide audience is true net neutrality.
—Chanel Helgason, Lakewood, CO

The Internet MUST remain neutral, or it will no longer be the Internet. It will be destructive to small businesses and other organizations. You simply cannot allow for discrimination based on who can cough up the most money.
—Phil Geyer, Frederick, MD

Complete, open equal opportunity with ISPs as common carriers is the way to go.
—Edward B Hatfield, Freedom, NH

The FCC should change the status of ISPs and reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality. In today's world the internet is essential, even more so than phone service. The internet should be open to all, and no one should be discriminated against because of corporate greed. One fee and the service for ALL.
—Charles Price, Philadelphia, PA

As a programmer, my entire life revolves around the internet. Net Neutrality is incredibly important for me (and my industry) as it allows tech companies to build products and services that can help move the world forward. Without *real* Net Neutrality, we will be holding back innovation and technological advances for the foreseeable future.
—Randall Degges, Walnut Creek, CA

The problem of net neutrality has similarities with the equality between people. The idea that people are not equal in front of the law is dangerous because of the unpredictable consequences even if the rationality for that idea has the best intentions. Similarly, the idea of a two tiered Internet has likely consequences beyond any predictions, and consequently, net neutrality should be defended by any legal means possible.
—Calin Copos, Canton, MA

reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Brent Ballatore, Santa Monica, CA

I want net neutrality and to reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is only fair, as internet access is the next wave for education and information access, and I don't believe it will be fair to limit access by cost. This should be essentially public access. thank you.
—Thomas Mathew, Ocala, FL

A truly democratic society needs an unfettered and unbiased means of communication to function fully. The internet is such a means and should NEVER be controlled from a monetary standpoint. Too many things in the modern world favor those with abundant resources, leaving those with modest or no means out in the cold. Please do not allow this type of discrimination to take hold of the internet - it better serves humanity by remaining neutral and available to all, equally.
—Jane Ujhazi, Bandon, OR

Please ensure that all Americans continue to get open internet. Cable and internet companies should not have the right to choose which services and online content I have access to. Please ensure net neutrality laws are put in place to protect the internet.
—Matthew Polselli, Macomb, MI

Net neutrality is essential to controlling the emerging monopoly power of the internet infrastructure providers in the US. We have already fallen behind leading countries in internet service provision and this essential infrastructure for the modern economy cannot be managed by the free enterprise competitive price mechanism - there isn't sufficient competition!
—Peter Crosbie, Nicasio, CA

Cable and internet provider monopolies hurt innovation and our economy,
—Mr. Teague Hopkins, Arlington, VA

free internet means free discussions amongst people broad understandings of other cultures, exchanges in ideas, and the ability for a mom and pop store front to compete with large corporations. Now how bout you tell me why it isn't a good idea to keep the net a free and open playing field.
—Frank, rockly mount, NC

ISP competition is non existent as it is.. If you don't reclassify broadband cable companies will continue to give consistently low levels of service.
—Grant Bruneau, Kent, WA

Take a step back and just look at the amount of people that don't want what you're doing. Imagine, picture this quantity of people who will forever blame you if this is pushed through. The internet does not forget. Will you bend to that corporate and political pressure fueled by power and greed? This will be an easy choice that either makes or breaks you, Mr Wheeler, and other members of the FCC. Good luck with your decision. Prove me wrong by taking the right decision.
—Ben Klinkhamer, Fontenay le Fleury,

I believe you need to reclassify ISP's as common carriers. Protect net neutrality. Not one net for the haves. And one for the for the the rest of society.
—Charles Ebbing, lafargeville, NY

Without net neutrality you can kiss grassroots activism good-bye.
—Maria Mejia, Long Beach, CA

The Internet is where where people are guaranteed freedom of speech, where people can express themselves without fear. Allowing internet providers to manipulate our servers will rob us of these freedoms. Conglomerates will undoubtedly make ties with different providers, and organizations will make ties with these companies. A whole inner circle of people will make infinite money so long as our voices, complaints via the Internet are muffled. These companies and organizations will become even more powerful when providers slow down rival businesses. People will have little choice but to bow down to the most powerful. Our country is already corrupt from large donors...as a cry of mercy, please promise us what little freedom we still have: the Internet, and do not allow providers to manipulate us. Net neutrality is vital for maintaining true U.S. morals.
—Alexander Leonardo, Westbrook, CT

Net Neutrality is important to me because we wouldn't have gotten to this point without a free and open internet. The Internet belongs to everyone and to no one all at the same time. Please don't let the dark side of capitalism take precedence over the single greatest source of human knowledge there is. Study the accomplishments of other countries in the fields of human rights and basic morality and choose to emulate that.
—Logan, Felton, DE

Like the railroads of 100 years ago they want to discriminate against users and control the speed of who gets what. WRONG
—Dennis Gears, South portland, ME

Stop thief! FCC proposed "net neutrality" regulation is a sham. Keep the internet free. I join Google, Amazon, Yahoo in protesting this odious attempt to favor the largest monopolies like Comcast, Time Warner, Verizon. This is a gift from the commissioner lobbyist to his pals. He should recuse himself from any part of this act. Restore the internet.
—George M Bojanowski, Evans, GA

As a SMALL business we depend on the internet to reach our market. As a musician and audio engineer I sometimes need to transfer relatively large files (i.e. larger than most photographs). If BIG corporations gobble up all the bandwidth because thay can afford it, independents like we are will be left back in the days of dial-up service. It will be just another example of the widening gap between the 1% and the rest of us, another way to destroy the middle class. Keep the net neutral, please.
—Max Bloomquist, Norton Shores, MI

The end of Net Neutrality would mean the end of the Internet. If you thought the American economy was bad enough the end of Net Neutrality would take it to a whole new low. There are a lot of small businesses out there who provide their towns with income and marketing plays a big role in growing a small business. Net Neutrality gives the small guys equal online marketing competition against the corporate giants. By taking this away it would result in small companies shutting down their websites, not allowing them to gain customers through the largest marketing venue. Companies would shut their doors with the lack of sales needed to afford their equipment & rent. Let's make an ethically correct decision here and help each other rather than just ourselves. Do you not believe in the human race? Do you want us to degress? We need to move forward rather than take steps backwards. Net Neutrality is a positive outlet that allows everyone an equal right to show the world what they have to offer. Let's keep it that way.
—Diana, Granger, IN

It isn't fair to give so much power to corporations. Please keep net neutrality & allow all of us to have equal access to the internet
—Danielle Bonaccorso, Forest Hills, NY

The implementation of fast internet is already billed at a higher rate and that rate does not need to be increased. It would not cover any new expense other than provide companies with profits larger than the ones they have now on present fees. The intent of the creation of the internet was to provide a free flow of information for everyone, not a chosen few who can afford a better connection. No one should choose where one goes on the internet either. It contradicts one's freedom to information.
—Charles Fish, Portland, OR

Dear FCC, Please reclassify ISP as common carriers and enforce net neutrality. Thank you
—Jonathan Plotts, Huntsville, AL

If action isnt taken to prevent the internet from being monopolized then the people will rise and we WILL take action. Nobody wants that, just keep it common.
—Timothy K Owen, Sneads ferry, NC

The internet is ingrained in our society for personal and business use, and is much like a utility. There needs to be a "level playing field" for all to use. If ISPs are allowed to have multi-layered access priced accordingly, then we all will suffer the consequences. Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers to prevent this.
—Jeff Long, BRANSON, MO

Do NOT create a 2 tiered internet according to financial ability to pay! That is discrimination not freedom.....
—Robert Hart, indanapolis, IN

Dear FCC, Net neutrality is one of the many things that has made the Internet great. It has given small companies and ordinary people the same chances as rich and powerful corporations. But Wheeler's plan would change all that. It would allow ISPs to pick winners and losers online and rampantly discriminate against online content and applications, all in the name of corporate greed. And the worst part is that nobody would be able to stop them. This is why I am writing my opinion on this matter. As a member of the Millennial Generation who grew up with computers and the Internet, I am very concerned about what is going on right now. I have no wish to see equal rights and opportunity trampled by shortsighted and selfish greed for profits. I hope you consider my opinion, along with those of millions of other worried citizens, and that you think twice about what you are voting on. Yours sincerely, Christopher Stoneking
—Christopher Stoneking, Leipzig,

Do not let yet another utility become controlled by the 1%. Reclassify internet ISP's as common carriers.
—William Adamsky, Northglenn, CO

Without net neutrality, a handful of the rich will be able to hinder the free and open discourse now available on the internet on issues critical to our nation's, and the world's, well-being. Without that information, we can't make educated choices about who and what we vote for, or support with our time, money and other support. All of us can currently access this discourse, regardless of our wealth or lack of it. If funds are limited and we happen to have a laptop, we can hook into the library's free wireless access that gets us the full internet, except possibly items such as porn. If we're really broke, we can use a library desktop computer to access the internet for free. Please think carefully about the impact internet access has on U.S. citizens' ability to do their proper, informed duty in elections at the very least. There are plenty of hard-working but not rich citizens who wouldn't currently be in office without the information available on the internet to counter the lack of information in our current mainstream media (and I speak as a former member of the media), expensive TV smear campaigns and so on. I urge you to protect an open internet by building a solid legal argument for net neutrality using Title II of the Telecommunications act which would declare the internet an essential service as a public utility.
—Margaret "Maggie" Larrick, Burien, WA

People who discuss Net Neutrality often speak of creating a "fast lane" on the Internet. The problem is that this is a misconception. The Internet Service Providers are not building increased capacity to support this fast lane. They have absolutely no intention to build dedicated lines to support this fast lane. They intend to use the same old, outdated lines that they already have and simply add software that will artificially throttle your speed on the Internet if you have not paid an exorbitant fee. Thus what they are actually doing is slowing everyone else down artificially unless you pay them to prioritize your traffic. So what they are actually creating is a "slow lane" and an extortion racket. Extortion is a criminal offense of obtaining money, property, or services from a person, entity, or institution, through coercion. This is exactly what ISPs are trying to do. They are saying we will slow down your traffic unless you pay us. This is a crime. If a citizen tried to do this they would be charged with extortion, tried, convicted, and sentenced to at least a year in prison and significant fines. The Internet became what it is today because it is free and open. It should remain that way. The United States is already falling way behind the rest of the world in terms of Internet speed. The average download speed in the United States is 20.77 Mbps. The average upload speed is 6.31 Mbps. The upload speeds in the United States are ranked 42nd in the world. We are behind nations like Estonia, Hungary, Slovakia, Uruguay, Lesotho, Belarus, and Slovenia. This is bad. If the ISPs are allowed to create this slow lane, the United States will fall even farther behind. This would be extremely harmful to the economy. The only way to avoid great social and economic harm to the United States is to maintain the principle of Net Neutrality.
—Ben Key, Austin, TX

The internet should remain free and open to all without paying for the access.
—Mr. Thomas H. Westbrook, Chesapeake, VA

Access to the internet needs to be equal for all users.
—Roger Harmon, Fridley, MN

I demand real net neutrality! Leave the internet as it is!
—Elijah, Agency, IA

How can thos not be settled yet? The American people actually crashed the FCC's site commenting how they want Net Neutrality and to reclassify broadband providers. Hundreds of companies have shown support of neutrality. There is no way the FCC can stay the same course and it not get past the public with the coverage this topic gets as it is. We've spoken. We crashed the site. Give us the internet that we demand.
—Joshua Hulgan, Valley Head, AL

The two-tiered internet serves corporate interests, not the public interest. Please reconsider and maintain net neutrality, not gut it.
—Jason Heredia, Springfield, MO

I don't have much money but I am able to access all the news as well as stream movies and videos. I feel rich with access to a free internet. Don't take that away from me. The wealthy have enough - don't give them the internet, too. We can't have a financially unequal country AND an information unequal country.
—Kerry Mackenzie, Sea Cliff, NY

No double standards! Net Neutrality for ALL!!!!
—Johann M Gippe, mesa, AZ

Net neutrally is important to me so that I feel that I can create a new company that could compete with existing companies. Net neutrality means preserving the American dream where I am free to make a better life for myself and my family.
—JB Fischer, Philadelphia, PA

It's doing those that pay for Internet access a disservice.
—R, Cheshire,

An Internet where everyone is on a level playing field allows anyone to be successful, whether it's a large corporation or a fledgling startup. Any system that allows for faster download speeds at a higher cost will limit the success to those of large corporations.
—Dalton Mulkey, Austin, TX

I'm a small business owner. Net Neutrality is a vital part of small business to prevent large corporations form stifling and undermining small business growth
—Edward Lukasik, Homer Glen, IL

Tom, Please don't give the rich another way to make money off of us. They have enough already. This is everybody's way to connect and it is only fair to keep it the same for all. Regards Hans Pottinger
—Hans T. Pottinger, Lawrenceville, GA

The internet needs to be free and open to all with no tiered service based on what you pay. It is inconceivable that any other approach to treating each bit and byte in the same manner is even being talked about. Just as the phone service in this country was created for full and unfettered access, so should the internet. Do not scale our service and demand that all of the backbone and on ramp providers offer the same service to all regardless of content.
—Robert Wendel, Westfield, NJ

Dear FCC, you were created to protect the interest of the people and not the interest of the big corporations. If you can't do your job, we can create something to replace you also.
—Jaspreet Singh, Menlo Park, CA

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality.
—Joanne Holden, Philadelphia, PA

Dear Mr. Wheeler, I run a small marketing agency in St. Paul MN. We help our clients create content for their websites. Our expertise is content strategy and we start by understanding consumer demand for content as expressed in the 100 billion monthly search queries conducted via Google. The content we recommend is informative and educational - we help our clients answer questions and provide solutions. Video is the most demonstrative and compelling format for content and therefore it is high on our list. Load speed is critical for our clients as it effects search rankings (whether it can be found on Google) and time on site. If a site/video is too slow - people lose patience and jump off. I believe that we need to treat access to all online content with equality - it is in the best interest of the public and of business. Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Thank you, Patty
—Patty Radford Henderson, St. Paul, MN

Mr. Wheeler, the Internet is not a little playground for you to barge in and start kicking over sand castles. It is a community of people and services that operate out of the only place in the world that is in any way above the systems of the world. So you see this place, and instead of thinking, "I can take advantage of this as it is and use my position to make it even better." you think, "How can I wreck this place and reap the benefits while everyone else suffers." The trouble with this from your perspective is going to be that you use the internet too. This isn't about a fast internet and a faster internet. It's about arbitrarily redefining price points for the system as it already exists, and giving ISPs the ability to stick new, gigantic price tags on things we already pay more than enough for. And if you're still around in 10-20 years, the policies you put in place today are going to have lead to further policies in your absence that are going to have been biting you in the butt for years by that point. Are you really ready to be that idiot? The guy who sells his standard of life away for short-term gains and then can't figure out why that deal didn't turn out differently, as if the words "short-term" weren't plain enough? Reclassify ISPs as common carriers. That's what they are in the first place. They have no right to be anything else. The government doesn't get to issue discriminations. Not if this is really the U.S. government.
—David Smith, Beavercreek, OH

Large corporations have too much control. Things NEED to swing back to give regular citizens more power. The internet is a major equalizer. Please keep it really fair. Thank you
—Stephen Boorsma, South Range, WI

We are killing the future of the country. To explain: We have already outsourced most of our manufacturing. Currently the country's most precious remaining competitive advantage is innovation. Innovation will die with net neutrality since the little guy won't be able to compete with large corporations for bandwidth (good bye Instagram and the like). If the rest of the world (ie China, Europe) doesn't follow suit they will keep prospering and innovation will move overseas. The net result is that our cable companies will get richer but the country will gradually decline. I consider getting rid of net neutrality the most dangerous decision for the future of America that I have witnessed in my entire lifetime. Don't do it. The world is a competitive stage. We have the advantage now. Don't kill it for greed. American corporations will still be the richest in the world.
—Dahn Maier, Brooklyn, NY

Been using the internet for years and it has been very satisfactory. To change it to favor large corps is unnecessary and totally unfair. Change rules to reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Ms. Janet Benner, Goleta, CA

A two-tiered internet is unacceptable. The large ISPs already have too much power, we don't need to hand them more. They also don't need more money, and despite their claims, a tiered internet would not provide additional incentive to improve their infrastructure.
—Jack Aldridge, Alton,

I am a supporter of the government. I do not want a corporate run world (any more than we now have). An open internet is essential the voice of the people. To impair this in any way would convince me that the government wants to squash the voice of the people. That would have a drastically negative affect on my viewpoint of government.
—James Thompson, Santa Monica, CA

Chairman Wheeler, We've seen the power that the Internet. as real Freedom of Speech, has had on an international level. Please remove the ability for giant telecommunications companies to tamper with that Freedom, by reclassifying Internet Service Providers as Common Carriers. Thanks, Donald Tsang Seattle, WA
—Donald Tsang, Seattle, WA

It is the only way to honor equal access to all!!
—Anna Driskill, Liberty, MO

people as well as small businesses depend on fast internet speeds and can ill afford to pay extra for it.
—Cheryl Filsinger, New York, NY

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Protect net neutrality and keep the internet free!
—Tiffani Burns, Modesto, CA

So I can have the freedom to create something over the web where in a lot of places with internet restrictions you won't be able to do that. I feel this is something that a Big Business should not control. We're America, Land of the free! So lets keep it that way with all gates of media!
—Sierra King, San Marcos, TX

The internet needs to remain an open community of free and unadulterated speech. Please don't take away our internet!
—Ali Irwin, New York, NY

It is your duty, not to corporations, but to the people to reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Victor Henry, Marina, CA

Please Help! My business depends on this!!
—Kurt Kaptur, Lakewood, OH

The internet is a modern-day utility that requires an even playing field. Big-money websites should not gain any advantages over the average internet protocol address.
—Mr. John Leal, Yuma, AZ

I fully support the goals of a neutral internet and am completely against the idea of a "tiered" system that allows performance to be dictated by preferential payment to the ISP. In fact, I believe that -- given the degree of a monopolistic hold that these primary service providers have over the Internet's infrastructure -- it is imperative that the FCC reclassify these operations as a PUBLIC UTILITY.
—Jeff Jarris, Parker, CO

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers. The web was built on an even playing field, don't kill what made it successful. As a web developer, I don't want to have to choose my companies that I work with based on how much they can bribe their ISP, or end up like cable packages where I have to buy the fast lane for my websites. The FCC's job is not to protect business models, it's to assure access. Yet this provides barriers to entry.
—Jeffrey Forsythe, Buchanan, MI

I would love to have some control of what I do.
—Gary Gibbs, San Fernando, CA

The internet is the New World of today, it's where a huge majority of innovation is happening. I didn't go to college, instead I relied entirely on free information available on the internet to educate myself and now I'm able to fully support my family. Please classify the ISP's as a utility and don't let big business destroy the internet as we know it.
—Justin Gable, Fresno, CA

Just like our highways, same speed for everyone!
—Ted Kropiewnicki, Bear, DE

The internet is one of the things we're actually doing right. It's created such an overwhelming opportunities for business and enabled small companies to promote themselves at low costs and enabled large companies to expand at incredible rates. Don't blow this one.
—Austen Sherman, Los Angeles, CA

Transmitting data over the Internet is fundamentally the same as transmitting phone calls over the POTS network. We have never discriminated among phone calls and we should never discriminate among data types or sources. We need to have an open Internet.
—Vincent D'Amico, Burlington, MA

As it is now, We are very disgusted Time Warner customers. The picture quality has frequent dropouts, pixelazation, dropped audio. The internet speed drops substantially when the kids are home from school. And our VOIP constantly breaks up and drops calls. They check it out and claim all is well. They constantly get into fights with the networks and hold us hostage, blocking channels then raising the rates. Every other month there is some lame reason for a rate hike. Our local politicians do absolutely nothing to help us. The local government gets a kickback from our monthly bill, so this conflict of interest fuels their lack of concern for us consumers. Time Warner commercials proudly proclaim that you don't pay for more than you want. THEY LIE. We are forced to pay tremendously over inflated prices for tons of sports programs that we have absoultely no interest in and never watch. Time Warner is an absoultely horrible company to deal with. I can't imagine how much worse they will be if you give them this green light to charge whatever thet want!
—Jim Albrecht, Saugerties, NY

I already spend a large portion of my income on communications (i.e. phone, cable, internet) and having to spend more to get faster internet would be a hardship. While I appreciate the right of corporations to make profits, to do so at the expense of the non-wealthy seems an unnecessary burden added to the already over-burdened backs of the average (read majority) working class.
—Todd Isom, Golden, CO

Net neutrality is an important part to keep everyone on an equal playing field. There shouldn't be an discrimination based on the entity using the internet nor should I be, or anyone else for that matter be penalized in speed/service based solely on the fact that we are not a large corporation willing to pay a large sum of money in order to get our message heard. Net neutrality is what has made the internet such a great tool to the small layperson in being a huge success through business, other economic drivers and communications. Don't take that away from the internet users as this could have severe consequences for the true end users. Thank you for your time and consideration. Kirk Youngbauer
—Kirk Youngbauer, Concord, CA

Myself, along with everyone of my family members and friends is in STRONG support of net neutrality. We imploringly ask that the FCC throw out its rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers! America has long been a place of innovation, supported and encouraged by a committment to free speech. Creating fast lanes for giant ISPs that can afford them will stifle smaller companies, ideas, and innovations. This is not the American way. The next Netflix, youtube, pinterest might never come to be. Do the right thing. Do not pass Wheeler's plan. Protect Net Nuetrality. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Kelli Holsopple, Brooklyn, NY

I am opposed to your two tiered internet plan. Please instead consider reclassifing ISPs as common carriers. ALL of us need and deserve equally fast Internet speeds. While you are at it, consider doing something about getting highspeed internet to everyone in the country. We have no access to wired/optical internet. Despite being 1 mile from a cable end point, we can not get Comcast to connect us. There are 15 houses in that distance, how could that not be profitable?
—Bill Arduser, Williamsburg, MA

To the FCC: I feel quite strongly that it would be a huge mistake to allow the ISPs to introduce a multi-tiered approach to broadband access. Such a system will serve to allow them to jack up the price for access to popular services or even price access prohibitively to services they view as competitors. Net Neutrality is an alloyed good for all Americans using the Internet. Please do not give in to the monied business interests trying to turn what is essentially a public highway into a system of premium lanes and toll booths. We need you to take a stand on this. You're the only agency standing between us and the greed of the Internet Service Providers. Certainly, we can't depend on our politicians, bombarded by checkbook wielding lobbyists, to tackle this problem. Please do what you can to keep the Internet open for all. thank you, Dan Berks
—Daniel Berks, Minneapolis, MN

Please, your plan gives too much power to the large corporations while crippling the people who purchase their services.
—John Hrabar, Pittsburgh, PA

the Net covers the whole globe. but the companies would favor places that can afford the cost, and has higher populations. What about the missionaries in Africa? or places that are hit with disasters? Neutrality is needed to for small businesses to afford video conferences and networking.
—Jonathan Koontz, Baker City, OR

The Internet has been a tremendous success so far. As a customer for broadband I believe that I have paid my dues for access and we don't need separate speeds depending on the service. I'm an advocate of community broadband as well where local municipalities could support open access networks meeting local demands just like they do with other essential infrastructure. We can't let big money drive these decisions through lobby and high priced attorneys. Please protect the interest of the consumer, open access and net neutrality. I am not sure common carrier is the answer either and it may be a new class of service that we need to deal with and regulate. But I don't think tiers work. Please promote open access, net neutrality. No compromises. Thank you for making good policy that is not influenced by big money and monopolistic interests.
—Elliott Ellsworth, Rancho Cucamonga, CA

We need ISPs to be common carriers. Do not let businesses rule the last free frontier of human expression. We are the people and we have spoken against this policy.
—Peter Galle, New York, NY

A two-tiered Internet system would be a huge mistake for the public resulting in higher fees and reduced usability. Please vote no to the Wheeler's plan.
—Mr. Thomas Barfield, Robins AFB, GA

Net neutrality is important to me because the Internet is one of the few places that isn't strangled by corporate ruling and it needs to stay a free place of expression.
—Kaitlynn Cantrill, Carlisle, MA

The internet has changed the way we do everything, and has created an equal playing field for everyone; something Americans have historically valued. The only parties that are interested in this tiered system are ones who are only concerned with adding to their bottom line. It seems that moneyed interests have an uncanny ability to interfere with legislation that the public are typically united on. Please do not destroy the integrity of the internet. It is truly the most important tool in the world for people to better their situations. The internet should be considered a human right, and be thought of as a utility.
—Riley Schiefelbein, Coon Rapids, MN

Your proposed rules are a terrible idea. ISP's should be classified as common carriers.
—William Busacker, Schenectady, NY

Please do the right thing! Reclassify the ISPs as Common Carriers.
—Richard Goodwin, Colfax, CA

ISPs have to be reclassified as common carriers, it's the only way to save the Internet and all good that comes with it!
—Erik Gustafsson, Skövde,

You are going to slow down all the progress and innovation that the internet has allowed us so far. Why would you do this? It's all about the money for a few, including money for you. Please, please stop this. Throw out your rules. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers and protect Net Neutrality.
—Noell Hyman, Chandler, AZ

I am a struggling multi-media professional with a growing family and college debt up past my ears (the American Dream) trying to make headway in this tenuous economy. Gas prices soar making it a very real possibility that I will be walking to my day job sometime in the very near future. Now I hear that the Internet, an essential tool for my chosen profession, is going to become even more difficult for me to maintain on the level of my competition making it nearly impossible for me to be a contender in my market. The politicians of this country always boast the benefits of small local businesses and at times like these the choices you make will severely impact what those business are capable of accomplishing. I urge you to ask yourself, "How does this change benefit the average American?"
—Justin Primmer, Sturtevant, WI

The lack of REAL net neutrality and not treating ISPs as common carriers hurts their customers, the American public. As a customer, I already have little to no choice when it comes to where I can buy internet access from. Most of the country is limited to one provider and the only real choice is no internet or crappy expensive internet. These companies are not competitive, engage in price setting practices, ration out territorial turf like drug lords, and exhibit little interest in improving the quality of their actual services. Allowing ISPs in what is already an oligopoly to absolve themselves from common carrier regulation just proves that their lobbying efforts (resulting from all the money they extort from customers like me) counts more to the FCC than the actual public interest. Enforce Net Neutrality and reclassify Internet Service Providers as common carriers.
—Polina Giralt, Brooklyn, NY

I want the real net neutrality!
—Tim Wirtz, Düsseldorf,

We demand fairness for everyone on the internet! Those with the most money should not automatically win.
—Jesse Jones, Portland, OR

A two-tiered Internet is NOT the way to go. This 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. The only way — and I mean the only way — to protect free speech online is to reclassify Internet service providers as common carriers.
—Jason Sickinger, Lowell, IN

I am disabled and rely on the internet for my news and outside info. I frequently visit small websites with low budgets. Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers to protect my right to quickly access these websites without prohibitive costs for them or for me.
—Joan Summer, Poteet, TX

A two-tiered Internet by price is not a good idea for the general public which will suffer in the end and STOP using the net all together. Soon we would have "the have and have nots on the internet " like in real life. Not good for anyone except the wealthy and the uninformed.
—Patricia A. Haumann, Oberlin, OH

Don't give the telecommunications industry the right to squeeze the little guy out. I depend on the internet for daily living (library, mail, shopping, entertainment, community service and networking) since I live in a rural area 2.5 hours from the nearest large city. We need HIGH SPEED, OPEN ACCESS INTERNET...for the love of .....
—Gay Northrup, Winthrop, WA

Please, reclassify ISPs as common carriers. The proposed alternative creates an overly unfair advantage for large well-established companies online over small start-up online ventures who would not be able to afford the faster service.
—Garrett Fine, Hopkins, MN

Preserve net neutrality. It is critical.
—Maxine Blake, NY, NY

Wheeler's plan is corrupt and unfair to the free market. This would develop a monopoly by the Top internet providers, which should be illegal. Wheeler's plan would only help big companies and hurt the consumers and competitors.
—Cody Czarniecki, MUNCIE, IN

I do not agree with the direction of the FCC in regards to Net Neutrality. Please follow the overwhelming voice of the citizens and reclassify ISPs to a common carrier.
—Lucas Merriam, Apex, NC

Mr. Wheeler, If you'd like to continue to push our country towards the idea that politics and public discourse should be completely influenced by money and big business, go ahead. But this is not what we elect our leaders to do. We expect the to set good, honorable examples for us and our children. History shows over and over again the dangers of obsessing with capital and money rather than freedom and expression. I challenge you to argue against me that this is not what you are doing.
—Neal Barenblat, Memphis, TN

Net Neutrality protects us against monopolistic, unchecked, money driven practices of ISP providers in America (at least some of them). No matter the argument, no one can deny that we are lagging severely behind at least 30 other countries and paying significantly more... Additionally, if extra cost for "a fast tier" is levied against internet based companies, it will squash the market, killing off small startups who can't pay the price and stifle innovation and competition. The internet is the single greatest invention of this generation and has changed the world for the better. Stop trying to break it for an extra buck.
—Noah Albro, Washington, DC

The only ethical take on the web is NET NEUTRALITY.
—Alina Mitroi, Hunedoara,

It seems to me that 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 dirt road for the rest of us. I am writing to request the FCC to throw out the Wheeler plan, and any other rules that impede total net neutrality, in order to reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Enoch Page, Vallejo, CA

Chairman Wheeler - I am writing to voice my and my colleagues objections to any change in the rules regarding access for all to the internet system. To be fair we feel the ISP gateways to the 'internet' should be reclassified as the common carriers they actually are. We depend upon unfettered access to this common good that was built by millions of small entrepreneurs. To allow those with financial and political power to benefit from the demand for good and services created by small working entrepreneurs is a theft of our work and to allow conditions for access to what was a laboratory for democracy and new business models is a theft of the common good.
—Blind Murray, Cranberry Isles, ME

We must protect Net Neutrality! Please take action to do so!
—Rachel Ford, Charleston, SC

Please protect true net neutrality - throw out special rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. We have the most expensive and slowest internet in the free world, please don't make it even worse.
—Janet Schreurs, Denver, CO

A two-tiered Internet is not constitutional. Trying to price tier our access to information is like having to pay extra to see the exact same thing- you are hijacking the American people and restricting access to potentially life-changing information- if someone has to wait longer to be able to see something online, it may frustrate and seriously impede their efforts and make them walk away from important Internet searches. PS- I know you work for "them", so you don't care about the people, but history will show you are on the wrong side. Not that that's ever stopped the FCC from being on the wrong side of history before. You have an opportunity to do the right thing for once: throw out your rules and classify ISPs as common carriers. It's the right thing to do.
—Anya Briggs, Bronx, NY

Please protect net neutrality and reclassify ISP's as common carriers; do not give providers like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon the power to discriminate against online content.
—Misty Chapman, Pickens, SC

The reason why we need net neutrality to protect the internet is that it gives everyone complete access to the world wide web and that free access to the internet is an excellent tool for business and society from all walks of life. Bringing censorship and discrimination will damage many communities and businesses alike. This is what we would condemn as ":Online Tyranny", and in a democracy we will not tolerate this type of Orwellan corporate hostile behavior. This repressive idea will never work and it will make life bad for everybody, yes their are several online sites that needs to taken off like hate, drugs, pornography and sex predators, but this type of censorship will target the best and brightest that the world of business, community, activism and ideals have to offer. It is time that we finally delete this online tyranny threat from the world wide web once and for all before it tears a lot of communities and businesses apart. Censorship and government oppression against the internet is not the way to deal with a any problem, and as many people from all walks of life would agree, online censorship will not be the answer and it will never solve anything that those corporate- political tyrants are pointing to. This online tyranny is what we would describe as 'a miserable failure in the making' that will answer only to the greed, abuse of power, hatred, arrogance and fears of the businesses and the special interests that support this terrible ruling. This will hurt those tyrants in special interests, business and politics much more than those that they want to kick off the internet, and this whole wasteful mess will be their fault. Free internet is the perfect way for the world wide web to allow people to do business, make discoveries, solve problems, bring people together, create inventive ideas and even have special contact with the highest ranks of government and justice and whatever is highly important in the world today. So this goes to show why net neutrality is very important to all of us, and whether those who want this online tyranny likes it or not, we will make sure that the best in the internet remains free as ever, and we are going to keep it that way because that is what the vast majority of the world's population wants it to be--free and democratic. This online tyranny will have no place in a democracy so those who have this online oppression better get that through their ignorant thick skulls on who they are dealing with. Free access to the internet is here to stay for good and we are going to keep it that way from now on, so we better get used to it before their will be legal hell to pay. To those who support this online tyranny is no friend to all of us, now let's have this censorship- discrimination threat deleted from the world wide web once and for all. It's bad for democracy and it's bad for society--remember that!
—Richard Adam Hendricks, Webster, NY

No to two separate pay to play speeds for the internet!! This is bad policy and affects the very media our democracy depends on!!
—Karri Schlegel, SLC, UT

Respect the needs of the common carrier...
—Joan Nagle, Eastham, MA

Net neutrality - one of the last "free" things we have.
—Mary Gildea, Marietta, PA

please do not privatize the internet! it must remain neutral for the FREE exchange of ideas and opinions. nit just the corporate approved view.
—Mike Smith, ashdown, AR

Two tiered internet is equivalent to the collapse of net neutrality. Blocking carriers from "slowing" internet service is a meaningless restriction when they can ration out upgrades to the highest bidder, destroying startup culture by handing the largest corporations the keys to the system. Preserve real net neutrality. Demand one tiered service.
—Douglas Samson, Ithaca, NY

Net Neutrality is a crucial way of preventing the internet from becoming an "owned" space. The idea of anyone owning the internet is ridiculous, and more importantly, catastrophic to the people who depend on the internet to communicate, start new businesses, and utilize its resources in order to bring themselves into a better place in life. There are people who depend upon the internet for education, whether through an internet university or through self-education, and rural communities that have multiple mile long stretches between themselves and their next neighbor who require the internet to stay in contact and maintain a community. Those people would suffer because of a lack of a availability to afford the faster internet. Please, abolish these new rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Don't allow for corporations which already have an effective monopoly on internet providing gain a monopoly on the internet itself.
—Nicholas Arthur Anastasia, Lincoln Park, MI

Maintaining Net Neutrality will, in my mind, continue to help entrepreneurs make their ideas into economic realities.
—Matt Shriner, Seattle, WA

The gap between the rich and the poor is ever widening. Net Neutrality is one of the ways we can have universal access to information and knowledge! Save net neutrality now before it's too late.
—Leila Atkin, Kailua Kona, HI

A "tiered" Internet would cripple the biggest economic engine since the industrial revolution. Giving everyone equal access to the Internet has fostered and allowed for a tremendous amount of invention, both directly and indirectly. The ability to learn from others through the Internet,to apply that knowledge to create something new, and to in turn share that creation with the world through the Internet is the single greatest force for innovation human kind has ever developed. In creating a tiered Internet, you eliminate the vital third step in this positive feedback loop by preventing anyone but those with the deepest pockets from sharing their ideas, creations, and knowledge with the world. Classifying ISPs as common carriers sends the message that along with life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, the right to access the stored knowledge of the entire human race is an inalienable one. The right to absorb from and contribute to the living archive of our knowledge should be protected. Please re-classify ISPs as common carriers.
—Juan Gutierrez, Glendale, CA

Dear FCC, Please, for the sake of keeping information free and equally accessible, keep the internet free and uphold net neutrality. In order to make this world a better place for all we need access to all the information the internet grants us. Thank you -Leo
—Leo, Portland, OR

Big companies already receive breaks financially. Don't give consumers the short end of the stick for having a decent internet connection. We already pay a lot for access to the internet and we don't have any other choice.
—Hector Cruz, seattle, WA

Two tiered internet would be descrimination against the poor, not all of us can afford beyond a basic package from our ISP's , thats bad enough but when you add a Tier it would be like being on dialup. In my humble opinion there should only be one tier - please listen to us.
—Chris Jones, coalville,

As an artist who is beginning his career, I needn't to get the word out about what I do as quickly and to as many people as possible. When any entrepreneur starts out, they have a small amount of money if any. This act would make my probability for success very slim. It would intern have consequences for the economy as a whole.
—Chris D. Anderson, Studio City, CA

The internet is the future.
—Vincent Cimino, Phoenix, AZ

Dear Sir, Which of our freedoms are you going to take away next. The price of everything we need to even exist is ever rising and now you want to force us to pay twice as much for our access to the Internet which has been even now getting ever more expensive all the time. We don't need you to chime in with this new legislation to make our daily life even more expensive. You can't possibly think that Internet providers won't jump all this as an excuse to raise our costs even higher than they are already doing with their greed for profits at our expense. I can't afford to pay more than I am paying now, so what do you propose I do now? My income is fixed.
—Fred Belt, Sunland, CA

The internet belongs to 'We the People' who paid for it. Now this too is up for grabs by the corporate powers? Chairman Wheeler, please do the right thing and make the internet part of the commons.
—Linda Gale, Salem, OR

As a web developer, I strongly oppose the new FCC plan concerning Net Neutrality. A two tier system places my clients would be at a disadvantage from the moment their website are launched, unless they are willing to pay-to-play with the 'backbone' providers. This would be quickly signal the end of the disruptive upstart, as more established players would always have the advantage. For the internet to be the free and open playing field it has always been, it MUST remain truly neutral to the data moving across the network.
—John Benjamin, Paducah, KY

Privilege at other's expense, or fairness for all?
—Rich Carrasco, Issaquah, WA

Net neutrality now! Don't screw the little people.
—Bridgett Patoka, Germantown, WI

I think that keeping the net neutral is an important think for people. Please don't let the corporations win again. They are taking over this country.
—Joseph P Piontkowski, Tarentum, PA

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.
—Lorraine Bennett, Pefferlaw,

The FCC's proposed Internet rules are terrible! Net Neutrality Essential!
—Tyler Randall, Guttenberg, IA

Re: Current Net Neutrality propositions. Please, FCC, back to the drawing board. Work on fixing something that's actually *broken* by reclassifying ISP as common carriers. Thank you.
—Jonathan Latimer, Kihei, HI

Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Please do what's right for the USA (instead of what's right for large, deep-pocketed corporations). Prove to the USA that you have our best interests in mind and throw out your proposed rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Israel Hyman, Chandler, AZ

The FCC's proposed Internet rules are terrible. 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. And no one would be able to do anything about it. Please, FCC, throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality.
—Leah Hansen-Montalbano, New York, NY

In a complex and still somewhat ailing economy, with pockets of work and commerce still cratered, the development of new business is crucial and life-saving both to individuals and to the society as a whole. Like a petri dish full of living organisms, like protoplasmic beginning of life, the Internet is the medium in which many small businesses and large are being created. Relegating the value of that medium to a toll highway can kill a lot of the potential growth. A completely unfettered Internet, a Net Neutral, is crucial to the economic health of this country.
—Jeffrey N Hardy, Portland, OR

The internet should be treated like a utility, because it is one. Charging different rates will lead the USA to fall even further behind other nations.
—Andre Danylevich, Los Angeles, CA

You do realize that you're commercializing everything, right? The America that I envisioned wanted equality for all, not just the rich and the powerful. That's exactly what we wanted to avoid. And here you are, like "oh, this is a new thing, this is a thing that everyone uses, LET'S MAKE THEM PAY MONEY FOR IT." Seriously, why don't you use all this effort to reform the educational system instead?
—Shelly Tan, West Lafayette, IN

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. Without an open internet, big corporations would have tight control over how we access websites and services.
—Marc Petricciani, Seattle, WA

We need to preserve America's essential freedoms.
—Bea Reed, Pembroke Pines, FL

Net neutrality is essential so everyone has equal access.
—R P Hartnett, Burr Ridge, IL

This ruling will further kill intermediate and small businesses. Please rescue the economy and middle class from further corporate takeover. Continue and support Net Neutrality!
—Norm Lindner, Melbourne, FL

I need internet for my job; even if I didn't have a job, I'd need the internet to search for and find one. To say that it's a requirement for daily living would be an understatement. However, I do not have a choice of internet providers. I have but one and if I am not getting good service, I have no option. There is no voting with my dollar. There is no incentive for them to improve. Furthermore, my internet provider also provides telephone, video, and other entertainment services. This means that my ability to effectively use alternative services is at risk--again strengthening the monopoly. Since my internet company has shareholders, the company has an imperative to increase revenue and profits. They can do this not by providing absolute better services, but easily degrading the services of competitors. Internet providers should not have the ability to prefer one source of data over another. If this is allowed, then at a minimum companies like Comcast should be broken up to reduce monopoly control. There is nothing about this proposal that is pro-consumer. It simply benefits the internet/cable company.
—David Liska, Gaithersburg, MD

The saying goes, if it isn't broke, don't fix it! If you hinder the free thought exchange and enforce censorship the outcome could ripple forth and hinder humankind and it's development with technology.
—Dakota Rambin, Sunland, CA

Net Neutrality will ensure that no internet users will fall victim to extortion or discrimination by providers. The internet isn't limited - only hardware connected to it - and should remain available to everyone, no matter the content. There are already different levels of internet speed available today, with different fees for their usage. Creating a broader gap between those able and willing to afford fast connections, and those who can't or won't afford these lines, will only have negative repercussions. It will divide the internet community by class (I could write a whole essay about the effects of anonymity and equality on the internet society here), something most societies have tried to get rid of during the past century. I think everyone should get to keep that level of equality everyone on the internet has today. The internet provider's role is to provide an internet connection, not moderate what their users can view and do. They should stick with providing; that way, their customers will be happy, and happy customers are good for the companies.
—Bjørn Olav Jensen, Mogreina,

The internet must remain a commons. Everyone must have equal access.
—JoAnn Keenan, Seattle, WA

The whole growth of the Internet and the online economy is because of Net Neutrality. It's continued viability is dependent on non-discriminatory regulation. I don't care how you do it, but you must keep the Internet NEUTRAL.
—Gregory Poland, Cameron, MO

The Internet is a 1st Amendment Right of FREE Speech
—Alan Parker, Independence, MO

Stop the madness. Do not allow the Internet to become yet another 'pay to play' entity.
—Wendi Turman, Palm Bay, FL

Giving this kind of power to ISPs will allow them to stifle small businesses that cant pay up like large corporations, businesses that they don't approve of and there ideological opponents.
—Forrest D. Johnson, knoxville, TN

The internet is and should be listed as a utility. Most providers have started charging extra to consumers who use more than their data plan allows and this is the way it should be handled. Say no to any more control of the internet and do away with this two tiered system. The Internet belongs to the people not to the government and the corporations.
—Mark Thomas, Tell City, IN

Real net neutrality is essential for a competitive market that favors the consumer. A two tiered system would only slow growth and innovation.
—Stephan saraidarian, Millville, MA

Do you know how difficult it will become for students to complete their homework and assignments when they are using internet that moves at a snail's pace? I remember using dial-up to complete homework that REQUIRED internet access. I might as well put away any plans I had those days because I wasn't going to be anywhere other than at my computer. Do you want to put the future generations through that kind of Hell? I would hope not. Innovation and technology are meant to help people, not impede them.
—Brett M Charles, GILBERT, AZ

The internet is a utility that should be neutral. It should not be controlled by internet service providers.
—Judi Burns, Henderson, NV

We deserve equal access to ALL information people want to share with the world!
—Katy Maehl, Spokane, WA

Don Not create a two-tiered internet system. Do not allow communications giants to purchase faster speeds that others can afford. Keep access open t all on a equal basis.
—Jerry L Jaquinta, Boca Raton, FL

Dear Tom Wheeler, It is absolutely unacceptable to continue your plan to destroy Net Neutrality. There is already too much corporate control in the United States, and it is your duty as FCC Chairman to do everything you can to secure the US Citizen's Freedom of Speech. End your rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Freya Sargent, Brookline, MA

Rather than being, for the few, stand up for us.This will create monopoly where only couple people benefit, in exchange for new businesses.
—Dariusz Czarkowski, Chicago, IL

I'm a web developer. You'll basically be squashing my ability to jump into a national marketplace if my traffic is deprioritized to oblivion which would be the eventual result of your actions.
—Nick Bender, Boise, ID

Free press (including modern media) is essential to America's Constitution.
—Jessica Skyfield, Prairie Village, KS

Would you really want to turn the Internet into an absolute disaster? We already have the rich, upper-class sitting on the poor and discriminated lower-class, and we don't want the internet to be exactly like that. AT&T, Comcast and Verizon are tricking you to create this monolith of discrimination. They ae corrupt people that want to turn entertainment into packages for people to pay. Just think of what the future is if those three big buisness companies took over YOUR job, YOUR family, and not to mention YOUR life, if you let these internet rules pass. YOU might end up being one of the poor to them if you do pass them. Reclassify the Internet ISPs as telecommunication carriers, and give us real Net Neutrality. that way, the rules that would bring up the Internet Apocalypse will never happen. Please, from the bottom of our hearts, do not create the Great Internet Purge of 2014.
—Alexander Wade Denny, Dayton, OH

FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler, Are you going to screw most of the internet just for money? All bandwidth was created equal. Do not change that. I oppose your plan that would allow discrimination on the internet.
—Michael Muylaert, Lenox, MI

The internet was built by the government for the people We all deserve equal access. It is not a commodity you can sell
—Robert Cohen, Montclair, NJ

Switching to a fast lane and a slow lane would be harmful. It appears that preferential treatment would be given to those who can pay an additional price for it. The major beneficiary for this would be the Internet service providers who are able to increase their profit. This will result in unnecessary interference in the information that I receive and quash new services. The playing field needs to remain level. The Internet should be regulated as a common carrier, similar to a telephone company.
—William Kirby, Arlington, TX

Net Neutrality is essential to keep the internet free from those who wish to control and limit our rights and freedoms for their own personal monetary gain. The internet is one of the most important platforms for education, free speech, and equal opportunity. Allowing a two tiered internet is a blatantly obvious attack against free speech and equal opportunity. Reclassify ISP's as common carriers. Please keep the internet free from those who would limit our rights and monopolize our freedoms.
—TJ Smith, MIDVALE, UT

At$T, Comcast, and Verizon really have some nerve, bloated rich corporations again trying to control everything. How much tax do they pay I wonder? Probably less than the people that would be affected.
—Janet A. DeChiaro, Hollywood, CA

The internet is far too powerful a weapon to be in the hands of private interests. Classify the internet as a utility NOW!! Stop talking about it and just do it, Mr. Wheeler! If you don't, then we will know that you have been bought and paid for.
—Josh Storey, Portland, OR

Please re-classify ISPs as common carriers. I care very much about this issue - a flat internet is essential to a better future for humankind as well as our economy.
—Gregory Baskin, Grandville, MI

Real Net Neutrality is a real cause. Don't let the net get encumbered like the old Ma Bell!
—Ms. JoAnn Kingdon, Bethesda, MD

In today's modern world, Internet access has become synonymous with and as necessary as phone access. Having tiered access to internet service makes as much sense as charging someone extra for calling someone else who uses a different phone company.
—Steve Bornstein, Round Rock, TX

Internet access is as vital today as electricity. It is nigh impossible to get by in today's world without it. This is why there is no alternative than to reclassify internet providers as common carriers. The founding fathers never intended for businesses to be people, please do not tell them that they are more important than the people that you are sworn to serve by ending net neutrality. Keep your integrity - reclassify.
—Elijah Wade, Cape Girardeau, MO

We consumers need to have access to the same quality of internet service as businesses. Just as electricity and other basic utilities are delivered to all at the same quality of services, so too must this new basic utility, the internet. ISPs need to be classified as common carriers!
—Mary Lou Ritter, Portland, OR

The net should be free to everyone. It is one sign of a democracy that we should have such a wonderful resource. If net neutrality expires, the net will for financial reasons be outside the province of citizens who have little money. This is not democratic and harms these people financially and in other ways - including social justice.
—Gretel Munroe, Medford, MA

Equality on the Interent is a must for everyone. Bandwidth should continue to be uniform across this country. Big money cannot have more bandwidth, that is wrong wrong wrong!
—John Mantey, Chula Vista, CA

How dare you destroy the internet by turning into a wet dream for ISPs. Way to not look out for society but instead for corporations.
—Dana Carstensen, Hillsboro, OR

Please don't let internet service providers have that much control over the internet.
—Alice Lee, Los Angeles, CA

Because my business is internet based and while I happily support my family, I can't afford to be dragged through the mud by service fees for the sake of service fees
—Shawn Smith, Indianapolis, IN

Look, I'm going to explain this like no one has before. And I am laying it out as it is. You making different speeds for higher paying clients is purposely setting up tolls where tolls shouldn't be in place. You are using it only for your gain and doesn't provide any positive perks. You are setting a box office in the middle of innovation. We are in the middle of merging cellphones slowly to be our all in one computers, and soon televisions will be next, along with faster internet speeds, for you to sit a toll in the middle of the internet will don't the growth to New technology and an assinide movement just for wealth. If you care anything for the future and your success, I'd leave the internet alone. We finally have technology that makes us adapt faster, and to take away movement on the internet, which is the life blood to most businesses is an extreme that shows you care nothing for people but only your bottom line. Leave the internet alone.
—The Noobens, saint peters, MO

It is important to me because I do not want only propaganda at my fingertips. The media has much to be ashamed of these days.
—BA Williams, Denver, CO

Our country is already at the mercy of corporations in almost every aspect of our lives. Letting corporations control the Internet is the last nail in our coffin. Don't make learning and information only for those who can afford it.
—Mary Finnie, Salinas, CA

Please preserve free speech, which is a right guaranteed to all.
—Angela Hager, Hanover Park, IL

The net was never intended to be slowed for those that cannot afford to pay
—Vicki Tomlinson, Nelliston, NY

Go ahead, FCC and continue with your plan. If you want to hamper the american economy and create a United States that is no better than China in terms of censorship. At this point in time in America Internet is something that people desperately need and We cannot allow these companies to have control of it. It is a huge part of our daily life and indeed our business practices. With this corporations would rule supreme and the small businessman would be pushed out of the picture. This has potential to have MAJOR ECONOMIC REPERCUSSIONS.
—Steven Thornwall, Topeka, KS

Net neutrality is needed to guarantee the free exchange of information between net users, individuals, public officials, and businesses. Any entity such as a small startup company can be disadvantaged by biased net access. In the worst case a dominating company can block competition and startup companies in a way that inhibits innovation and financial growth.
—Kim Sandström, Esbo,

If we are to truly encourage innovation, to develop new and different thinking, we can not do it with a system that stifles creativity the way a static, tiered internet run by a couple of majors would. The FCC's proposed rules are terrible, and should not even be considered, the internet instead should be considered a common carrier - one open to all. The US is already incredibly backwards in it's telecommunications industry, we should not be pushing it further.
—Peter Ciurczak, Medford, MA

Keep the World Wide Web-net neutrality.
—Celestino Rodriguez, Crystal Lake, IL

Net Neutrality is important because it means that the the largest and wealthiest corporations in the world won't be able to stifle innovation across the internet by forcing their smaller competitors into buffering limbo. I believe the internet should remain a level playing field where content drives user traffic, not the speed of the connection. Chairman Wheeler is clearly trying to push an agenda that benefits very few while permanently shifting the internet landscape for the worse for internet users around the world.
—John Brogan, Nashville, TN

As an Internet user who believes strongly in the importance of a free and open Internet (as, now and henceforward, the backbone of a FREE & OPEN SOCIETY), I urge the FCC to reclassify broadband Internet access as a telecommunications service, and ISPs as common carrier public utilities, and save Net Neutrality. In addition, the FCC should reject the proposed rules that would allow Internet service providers to divide the Internet into fast lanes for wealthy corporations and slow lanes for the rest of us. Such a bifurcation of access and/or speed would de facto establish nothing less than what is tantamount to a neo-feudalism in broadband internet services and communication(s), and is, again, abhorrent to a FREE & OPEN Liberal Polity/Society.
—Mark Phillips, Richland Hills, TX

It is crazy to allow faster service for the rich and powerful.
—Elizabeth Thompson, Takoma Park, MD

Keep free speech alive.
—James Cottrell, Garden City, KS

Please ensure true net neutrality by classifying internet service providers as common carriers! A two tiered approach will only favor large corporations and dramatically stifle innovation and global access to information.
—Stephen Surace, Norwalk, CT

This is a disastrous idea. ISP's should not be able to control where people go and how fast they get there. The repercussions of allowing this are so far beyond what I can even imagine. We already pay plenty for data and they make plenty, giving them free reign to charge as they will and not regulating them is ludicrous. There are over 20 million small businesses who will be effected, my employer included. This is a terrible idea and one the American people should not stand for. It really feels like the FCC is working for AT&T, Comcast, & Verizon and not the public. If they were working for the public then they would squash this now. Please, please think of the consequences of this action, it will hurt the struggling smaller businesses. There is absolutley no reason to go forward but many, many to stop it now.
—Stacey Wallace, MANCHESTER, NH

Please put aside your self interests, and protect our internet.
—Chiemi Heil, Charlotte, NC

The internet should be a free place of innovation for the next Yahoo, eBay, Amazon, NetFlix, Google, Facebook, etc. Each allowed to rise and fall based on the demands of their customers, not the demands of internet service providers and their last mile networks. Both the small and large should be treated with equal measure, it should not be for the internet service provider to decide who is using too much of the service they pay for already. If you goto a restaurant they do not charge you extra depending on how often you frequent, nor should it be with internet service. When someone pays for a certain bandwidth they should be free to use that bandwidth as they choose.
—Nicola DiPasquale, Brookhaven, PA

The internet should not be up for grabs to the highest bidder. It should be open to all people at the same level. I am wondering if it is not all ready sold out. I am having ongoing issues with my computer timing out when going to a site, that cannot be resolved. I think the slow lane is already here but we are not being told. A new computer should not be having loading issues and timing out when trying to open on different site.
—Marge E Berkeyheiser, Trenton, NJ

We will never stop fighting for true net neutrality, so just do the right thing.
—Nathan stehle, Madison, WI

Do not allow a "fast lane" on the internet. It will completely change the face of the internet for the worse!
—Rob Fisher, San Antonio, TX

I want net neutrality because slow speeds for large conpanies will cause the slower people to use the internet less and therefore lower the economy
—Harry Kessell, st austell,

Dear Mr. Wheeler, It is my request that net neutrality become a non issue with your ruling to preserve same. A two-tired internet is not in the best interest of the very customers who use it and provide carriers with the profits that they enjoy today. Net Neutrality is a must. Thank you for your time. James G Whitehead Mount Clemens, MI
—James G Whitehead, Mount Clemens, MI

Net Neutrality is fundamental for the growth of the technology industry. As we strive to collect more data on the "internet of things" traffic will grow exponentially. If the FCC allows for Big Business to pay for the so called "Fast-Lane" or "Hyper-speed", you will inhibit the growth of small tech companies. Companies that have been tasked to analyze, interpret, and improve the industry. By not keeping the net neutral, you are bastardizing the purpose of the Internet. The Internet must remain free, neutral, and ever-growing. Don't listen to the Lobbyists in Washington. Listen to the people you are here to protect - average United States Citizens.
—Jenny Kieffaber, Indianapolis, IN

Everyone thinks you've been captured by the companies you're supposed to be regulating, and are working against the interests of the people. Prove everybody wrong, and reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Johnicholas Hines, Portland, ME

It's important to me because of equality. Inequality is reproduced in so many ways already, we don't need another way to disadvantage some people and some companies. There are NO BENEFITS to creating a two-tiered internet system that are worth the disadvantages and negatives.
—Rebecca Havens, Boulder, CO

An open forum such as the internet should not be allowed to be dictated by corporations. We DO NOT WANT a "fast" lane and a "slow" lane. It should remain as it is now, with all ISPs classified as common carriers.
—Alesha Jess, Corvallis, OR

Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers. "Fast-Lanes" are not a solution.
—George Pletz, Elizabethtown, PA

Keep the internet equally available and free to all, not in the control of corporations.
—Josh Jauz, Altamonte Springs, FL

Without a free and open internet, we are not truly a free society. Stand up for what is right! Reclassify ISPs as common carriers!
—Amanda R. Wilson, Waynesboro, VA

ATT COMCAST AND VERIZON ARE NOT ME. I am a living breathing caring American who believes that it is your duty to represent us, however convinced you are the world in Washington is real, it is not real. Throe out your rules and reclassify ISPs as Common Carriers. This is the Only way to protect Net Neutrality
—Joshua Raab, Los Angeles, CA

The internet is a common usage element of everyday life. It should not be prioritized for corporations to squeeze more money from individuals. thank you for your consideration
—Michael Bradley, Granada Hills, CA

Please give us the Internet back.
—Pamela Jasper, Tampa, FL

Be sure, this individual, natural flash and blood; free-born sovereign with Creator Endowments does NOT CONSENT to your frivolous attempts to further "slavery" of We The People. WE DO NOT Concede Our Unalienable rights of Self-Determination. STOP THE BS NOW and leave our FREEDOMS alone...I don't care what pressure you are feeling from the "global elitist greed monkeys." .
—Thomas Mack Jennings, Sulphur Springs, TX

FCC, throw out your crazy rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers!!!
—Lawrence Snyder, Newtown Square, PA

Please think about the future of Internet, you just can't take side of the big corporations think of the little guy.
—Satpal Singh Mac, Calabasas, CA

People need a free Net Neutrality forever.
—Janice Thompson, Council Bluffs, IA

We need real net neutrality! Please reclassify! Thanks
—Ashley, Chugiak, AK

Dear Tom Wheeler, Please do not allow "fast lanes." It's a really bad idea, which was thought up by your best friends and corporate crooks, to get even richer. You represent the people, not the corporations. Please throw out your rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is for the future. This is for America. P.S. I bet you don't even read this.
—Jeffery Johnson, Boulder, CO

Please don't add your name to the list of those who sold out their people for personal gain. It takes many individuals who lack integrity to create a corrupt system. You don't have to be one of them.
—Abbey Paccia, portland, OR

Please keep the internet so that the common man has open access.
—Mary Bischoff, Indianapolis, IN

Access to online content must be equal. Don't let the Internet be controlled by big business!
—Trevin Wagner, Sterling, VA

Net neutrality will ensure special interests don't overtake the internet, like they have with everything else.
—Margi Willis, Chevy Chase, MD

Keep the net neutral! Net neutrality is imperative to keep a level playing feild and to allow small buisness to survive and flourish. Please, keep the companies from creating a two tier system. The beautiful thing about the internet is the level playing field. Anyone with an idea and an internet connection has an opportunity to create the next great thing! If thier is a two tier system the next best idea may never make it off the ground. Please keep the net neutral.
—Robert Cope, Claremore, OK

Chairman Tom Wheeler, Please reconsider FCC' plans to create a two-tier internet. Monetizing the internet for the benefit of big corporations is NOT what the intent of the originally created charter of FCC was about. The people of this great Nation deserve more and their needs should take significant precedent over the profit motive(s) of corporations.
—N Inal, Newport Beach, CA

Net Neutrality is the only thing that allows for open competition among web-based companies!
—Adam Scott Boulware, Jacksonville, FL

Keep the internet free, if you allow the current ruling, you will kill the golden age of innovation we have scene for the last 20 years.
—Grant F Thienemann, Durham, NC

We need Net Neutrality to keep a level playing field for smaller businesses trying to get bigger!
—Claire m. Birmingham, New York City, NY

The internet needs to remain open and free. Tiered service is just another step to divide the classes and pit big companies vs start ups.
—Joseph Lonicker, Middletwon, OH

We need REAL net neutrality, not this tiered crap.
—Micah Menefee, Winter Park, FL

Net Neutrality is necessary for open competition of web applications and products. Without it, smaller companies will suffer and possibly close up, causing a loss of jobs.
—Nikitas Marangos, Woodbridge, NJ

Net neutrality is the only way to keep the internet open for new ideas.
—Richard Casey, Gun Barrel City, TX

Net neutrality is the cornerstone to current and future freedoms. It is the one thing that levels the playing field for all involved in this online information age. It is a fundamental right that must be maintained.
—Matt Tuttle, albuquerque, NM

Net Neutrality is important because it is crucial to first amendment rights. I understand that telecommunications businesses want to make as much money as humanly possible from their customers, but the Internet allows people to band together, to share ideas and to communicate. This is far more important than some faceless corporation's balance sheet each quarter. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers and restore Net Neutrality!
—Chris Gottschalk, Cresco, IA

Dear FCC, It has come to my attention, that the Internet that has always played a massive role in my life is in danger. In my opinion, if an internet provider will have the ability to basically promote sites which pay the most the free Internet that we all know will be dead. I urge you to reconsider this and beg you to leave the internet as it is because "fast and a hyper lane" as John Olivier explains it is nothing more than taking something which is totally free and putting it in chains. Please reclassify ISP's as common carriers and leave the Internet as it is today - free and beautiful.
—Grzegorz Makowiec, Rugby,

The cost is too high. Freedom is worth more than money. People are worth more than corporations.
—Andy Smith, Summit, NJ

I feel that allowing for some type of paid prioritization is not in the best interest of citizens. Most ISP's act as local monopolies with no competition and by allowing them to charge different rates to different companies we are creating a system that shows preferential treatment to companies that can afford tolls while leaving true competition and innovation stranded. Please stand up for real net neutrality and classify ISP's as common carriers to increase transparency and competition in this vital area of the economy.
—Nathan James, Orem, UT

We need guarantees in the form of regulations and law that prevent internet service providers from discriminating against internet traffic in any way. It is vital for the future of innovation in our economy that ISPs not be allowed to act as gatekeepers for those who can cough up money in exchange for special treatment of their traffic. It's not how the internet has worked in the past and to change now would be the most damaging step we could take. ISPs should be classified as the common carriers they are and not allowed to slow down _or_ speed up traffic they themselves deem deserving of such treatment. These companies enjoy virtual monopolies in the areas they serve, and while the United States already lags far behind in access to fast broadband internet access, those same companies now want even more latitude to make money at the expense of their customers and the citizens of this country. The FCC should refuse to give in to these powerful companies' demands for special treatment.
—Alex Tillotson, Charleston, SC

Net neutrality will help to maintain a reasonable price structure.
—Fred Chauncey, RALEIGH, NC

Killing net neutrality is un-American. It is very capitalist, sure, but that's not how I want my country defined. This country is supposed to be about freedom and opportunity.
—Alisha Rosen, San Francisco, CA

The INTERNET must be for ALL people, not just the big corporations.
—Will Files, Homer, AK

In the past two decades, the Internet has become an essential tool of commerce and communication; a lack of access can cripple a business or provide substantial difficulties for the average citizen. To be a student, professional, or successful business carries the expectation that one can communicate and engage via the internet. As a population, we are all dependent, therefore on our service providers. In the United States, few individuals or businesses have access to a sufficient number of options to truly provide for competition between internet service providers and little recourse if the dominant ISP in their region gives them unfair terms. It is insufficient to rely on good faith that ISPs will not abuse their power, so their leverage must be tempered by careful regulation.
—Spencer Thomas, Philadelphia, PA

IF this goes through only the wealthy will have access YOUR JOB protect NET Neutrality
—Robert Higgins, portland, OR

It would be a true disservice to the american people to allow corporate interests (and corporations are not 'the people) rule the FCC. Nothing less than a reclassification of the internet will suffice. I urge the FCC to think of the people they are meant to serve rather than themselves and the payouts from telecoms they might receive down the lane. Shame on the FCC for even suggesting a two tier system as if it's a solution.
—Jennifer Collins, Scotia, NY

Stop cable company Fuckery. Protect real net neutrality.
—Daniel Gutierrez, Dublin, OH

Despite what the providers lie about all the time, this WILL create a two-tiered service....which is non only undemocratic, but should also be ILLEGAL! The Net belongs to the PEOPLE....as it should be.
—Josh Whitmore, Nashville, TN

I am a startup CEO & founder. For the past 6 years I have been working on the business plan I came up with while majoring in the "Impact of Information Technology" as an undergraduate at UC Berkeley. In short the plan is to revolutionize the entertainment industry by running its business and legal back end with software and Internet services and in the process improve the monetization of creative works for artists, the consumption experience for fans, and the targeting of advertisements. I even attended law school and business school to gain the requisite knowledge to refine and execute the business. After 4 years at UC Irvine I just graduated with my JD/MBA this June. Over the past 2 years I have recruited a team of developers to implement the plan into a real Internet service, and we have even begun raising angel investments! But now, as we are on the precipice of actually launching the business I have envisioned for all these years, the underlying foundation of the Net is in imminent danger, and our business will crumble if that foundation is demolished. Colossal companies that wield as much power as the trusts that were the impetus for the Sherman and Clayton acts will use the evisceration of Net Neutrality to put companies like mine out of business before we even get started; they will do so in order to protect inferior business models that rake in cash, while depriving consumers of a free market to choose superior services! Net neutrality protects innovation and consumers. Please classify ISPs as common carriers (which they effectively operate as already!) and protect burgeoning companies like mine, the innovative economy of the US, and millions of consumers by maintaining the neutral foundation of the Internet!
—Matthew Ochmanek, Malibu, CA

These rules are ridiculous sure i admit they will earn money but it would bring hell upon the people doing this and it will make everything people have done to make the internet fair useless. Its a very stupid idea don't do this.
—Rhys Mayles, Douglas,

Preserve Net Neutrality! Don't let big money determine who has better access to the internet and relegate Main St. to a lower tier. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers!
—Andrew Crawford, Las Vegas, NV

Our personal on line use for financial tracking and investment decisions, as well as family and friend communications are more important than the "corporate opportunity" associated with price differentials for speed which will serve only the providers and their shareholders. Further, as technology enhancement become available and with the anticipated higher speeds to come the there will be little incentive to make them broadly avalable as deals are made to provide higher speeds to only a "few" of the high intensity users for class members having the heaviest wallets.
—John Hayden, Baltimore, MD

throw out the rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. 99% of the US isn't rich, we can't afford to be angry at something else that use to make us happy and relaxed. take away their pleasure and you WILL get a lot of angry citizens! 10$ here, 30$ there, 20$ over here. You're just asking for trouble and segregating the US people even more. its immoral! you can't use this freeway- that takes you twice the shorter distance than this over crowded free freeway (FREEway) over here! We already have to sign up for SO many things already- HULU, NETFLIX, showtime, hbo, mp3's, amazon prime- this are all things NOT needed but make us happy! 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 promotes innovation.A free and open internet promotes the spread of ideas. A free and open internet protects freedom of speech. Happy independance day!
—Shannon Ramay, Las vegas, NV

Chairman Wheeler, The proposed two tier Internet plan goes against everything the Internet was designed to provide a network for all of humanity to use and leverage. This proposal would make it difficult and in some cases impossible for entrepreneurs to use the Internet to launch new services and provide access to content in new and useful ways. We need the Internet to be an open and equitable arena for all Americans to use.
—Troy Trudel, Merrimack, NH

Keep the Net neutral, out of the greedy hands of corporate interests. Citizens first for the future!
—Jonny Pray, Venice, CA

Preserve Net Neutrality. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Allen Tiller, Fort Myers, FL

Dear FCC, I implore you to reclassify ISPs as common carriers. The reasoning behind this request is very simple: this will create and protect true Net Neutrality in the United States and abroad. The Internet has become such an integral part of life that the United Nations has classified Internet access as a basic human right. A cornerstone of the Internet and the inherent understanding that internet users have when accessing content is that every piece of information is treated equally. This philosophy has lead to the unprecedented ability to innovate, cooperate, and share knowledge, ideas, and the human experience. As further evidence of the necessity of this freedom, the European Union has recently passed strong net neutrality laws to preserve core principles of the Internet. So please, lead us forward with by supporting net neutrality, rather than backwards with legislation that belongs to the robber barons, not to the 21st century.
—Justin DeCamp, 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. Please, throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Nasir Junejo, Shoreline, WA

Net neutrality is extemely important to a fair and open democracy. I would like to be able to access any and all information without restrictions.
—Mareline Staub, Niskayuna, NY

The web is the centerpiece of today's world. In only a few decades, the web has grown from a small group of computers to a worldwide network with billions of daily users. This kind of growth was all made possible because of net neutrality. Without it, sites such as Amazon, Twitter, reddit, and even Google would never have been able to exist. That is why the FCC must throw out its rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers. The internet is a beautiful place, and it would pain everyone for it to be taken over by corporate greed.
—Ethan Woodbury, Walnut Creek, CA

The internet is not just Cable 2.0. The internet is a venue for free expression AND business. These two things need to share the internet equally. What the cable companies are planing would cripple the free expression turning the internet into nothing more than yet another channel for consumption. We have this gift of creation and free expression now. Lets not give it up to cable companies.
—Jordan Munroe, Huntingburg, IN

Those of us on fixed incomes should not have to pay for the faster access/speeds that ending net neutrality would bring. The internet should be free to one and all.
—Michael Siarny, Thonotosassa, FL

The internet assists in providing a wonderful way for everyone to access information that could lead to an education or a budding enterprise. In these stressed economic times, anything to make opportunities more easily achieved would seem a good bet. Wheeler's plan has the potential to create disadvantages for that enterprising spirit to be dulled, which would be one more obstacle in a field of obstacles. In trying to control the movement of the Internet, a system of opportunity would be lost.
—James Maddox, Huntington, WV

The Internet is NOT only for the wealthy. We, who are young, old, starting business, studying in classrooms, should not be penalized. We common folk are the backbone of the country. By having a two tiered system, you will be breaking us. Try not to bleed us white and let equality be your motto.
—Pat Hobbs, Boulder, CO

Dear FCC and Chairman Tom Wheeler, Please do not make a decision for this shared resource that takes away from future generations to satisfy current businesses. The Internet was created, originally, for distributed communication. The World Wide Web as we know it was freely given to us by Sir Tim Berners-Lee. I've served in our beloved Marine Corps. I have seen what attacks on information systems look like. What scares me is that this reorganization of the Internet would attack more systems than any rogue organization or government agency ever could. Future generations should have access to a Neutral Internet because that was intention behind Sir Tim Berners-Lee's gift to the world. It was meant for open communication that linked ideas around the world. Classifying different types of communication differently will destroy that. Your fastlane already exists: It is User Datagram Protocol (UDP). This protocol already allows faster transmission. A new protocol can be made, but classifying service would strip the Internet of its core design. Please, do not do this. Do not satisfy businesses that are not standing on their own two feet at the cost of future innovation. Do not strip strip my children and grandchildren from a magnificent resource so that certain businesses can make more money without innovating. That is not the American way. The American dream is about opportunity. Sometimes opportunity takes work. -Matt Stephenson USMC Veteran
—Matt Stephenson, Nixa, MO

FCC, It is critical to keep the internet 'neutral' and not allow for parties to get favoritism or special access by buying it. It is YOUR job to ensure this never happens. I hope you are not one of the politicians who have accepted special favors from such entities in order to sway you. MANY people are watching what you are doing. Do it right...
—Frank Malczewski, Midland, MI

As a small business owner, net neutrality is crucial to my ability to compete within the marketplace. My business does not have the operating budget of many of my competitors, and a single-tier internet is critical for me in having a shot at gaining new clients and keeping visibility.
—Emily, Pittsburgh, PA

Just as freedom of the press is essential to a functioning democracy, I believe net neutrality is essential to preserving a democracy and fighting oligarchy.
—Tom Clinton, Crete, IL

Please do not approve the proposed Internet rules! Don't let corporations decide who gets fast internet and who does not. Reclassify ISP's as common carriers.
—Megan Manogue, Pennsville, NJ

Net neutrality is important to me because most of my life is spent on the Internet, accessing various websites to Wikipedia to YouTube to Tumblr and whatever else you can think of. If I lost access to any one of these sites, I'd just be so pissed through the roof. So please, throw out these rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Holly Mar, Tustin, CA

Net Neutrality is extremely important to ensure freedom of speech, lower consumer costs, and to help promote innovation. I would like for the current proposal to be dismissed and for ISPs to be classified as common carriers.
—Brian Carlson, Apex, NC

The Internet has been a remarkable force in democratization of our culture. The proposed rules would destroy that. Please abandon those rules and treat ISPs as common carriers.
—Carl Cole, Charleston, SC

SAVE NET NEUTRALITY! THOW OUT THIS RULING!
—Liana G Watsky, Leonia, NJ

The big corporations are geared towards lying to make their profits. Why is the FCC allowing them to get away with monopolies, that are not in the public's best interest. It time to do the work the commission was set up to do, serve the public good. Please vote to make the Internet a Public Utility. Show the world you're not just tools of greedy corporations.
—Elizabeth Shedd, Seattle, WA

we need net neutrality, for different points of view
—Rich Richardson, dayton, NV

Dear FCC, please wake up and fight off lobbyists from Comcast/Time Warner....don't allow them to destroy America's future! The only way to protect real Net Neutrality is to reclassify ISPs as common carriers, and mandate absolutely zero discrimination in internet traffic.
—Asif Sheikh, Mountain View, CA

I am so tired of big corporations taking advantage of individuals. The internet has worked well for everyone up to this point, why does Verizon and Comcast etc need an advantage, Will that be passed along to individual users? I strongly doubt it.
—Lynn Godmilow, Philadelphia, PA

The internet belongs equally to everyone. The current plan doesn't recognize this. Throw out the rules under consideration. Instead, reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Don't start yet another unequal system where money rules. The FCC has a responsibility to maintain net neutrality, not maim it.
—Sunnie Noellert, McKinleyville, CA

Net neutrality requires the FCC to reclassify the ISPs as common carriers. The ISPs should not be allowed to choose different data transmission speeds, they should improve data speeds universally.
—Mr. Steve Burns, Austin, TX

Preserve Net Neutrality, no two-tiered system for the internet.
—Connie Stroh, Randolph, NJ

We are the country of the free. Let's live by example!!! Keep the internet net neutral.
—Lotlri, Woburn, MA

We do not want a tiered internet, we want true net neutrality.
—Simon Goble, Bemidji, MN

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Jeanne Miller, Orlando, FL

Our country seems to do everything wrong, these days. We're the leader in nothing, except war and oil production. And now the one things that unites our country and the world, you want limit. No matter how you spin it, we all know the truth. So destroy yet another thing that our country created using tax dollars. But I'll say this and I'm not alone; we the people are getting sick of your shit. Do the right thing, the thing the people demand and not what the few, rich want.
—William Simpson, Milford, CT

It is essential to protect our free speech: reclassify Internet service providers as common carriers. Also, as a small, very small, business, it is important to me financially that neutrality of the net, our internet, prevails. I also hope to continue to find the many smaller, but important websites, with relative ease. Thank you if someone pays attention to this.
—Martha Osmun, Bristol, VT

Don't you fat cats have enough?
—Silvia Cano, Nazareth, PA

A two tiered internet would be the beginning of the end for the American consumer. Prices will rise for internet access and access will be throttled as well. The internet provides everyday people with an equal voice. Please listen to the majority. Do not attempt to silence the majority!!
—Val Anne Welch, Port Townsend, WA

Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Already in this country we have a near "one dollar, one vote" situation. That's bad for democracy. Creating a two-tiered internet, where wealthy corporations have more influence, further erodes our democracy.
—M Lara Hoke, WORCESTER, MA

How can we still call ourselves a democracy when decisions are made based on corporate accounts, instead of the will and well-being of the people?
—Melissa cooper, Cottage Grove, OR

Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers for the sake of our freedom.
—Conor Keilty, Scottsdale, AZ

Dear FCC, Throw out the old, outdated rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers. The Internet is not meant to be yet another way to widen the gap between peoples but a tool to bring us closer to a better humanity.
—Rachel Overbeck, Omaha, NE

The internet has become the most pervasive and important form of speech in the USA, and the proposed changes to net neutrality would limit access to free speech and violate the constitutional principles that this country is founded-all in order to increase the profits of private corporations. All content, and thus all speech, is equal. No private citizen supports these changes and approving them would be to demonstrate once and for all that government powers are no longer responsive to the people, but only to the powerful few rich enough to contribute handsomely to campaign accounts. These proposed changes must be thrown out.
—Jennifer Stein, Carlsbad, CA

The free and unfettered access to information is what makes the Internet the MOST amazing and exceptional tool of our lives. Absolute net neutrality is key to paving the way toward an explosion of creative problem solving potential that would benefit everyone. Studies of creative genius show that the bedrock of genius level solutions is built upon the the free exchange of ideas. Do Not Throttle the Internet. Just because people are poor doesn't mean they don't deserve speed and informational access, not to mention the fact that Net Neutrality unfairly favors big companies who already have far too much power.
—Linda Jung, Fairfield, OH

Why don't you restore our faith in our government and prove you haven't been bought
—Jonathan G Norris, largo, MD

Please protect Net Neutrality NO! to 2-tiered pricing
—Jim Milner, Portland, OR

Dear FCC, Please protect average citizens and keep the internet neutral. We cannot protect ourselves from the large companies. They will take advantage of no net neutrality to the detriment of the people. Our youth and the future competitiveness of our nation have much to lose without establishing guaranteed net neutrality.
—Ileana Desalos, Houston, TX

FCC should throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality.
—Thomas Iden, Hampton Bays, NY

Please don't give corporates the advantage over real people. Corporations aren't people and the internet is one of the only mediums that is entirely fair and accessable to all. Keep net neutrality and don't let the corporations of the world convince you or bribe you or anything else to make you change one of our inaliable rights, free access to free speech. Please protect net neutrality and don't cave into the capitalists that want to control access to our only free and fair method of communication.
—Paul Stephens, huntington, VT

Chairman Wheeler, Maintaining an open and equally accessible internet is at the core of the spirit and creation of the internet itself for all of it's vast array of users. We, as a country that claims to place individual freedom as an irrevocable right above all others, should express this by ensuring that access to such a world changing cache of information becomes easier and more fair. The changes being proposed, to permit ISPs to create multi-tiered access for corporations, do a disservice to these ideals by allowing the providers and large companies able to dictate which content arrives at which speeds to consumers. This can only open the way for further inequality with regards to online product access. A fair and single tiered access for all companies, is key to providing an equally competitive field for current and future businesses to play on. Attempting to allow these middle-men to discriminate between online content and applications and skew the experiencing for American customers is not in line with our country's ideals and cannot be further considered. Please, send a modern message of freedom, by telling these ISPs that access to the internet is as basic as service as telephone lines or gas and electric utilites and should be classified and provided as such. Regards, Alex Moon Steamboat Springs, CO
—Alex Moon, Steamboat Springs, CO

I am outraged that net neutrality is not in place. Why should the ISPs be allowed to descriminate against websites based on how much or how little traffic they get? That is absurd -- I should get unbiased access to whatever website I want. This is America where we should be free, not controlled by greedy corporations.
—Thomas Laubhan, Plano, TX

When the recession hit, the only open market left to those devastated by the loss of available work was the internet. Since its inception, it has proven to fuel not only technology but creativity, community, and learning. An open internet means the American Dream can still happen. Closing down the fast lanes to those who cannot afford it will put this progress on hold. Not only small businesses will lose out, but also individuals with the potential to contribute greatly to the free market and the nation and world as a whole, with new ideas, new services, and new businesses. The internet for all its lol cats and proofs of "rule 34" is nevertheless the source of the next great Renaissance and the Net Neutrality Act will end that. It would be like replacing Shakespeare with Windows text reader and saying that all the words are still there so it's okay. This act is a step away from the great firewall of China. It would kill the human spirit. Power greedy for more power will always try to kill creativity and free speech, both for selfish and political means, and naming this aim something as tame-sounding as the "net-neutrality act" is only proof of how much of an evil this favoritism towards the big names on the net would really be.
—Petra Winters, Wilmington, NC

Please don't further cripple the people's voice and ways to communicate. The internet needs to stay neutral, not give special interests or ANYONE a fast track or any preference. With a 2-tiered internet, we might as well go back to the class system. And the people will be the second class. Please do not fall victim to big money from large corporations whose only motive is their own profit. Please preserve true net neutrality and help one of the only ways true democracy is still present in America.
—Valerie Henderson, Los Angeles, CA

If you try to start ramping up the cost of accessing a service provided on the internet then companies like Comcast can charge even more for their already ridiculously overpriced internet provider fees. This is not going to make you any allies in the future if you keep trying to estrange everyone who uses the internet on a daily basis but cannot afford "exclusive" speeds.
—Devin Buettgenbach, Ottawa, KS

The idea of allowing companies to determine a higher level of access and control of the internet will defeat the success of the internet. In fact, the reason the internet WORKS is essentially because it is fully free and open to everyone. Please keep the internet functioning and reject this corruption of corporate control. Keep it free and open. Corporations are NOT people. Please throw out these new proposed rules of a "two-tiered" internet, and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Stephen Yarbrough, Indianapolis, IN

Net neutrality is as essential for 21st century communication as the landline telephone was in the 20th century. I use it in my volunteering for charity, in my work, and as my main source of news. The only way to protect this resource that is the bedrock of democracy and the lifeblood of productivity in our nation is to reclassify Internet Service Providers as common carriers. The current classification was wrongheaded to start with.
—Suzanne Dykstra, Ijamsville,, MD

The Internet cannot belong to anyone. It must remain the province of everyone and hopefully soon, it will be free for all to enjoy like the Interstate system. The telcos, cable companies and other big ISPs should be hired by the government to provide services on a competitive bid basis. We could light up the nation for the cost of a single aircraft carrier group.
—Steve Ocean, St Augustine, FL

I am another Internet user who would prefer to see a reasonable Net Neutrality in place, based on free commerce. That is, providers should have a right to set rates for their service, but the FCC should act to preserve a vigorous competition between providers and an efficient market that will keep rates low.
—Kenneth Nahigian, Sacramento, CA

Net neutrality is the only way to insure that information is available to all regardless of situation. Giving providers a way to regulate information access through the ability to charge will destroy more of the ever vanishing equality we used to enjoy more thoroughly.
—Francis Fashing, Palm Desert, CA

Please ... Please Tell the FCC to throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—James R. Smith, Portland, OR

Net Neutrality is important to me because companies should not be able to discriminate against users because of how much they can pay for using online content and applications.
—Shelly Ho, Williston, VT

Reclassify the internet providers as common carriers! There is no reason that it should be any different that telephone carriers or power. Internet is a utility, period
—Ryan Anderson, Miami, FL

Reclassify Internet service providers as Common Carriers!
—E Naiche Anderson, Spokane, WA

Dear FCC, I am a web designer by trade and an internet lover by practice. I believe the internet is akin to the American frontier, in that it's birthed a wealth of new ideas, culture and exploration, largely because we have had the freedom to shape it into whatever we want on equal footing with all creators big and small. This equal footing (aka Net Neutrality) embodies to me what I think of as true "freedom of speech" in that my online ideas and projects have the same access and privileges to reach an audience as large, bandwidth-hungry businesses. I believe quite vehemently that the proposed rules to (artificially) introduce a two-speed internet would be the death-knell to the freedom that we've enjoyed so far online. The ISPs would be the only beneficiary of such rules, at the expense of all internet users. As representatives of America's communications, I implore you to throw out these proposed rules as discriminatory, and instead reclassify the ISPs as common carriers, cementing true Net Neutrality now and in the future with little room for meddling. Thank you, Brad Thomason
—Brad Thomason, Philadelphia, PA

Putting internet access under control of these common carriers will effectively mean the end of free and open internet access and allow these access providers to discriminate selectively without just cause. Unless these providers are classified as common carriers as they are now it would create a monopoly just as it was when The Bell Telephone company had total control on telecommunications. To institute this plan would be a violation of our Civil Rights guaranteed by the US constitution and Bill of Right supon which this country was founded.
—Deanna Joy Hallmark, Santa Fe, NM

We need Net Neutrality now! You must make a level playing field as this technology has become central to so many. NET NEUTRALITY NOW!!!
—Justin Tarik Shockley, Astoria, NY

DON'T allow this discrimination! The internet is a viable space for people to communicate, for small business, and entertainment alike. The last thing it needs is more corporate bias.
—Shy Nicole Custis, Columbus, OH

Net neutrality is critical to having a fair playing field for innovation and having multiple tiers only benefits the large corporations. Internet has become a basic service like power and water, it needs to be regulated as such.
—Brad Zobrist, Lehi, UT

I like the internet the way it is: all have an equal opportunity to participate and be heard.
—Clay Teller, PORTLAND, OR

Please keep the internet fair and free. All should have equal access, including little start ups like mine who can't compete with "premiums" paid by AT&T, Comcast, and other big companies. If Chairman Wheeler's plan was to be proposed by China, there would be an outcry of pressure to play "favorites" on the internet and impede free speech and free commerce. Instead, put your effort into reclassifying ISPs as common carriers.
—Ronald Rugel, San Jose, CA

Tom wheeler should resign in disgrace, net neutrality is not up for debate.
—Cameron best, Missoula, MT

Net Neutrality is important for me so that I can more readily support and develop local businesses, the lifeblood of our economies all around the world. By adhering to rules provided by companies or okayed by them, you have created a "chicken being guarded by foxes" situation, the people cannot trust your decision in particular Tom Wheeler due to the circumstances of your gaining your current chairman position. You may have all the best intentions, but it's obvious that you must listen to the people and classify these companies as common carriers.
—Billy Butler, Seattle, WA

Please don't destroy net neutrality and instead try to reclassify ISPs as common carriers. thyvm
—Oliver Grabow, Saarbrücken,

If it isn't broken, don't fix it. Please do not put up roadblocks on our internet highway. For no good reason, it will change our virtual world as we know it. Thank you.
—Carmen Burgess, Cave Junction, OR

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.
—Jessica Tektas, Los Angeles, CA

Keep the internet in the hands of the people.
—James Rizzolo, Stuart, FL

I use the Internet for research not for shop till I drop syndrome. I don't go on the internet to have money sucked out my pocket for junk I do not need.
—Keith Forrest, Volcano, CA

With the ever increasing disparity between the ultra affluent and the rest of us it is ever important that the Internet remain a free flow of ideas and information both in form and in price. The Internet, as it was intended, is a level field where all thought is and should be available without the intervention, selection or discrimination of corporate entities.
—Eric Rodas, San Jose, CA

The only way to protect free speech online is to reclassify Internet service providers as common carriers.
—Gleb Kodinets, NY, NY

throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Germain Barrios, West Palm Beach, FL

■ We do not require laws to stratify the internet. Net Neutrality Is Paramount For Freedom FOR ALL ■
—TC Wheeler, Tucson, AZ

The internet shouldn't be owned by a few large corporations who decide how the rest of use can use this resource. Corporations are motivated purely by profit. The needs of ordinary citizens is not among their priorities. Keep the internet free.
—James McQuilkin, Milton, DE

ISPs need to be classified as common carriers. The "need" for tiered connections based on content is indefensible.
—Charles Kirk, Gainesville, FL

The internet should not be govern by those who can pay the most. It is the one place right now that anyone of any statue can be seen as equal. It also allows the free of speech without fear of censorship.
—Ms. Brooke Davis, Watertown, MA

Please do not let this monopoly happen. You are undermining the American people, our government and your responsibility to keep the legitimacy of democracy.
—Todd Elliott, Mansfield, MA

Please support true net neutrality to keep America as a leading innovator in the world and to prevent further abuse of market position that the cable companies already enjoy. It's simple: Classify ISPs as common carriers. That's what they are!!
—Shaun Currier, Naperville, IL

Please keep the internet equal for all uses and no let the "big corporations" control the speed which information is shared. Throw out the rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Taft Navarro, Hanahan, SC

Hello FCC, Net Neutrality is important for protecting small businesses in the USA. We already pay ISPs for the receiving end of the data, and it does not make sense for them to charge differently based on the source of the data. Please stick with the model that has made the internet, and our modern economy so successful for the last few decades. And please follow the lead in protecting net neutrality (as other countries have) so that we are left in the internet and economic dust. thank you, Dan
—Daniel Anolik, Portland, OR

The World Wide Web should be an environment where all types of information and programs have an equal opportunity to exist and be experienced by any user with an internet connection because it is fair and if humans have the option to make an institution fair, then humans should make it so.
—Brandon Ortiz-Fynan, Glen Allen, VA

Dear Mr. Wheeler, Did you invent the internet? Do you have some kind of proprietary rights over the internet? Are you receiving some compensation from corporations who somehow believe they should have some form of special privilege over what has always been a platform for all? I assure you this is a period in our history in which the few are constantly being pushed down by the wealthy few; are you part of this as well? I urge you to please consider the well-being of the majority over the greed of the few. Thomas R Crandall Marble, NC
—Thomas R Crandall, Marble, NC

Net Neutrality is essential for innovation. Without it, small companies will never be able to compete with established giants.
—Jonas Bohlin, Bromma,

The internet accessibility should not be based on how much money you have. The internet is what is feeding the nations recovery, creating a teared internet will hurt the economy
—George Salet, Pacifica, CA

As one of the primary platforms for free speech in this day and age, the Internet NEEDS to be equal for everyone.
—Jessica Fishell, Phoenix, AZ

Please - the internet should be a common carrier, just like a post office. Net neutrality is the only sensible way to go. A two-tier system will effectively give us two internets. How would that make any sense?
—Baxter Tocher, Edinburgh,

Net Neutrality is what made Google and Yahoo and Amazon and Facebook and Wikipedia and the Internet as we know it today possible. Otherwise we'd be using a corporate version of Minitel - at best. Keep it open and free for the next generation of great American companies. Reclassify the Internet as a common carrier and resist the temptation to help a few monopolies today - for the sake of a competitive landscape for the Googles and Facebooks of tomorrow.
—David Macdonald, Austin, TX

My main source of information, social contacts with friends and colleagues, and news is the internet which I have used since the 70's when it was DARPA. To give the internet away to corporate interests would be a crime. The internet should be a public utility. Captain Craig Bailey Rutherfordton, NC
—Craig Bailey, Rutherfordton, NC

People run this nation, not money. Put in fast lanes and you will limit our country's accessibility to innovation and knowledge. Keep the internet free and open to everyone.
—John Paul Bittner, Athens, GA

Why net neutrality? Because it is democratic and egalitarian; providing equal opportunities to everyone and not just the privileged.
—Matthew Seymour, Playa Del Rey, CA

As an Internet user who believes strongly in the importance of a free and open Internet, I urge the FCC to reclassify broadband Internet access as a telecommunications service, and save Net Neutrality. In addition, the FCC should reject the proposed rules that would allow Internet service providers to divide the Internet into fast lanes for wealthy corporations and slow lanes for the rest of us.
—Becky Hawkins, Portland, OR

Very Important: Please protect Net Nuetrality!
—Ed Thein, Winnetka, CA

Reclassify ISPs (Internet Service Providers) as Common Carriers. Doing otherwise will destroy the greatest invention of humankind, which has brought us massive technological innovation, reduced prices on real and digital goods, and which serves the public good, bolstering our Constitutional Liberties. I do not believe that you are against these principles, only a monster would destroy humanity's greatest achievement in Communication.
—Michael A Culver, Fortuna, CA

The internet is a free and open place, things cannot be changed to allow corporations to limit and throttle access to certain websites because of a certain pay grade they fall into. It's a disgusting practice and should not be allowed.
—Jezz Bentham, Wakefield, CA

I want real net neutrality. A two-tiered internet is the worst thing imaginable for the internet. The only way to protect free speech online is to reclassify internet service providers as common carriers.
—Alfred Denny, Oak Ridge, TN

Please keep speech, information and the net moving freely and fairly.
—Lisa McNorton, North Las Vegas, NV

Chairman Wheeler's plan for the internet amounts to nothing more than a new income stream for the ISPs who already charge more for less than the rest of the world. The providers themselves should be regulated to insure a free and open internet without discrimination and price gouging.
—Jim Dunkelberger, Cape May Court House, NJ

Net neutrality is important to me because it is a free space where everyone is equal and it needs to stay that way. Please reclassify Internet service providers as common carriers.
—Meneka Thiru, Anchorage, AK

I was a customer of Verizon for many years and during that time they couldn't even provide decent telephone service let alone provide an internet connection. I had to wait until a local telephone cooperative expanded it reach into my area and they invested in the fiber-optic infrastructure to provide broadband service. If the big three communications companies are allowed to take control of the internet we will never receive the the investment in technology that so many other nations now enjoy.
—Bernard Lisner, Westfield, WI

The cost of internet is costly enough without having to pay more. This is ludicrous to even consider siding with these companies that want more money. Internet is for all of us.
—Richard Cunningham, Maryville, TN

Do not let Net Neutrality End. Keep the Internet a level playing field. Reclassify ISP's as common carriers.
—Morgan Cahall, New Castle, DE

Net neutrality is what allows new businesses to develop on the internet. It's what allowed Facebook and Myspace and Google to exist. Without net neutrality, the bigger businesses will lock down the bandwidth and prevent entrepreneurs from rising up through the ranks. The irony of this whole situation is that trashing net neutrality is anti-capitalist. It will actually make the market LESS free. You have to protect this. There's no reasonable argument against net neutrality.
—Mr. Mark Kilborn, Madison, WI

Net neutrality is essential to keeping information as accessible as possible. Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Kristina Green, Fort Howard, MD

Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Jeffrey Ward, New York, NY

Throw out your (FCC) rules and reclassify Internet Service Providers as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect true Net Neutrality!
—Richard Erb, Cincinnati, OH

The attempt to stamp out Net Neutrality is a disgrace. I do not see how one could in good conscience support the proposed plan.
—Colin Brady, San Jose, CA

FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler: It is absurd to think that a two-tiered Internet is the way to go. This misguided proposal of yours 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.
—Des Colleran, Aliso Viejo, CA

Throw out this ridiculously discriminatory plan and reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Tamara Morrison, Dove Canyon, CA

Save the internet as it is, keep it free.
—Gary W Smith, Charlestown, IN

Please preserve net neutrality and keep the internet a commons for the people. The free flow of information is important.
—Dawn Goodwin, Norton Shores, MI

We need REAL net neutrality. It's ridiculous that companies will be able to pay for faster services. How are new companies supposed to get their companies online if the can't pay like big companies can?
—Collin Pittman, Carmel, IN

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. He needs to know that this won't fly. The only way — and we mean the only way — to protect free speech online is to reclassify Internet service providers as common carriers.
—Shawn Kardell, bloomington, MN

A free society require free and open communication for all. Placing speed boosts or limits on the internet traffic, in favor of one over another; limits true freedom of information flow. If I had a website or business. I would hate to think I would have to pay someone extra, just to insure that people accessing my information could do so in a timely manor. Small business and start up companies will suffer horriably if the current proposed rules go into effect. I feel the only way to ensure an open internet for all is to classify ISP's as common carriers. Because as much as the phone has opened the world to people. The internet stands to do so much more, but only if the information is open to all.
—David Edward Morgan Jr., Knoxville, TN

Net Neutrality is important for the spirit of American entrepreneurship. Right now, a kid with an idea, some skill, and a 12 pack can create a multiple billion dollar company because he's on equal footing with the larger established corporations. If the FCC eliminates this, it will be destroying a major part of what makes America great.
—Tabitha Goodykoontz, Indianapolis, IN

It's the right thing to do Everyone should have equal access no matter their financial situations
—Bonnie Chasse, wernersville, PA

Free speech and neutrality are core values and assets of the web. Canceling those is an insult to the international community, it is unacceptable. As millions of people and organisations are asking you: please reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Does the FCC really want to contrary millions to please the few rich? You know it has never been a good idea to go agaisnt the mass when they're angry.
—Phil, h9,

Dear Mr. Wheeler and members of the FCC, I am the Director at the Brainerd Memorial Library in Haddam, CT. Libraries can't afford to pay for a faster connection to the Internet. We provide free services to all the citizens of our cities and towns. Our country was founded on the democratic principal that all men are created equal. All internet connections should be equal.You should not widen the gap that already exists in this country between the rich and the poor. The poor often can't afford to pay for a computer and a current internet connection. Raising the price will put access to the information and communication methods needed to survive in modern society ever further beyond their means. This is extremely unfair. Please don't institute this plan that would discriminate against the most needy in our country. Sincerely, Cynthia A.Christie de Muhlbach
—Cynthia Muhlbach, Haddam, CT

The Internet has been available to everyone with the resources to pay for it. Not everyone has this access, because not everyone can pay for the even the basic Internet service. Still, it is available. The proposed changes will cut into that basic availability by creating one fast, modern path for those who can pay more than the minimum, and essentially a dirt road for the rest of us. Access to the Internet has fostered creativity and enhanced democracy. Creating a two-tiered system of access will squelch this creativity and harm our democracy. It will allow companies the power to decide who has access to the Internet and who does not, and what kind of content all of us can access. If the goal of the Internet is to entrench corporate rule, harm our democracy and help us continue on the path to becoming a third world country, then end net neutrality. Just to be clear, the above will be the result of ending net neutrality. However, if the goal of the Internet is access for all, then classify ISPs as common carriers and make it truly available to everyone - and PROTECT NET NEUTRALITY!!!
—Carol Foth, St Paul, MN

It protects my freedom of choice on the internet, and also protects other's abilities to get started. I can choose to view whatever I choose to without discrimination from my ISP and other corporations. It allows developers to improve upon old things without big corporations enforcing what can and can't be done. It allows freedom on the internet, plain and simple. To remove this freedom would be to handicap progress and needed improvements for our future generations.
—Jacob McMullen, Titusville, FL

The Internet is not broken, so don't allow the haphazard breaking of it for the millions of people using it simply because corporations want to enrich themselves while paying little to no attention to the majority of the users: your normal citizen. The Genesis of the corporations' attempts to change the Internet rules is Netflix and its video streaming. Their earlier mail-order DVD rental is what put virtually every DVD rental store out of business. Now they are moving to online-demand videos, and they're expecting everyone else to accommodate their needs regardless of the impact on the average user. It is beginning to appear as if the only way to repel the money-hungry corporations is to give the Internet full, legal, public utility status. But regardless of whether the Internet is given utility status, it needs to be left intact, as it currently is.
—Bob Engle, Cherry Hill, NJ

I believe access to information is a basic right. Implementing a system which has the potential to be manipulated to favor or disfavor particular bodies or avenues of information is unacceptable. Furthermore, the fact that those who have the ability to decide the who, what, where, why, and how of this new system are anybody other than the individual seeking access will OBVIOUSLY result in serious erosion of one of the most basic social fabrics of our era. Do not pass this. To do so would be a serious and unforgivable assault on liberty, growth, and innovation. It would be thoroughly duplicitous and unamerican. Are you prepared to make that the legacy of the FCC?
—Nathan Gilliss, Portland, ME

Net Neutrality is essential for a level playing field for all businesses,start ups, citizens etc. one should not been to the will of these quasi-fiefdoms that provide Internet. They just want more money at the cost of stifling innovation prevents the disruptions America is known for. The people have already lost the trust of the Government from the Warrantless spying programs. You will continue this decline in trust. Also the John Oliver skit is proof enough about how underhanded and greedy these companies are. The Internet can provide equal access to data for all. Education for students at a public library to the most expensive private schools. Such equality should not be removed. I urge you to reclassify them to Common Carriers over this tiered system. stand up to these corporate interests and actually do your duty to properly regulate the industry from taking advantage of the American people
—Conor Harden, Bayonne, NJ

Internet service providers must be reclassified as common carriers to protect innovation and consumer choice. Paid prioritization and discrimination go against the principles of the Internet.
—Jefferson Noxon, Houston, TX

Stop putting profits before citizens. The world wide web is a public network, and reducing our access to it so that large corporations with a proven record of tax-dollar misuse (and horrible customer service) can continue to make enormous profits. The internet providers sell a speed, we pay for it, we expect it to get us to ALL parts of the web want at that speed. They cannot even deliver that now. Changes to net neutrality would allow them to be highly unethical. America will continue to fall behind other first world nations if you don't protect net neutrality.
—PE Diana Mobley, Houston, TX

Throw out the current rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality.
—Ryan, Astoria, NY

The internet should not be divided into the haves and have nots. Finding a way to charge more the the same service is not a good business model.
—Gregory Pielow, Plymouth, MN

Net Neutrality is essential to a free and open internet. Without it corrupt money hungry companies will ruin the equality of services and organizations across the web. This will shut down healthy competition among websites on the web and boost those companies who can pay the premium for speed to the top and create unbalanced and a monopolistic environment. Do not ruin the open internet. Classify ISPs as common carriers.
—Sam Brice, Lilburn, GA

Dear FCC, Stop this obvious special interest agenda and reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Enough is enough. Do the right thing for America.
—Jason Brumbelow, Calhoun, GA

To Whom It May Concern, As a Network Engineer, I am DEEPLY concerned about the FCC's current plans for a two tier system. US companies already pay 200-400% more than companies in other countries for similar service. The system is so broken, that we have multiple people employed, to do nothing more than manage the issues caused by various US based carriers. Additionally, the company that I work for pays millions of dollars for service, which is rarely actually attained. We may be paying for a set service level, but the actual service provided is considerably lower. It is PAST time that these carriers are held to a higher standard, which enables US companies to compete on price and connectivity. Please reclassify internet service providers as common carriers. Please stop the ridiculous two tier system, and move forward with real change.
—Jonathan Davis, Greensboro, NC

The one thing I can honestly say I'm proud to be an American is that we have the freedom to access open, shared knowledge. I am tired of fighting to rid of corporate greed by boycotting certain brands. If net neutrality is eradicated, I have no desire to stay here. I WILL NOT live in a country that controls what their citizens can and cannot access. If you decided to sell your soul and allow the corporations to control our internet, I will join the mass riot before moving out of this hellhole. Sincerely, An annoyed citizen
—Randal Ackerman, Lakewood, WA

WHY ARE THE INTERNET PROVIDERS TO BE GIVEN THE POWER TO CONTROL THE INTERNET??? STOP THIS TRAVESTY!
—Patricia Geiger, FAIRLAWN, OH

Dear FCC Members, Internet is the last standing bastion of true democracy. Please do not let this bastion fall. Andreas
—Andreas Kalogeropoulos, Atlanta, GA

This is just one of many likely threats to relatively free and open Internet. Reclassifying ISPs as common carriers is a common sense answer to this particular threat, and it may secure this public area (and the Internet should be viewed as a public area) against other threats. Today and in the future, equal access to information is a key safeguard for our democratic values and government. Reclassification may present some short-term difficulties, but the long-term gains for our country are tremendous, and they make those difficulties seem trifling.
—Nathan Wittmaier, Warrensburg, MO

Protect freedom of speech over the internet, and do not let the capacity for greater communication among our species- a global imperative- be exclusive to the wealthy and priveleged.
—John Shields, Eugene, OR

This is bull you can not control the internet it is the last free place in the world and you can not take that away. We need to keep net neutrality or else people will not have anywhere to freely speak their minds.
—Anthony Perry, santa Rosa, CA

The problem with so many government entities supposedly created to ensure fairness and impartiality is that they are anything but fair and impartial. In fact, these "commissions", including the FCC, throughout the government are overrun with corporate insiders looking out for corporate (profit) interests, not consumers -- time after time after time. Our interests are not served by your plan Mr. Wheeler, and I think you know that already. I have no confidence that you will actually push any plan but the current model. If I'm wrong -- well, let's just say I would love to be wrong. You can prove me wrong by dumping the FCC's proposed "new" rules that would effectively mean the end of Net Neutrality. Isn't that the goal of corporate interests? Again, prove me wrong -- please!
—Nancy Hatfield, Marysville, CA

Creating a tiered internet elevates commercial speech above other forms of speech and would undermine the principles the internet has grown up around. This change would set a dangerous precedent and take us down a slippery slope toward an internet where ideas and content outside the mainstream are relegated to second-class status. Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers and preserve Net Neutrality.
—Eric Panzer, Berkeley, CA

The U.S. economy's recovery depends upon new start-ups and innovation. Without true net neutrality and its level playing field, Google, Amazon, Paypal, Netflix, etc. could not have started and grown the the powerhouses they are today. The future of our country depends upon net neutrality.
—Ira Chayut, Los Gatos, CA

Make the internet democratic. Keep the internet democratic.
—Wolf Thandoy, San Francisco, CA

An open internet is important for economic growth, technological growth, and freedom of thought and expression. There are enough markets of scale without adding internet bandwidth in to the equation. Please reclassify!
—Ken Tice, Newark, DE

Please help protect our rights and ability to receive the best possible internet speeds as a consumer without having to pay more in the future.
—Michael Davis`, Nanuet, NY

Throw out your rules and reclassify ISP's as common carriers
—Julie Palko, Clermont, FL

Net Neutrality is important because the internet is supposed to democratize and equalize access to information. It is absolutely unfair, if not bordering on breaking business regulations (the few we have left in America), to allow only conglomerates with massive purchasing capital to use/provide decent internet service. Where have anti-trust laws and consumer protections gone? As an American educator, worker, and student, net neutrality and consistent, equal access to internet service are important to me. Stop corporate cronyism and reclassify ISPs as common carriers!
—Ann D'Orazio, Albuquerque, NM

Stop screwing over poor people making them a different class of citizen. Lets make America a place where everyone haa equel opportunity.
—Brent Mitchell, San Marcos, CA

Please insure Net Neutrality. No premium payments for fast lane access. The Internet is part of the commons, built with citizen tax dollars, and should provide equal access to all parties. Small businesses such as mine should not be restricted from competing because we can't afford to pay for faster access to our content.
—Rob Sandusky, Fairfax, CA

Keep our internet free for all users. Don't discriminate
—Nancy Curry, Cheney, WA

Throw your "rules" and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is common sense. Don't let big businesses ruin this world more than they already have.
—Christine Smithers, salem, MA

As a web developer, the barrier to entry into the web development space is low, and that's the way we want to keep it. Don't let ISPs restrict access to their existing service - they'll target burgeoning small businesses and startups, stifling innovation and ultimately hurting all of us.
—Mr. Aaron Yoshitake, Montebello, CA

The internet isn't something that should be allowed to be marketed. It is as fundamental a service as electricity and phone. It wouldn't make sense for a phone company to limit who can call you at which hours or an electric company to only provide so much electricity to specific businesses during a given time period. ISPs must be considered a common carrier or we risk potential censorship issues whether intentional or not. A multi-tier system gives them unprecedented control over what we are able to see. Some ISPs are already heavily involved in television and movie rentals so giving them the opportunity to limit speeds of their competitors should be illegal. A two-tiered network would give them the ability to give themselves advantages. This could have severe consequences (political, economic, and social) in the long-term given the degree to which American society is connected and looks towards the internet for news, information, and entertainment. In addition, allowing internet service providers to create two-tiered internet is giving them the ability to double-dip and charge both the customer and the hosts for their service. If we are going to pursue the path of giving ISPs the ability to establish complex speed tiers within their network, they really need to be regulated as stringently as electric utilities to protect US citizens and American business. Messing with Net Neutrality is akin to playing with fire.
—Benjamin Ealey, Nashville, TN

Net Neutrality is incredibly vital to a free and innovative internet. The internet has allowed all of humanity to come together and advance in leaps and bounds over the past couple of decades, both culturally and technologically. Any attempt by private corporations to stifle the internet is an attempt to stifle basic human progress. We must firmly reject any such possibility, and if the FCC will not represent us in doing so, we must also firmly reject the FCC.
—Jonathan Rajavuori, Apple Valley, MN

the Internet should be regulated like a public utility. net neutrality now!
—Brian J Belge, Lititz, PA

A two-tiered Internet would discriminate against online content and applications providers. It would stifle innovation and the ability for consumers to use new cutting edge services. Be smart and reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Dan Bettinger, austin, TX

Innovation in business is the engine of our economy, and it comes, in large part from startup companies. Net Neutrality makes it possible for startups to compete with larger companies, to create jobs, and the next big thing. Please do not allow telecoms and cable operators to put a stranglehold on innovation and competition.
—Mr. Bill Merikallio, Aptos, CA

Net neutrality is important for the education of our posterity. Please, don't compromise it. Abner
—Abner Cesaire, SUNRISE, FL

The biggest problem I have with this is the filter. We will only know what the government wants us to know if this happens. You are putting limited amounts of information out there so we know only lies and bits and pieces of information. My other main problem is that they want to put higher prices on different parts of the internet. What's wrong with the way it is now? Keep it the way it is. This does NOT need to go into effect. KEEP net neutrality!
—Kayla Kyle, Guttenberg, IA

Chairman Wheeler, Please reverse your decision to allow ISP's to create internet fast lanes and channel traffic as they see fit. Allowing that to happen would cripple innovation and free speech on our most vital communications gateway. Such an action would put the USA far behind in providing internet services and harm the service irreparably.
—Aaron Falk, Buffalo, NY

I am a web developer and work for a small company in the healthcare industry who depends on reliable internet access to reach our employees in the field. Speed and bandwidth is key to our business.
—Spencer Smith, Hooper, UT

the two tier system you are suggesting turns common citizens into second class citizens behind first class corporate citizens - don't think we don't know what will happen. All the "mom & pop" sites will be relegated to second class slower service and so will their subscribers.
—Stefan Berger M.D., setauket, NY

If ISPs are allowed to offer tiered services, and they do as we fear and abuse it to their profit and the common person's detriment: will you reverse your position? Will you even be able to at that point? What is the purpose of laws and regulations if not to control the future direction of this incredibly impactful technology that is the internet?
—Ben Spearin, Rochester, NY

As a librarian, Net Neutrality is very near and dear to me. I believe everyone should have the same access to what information is out there equally. It's a huge concern to show favortism to those select companies that can pay. In my information literacy classes, I teach my students critical thinking when viewing websites. If Net Neutrality where to end, that is like only viewing certain websites that are biased in some way since they are the ones who will be able to afford to be in the "fast lane."
—Tracy Stout, Springfield, MO

Dear FCC, please reclassify ISPs as common carriers. A just and fair democracy depends on it. All people should have access to the internet regardless of their economic status for it provides free connection, education and communication that can only improve our society and breed innovation and cultural progress.
—Pia Guerrero, Santa Monica, CA

The internet should not be configured by the people and companies that can pay extra money for the best access and the rest of us to get whatever is left over. I believe it needs to stay like it is now. FCC you need to throw out the rules and leave it alone.
—Jimmy Knight, harrisburg, NC

The internet should be considered a public utility that everyone has equal and fair access to. Creating a two- tiered system will only give ISP's greater control of content and cause them to raise already inflated prices while offering worse and worse service. This will not make anything better. Only worse for everyone except rich and greedy executives. Reclassify the internet as a common utility! It's the only right and fair thing to do for America.
—David Siegel, Brooklyn, NY

The FCC's proposed Internet rules are terrible. Stop.
—Nicholas, orem, UT

Everyone must be able to access the internet freely and timely without a few big players controlling, not only the net, but also its message!
—Gretchen Goodman, Burnsville, MN

Net neutrality is important to me because I'm trapped with a monopoly ISP (Comcast) and I'll be stuck with whatever contracts they can negotiate with content providers. If you're giving them the freedom to compete then you should make them compete as well.
—Brad Koehn, Hopkins, MN

Freedom
—Randy Bowin, OXNARD, CA

Democracy depends on free and open exchange of ideas and information.
—Mary Doris Thorpe, Van Etten, NY

This deal won't work out. its not fair for the rest of the people who use the net on a daily basis. Gamers will cause a uproar, because this will slow down fps for online gaming. we demand net neutrality and that you give up this slow lane. we won't stop fighting back!!!
—Tdawg V.Eykel, dallas, TX

Because we all need our freedom of speech.
—Michele Herbst, Beaverton, OR

Your proposed internet regulations to allow a fast lane and a super fast lane will harm consumers. We want to keep a free and open internet in which we pay for access to whatever content we want, and it is the job of the internet service provider to deliver that content at our quoted speed. The internet service providers are already failing to do this adequately, despite being given tax incentives to build out better networks. The current price and speed of American broadband is both more expensive and slower than most other developed countries. This results in Internet service providers making large profits each quarter despite having some of the lowest customer satisfaction ratings in the United States. This means that consumers are already being taken advantage of. This plan would allow another avenue of profit for service providers, but destroys the framework which has made the internet a place of opportunity. The people of the United States who have created the internet as it exists today want all packets of information treated equally on the internet, therefore reclassifying the internet service providers, as Title II 'common carriers' might not even be sufficient to protect net neutrality, as it only forbids “unjust” or “unreasonable” discrimination. These comments are meant to portray the sentiment of many, who say that steps should be taken to forbid any discrimination of information as it is being transmitted over the internet. Thank you for your time.
—Marc Brouillette, Iowa City, IA

Net Neutrality is important to me because it allows us all to enjoy the internet without having to pay extra to enjoy certain things.
—Aubrey Barton, Irwin, PA

Stop being bought by corporate lobbyists trying to make quick cash and stunt real innovations. Don't allow an oligopoly become an oligarchy.
—Alex campbell, Levittown, PA

Keep democracy alive, please, with net neutrality. It is our constitutional mission to let free speech prevail and the FCC's to keep the "airwaves" in the hands of hte public, yes? Thank you for all that you do.
—Elizabeth Henry, Denver, CO

I do not want internet providers telling me what I can and cannot do with my connection. This is ludicrous and only serves the interests of big business. This country is run by greed and it's time to put that to an end!
—Michael Thomas, Chanute, KS

The Internet cannot be the preserve of the rich. Broadband is as necessary to humanity as the telephone: now more so. No one outside the US would dream of allowing telecommunications companies to censor and control the flow of information and services like this. We're horrified you're even thinking about it, and it's obvious to us it benefits no one but companies and lobbyists already obviously subverting the political process. If you go ahead with this madness, you will also encourage internet traffic to bypass the United States entirely, putting US companies at a severe competitive disadvantage in a global economy.
—Chris Abbott, Bromley,

As a programmer, I need access to the Internet for resources related to new tools and languages. Updates to a development environment can be several hundred megabytes in size, and as they are open source, could not afford the "fast lanes" that the new rules propose.
—Steven Setzer, Kennesaw, GA

I'm songwritter and I need a neutral and frre of censorship Net tp share my work
—Mr. Eme Navarro, Madrid, NC

FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler, As a scholar I use the Internet to supplement my educational research and to retrieve articles from academic sources. This has been invaluable to my work, and I fear that what some are calling a two-tiered Internet will impede my reasonable access to the knowledge that I need. It is my understanding that the FCC can reclassify ISPs as common carriers, which will circumvent this problem and keep the Internet free and equally open to all. I hope that you can facilitate this. Dr. Ellen E. Swartz
—Ellen E. Swartz, Rochester, NY

The FCC's proposed Internet rules are terrible. Throw them out and reclassify ISPs as common carriers, because that is what they are.
—Sandy Coulter, FT MONTGOMERY, NY

the Internet is a fundamental part of our business and personal lives and therefore should be consider a utility. please make the necessary ruling.
—Scott W Siewert, Blaine, MN

The internet is a utility, pure & simple. Its use is practically infinite. To allow IPC to set up a "pay to play" system would destroy the real freedom and utility of the internet. Public money established the internet. Let the corporations be satisfied with the billions they garner yearly from subscriptions to an institution they have done little to develop & further, & let the net belong to the people who use it.
—Grant S. Fisher, Atlantic Beach, NC

The FCC's proposed Internet rules are 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. 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.
—Dusty R Parrott, bellevue, WA

Please make the internet a common carrier. The internet was paid for with my tax dollars and should be for all the people not those who can pay to get an advantage.
—Lorraine DeGroot, Wantagh, NY

I believe the only way to protect free speech online is to reclassify Internet service providers as common carriers.
—Christopher Weber, Romeoville, IL

I believe in free speech as outlined in our constitution. Implementing Wheeler's plan would discriminate against people/small businesses/libraries/etc that cannot afford to pay extra fees.
—Lina Faller, New York, NY

Reclassify isps as common carries. The internet can not be bought out by corporations for this will only create a world of inequality and hostility amounst the many.
—Seth Brewer, dayton, OH

Net Neutrality is important to me because when I look around and see this country being run into the ground by overpaid empty suits who hide behind unnecessary laws of their own creation, I know that our country will not be able to abide further domination and control. The people need an outlet for freedom, and the internet is our last bastion of freedom; it is our final frontier.
—Remy Dixon, Van Nuys, CA

The internet help us connect with each other and share video, play games, ideas, and etc. Please rethink your plan and allow us access to high speed internet without paying way too much for it.
—Matthew Mallette, Watkins Glen, NY

This is an unbelievable attack on free speech! What's to stop any of you from throwing roadblocks in the way of any content YOU don't like? Nothing. The internet is a common asset and you are STEALING IT FROM THE PEOPLE. Shame on you and we are not going to let you get a way with this! You should resign as well - you are not representing the people of the US - but corporations! Sick of you and your corrupt ilk.
—Elaine Kalantarian, Navarro, CA

Are you crazy? A two tiered internet? Talk about the rich get richer! Your thinking is short sighted. America's strongest industry is technology. Our school system already failed to create a labor force to complete with the rest of the world, immigration laws are making it difficult for tech companies to hire foreigners, if you then create a slow and fast internet, you may as well give the industry to Canada. Don't ruin opportunities for small businesses. Don't stop innovation. Don't forget stunt America's potential to be the world's leading super power.
—Matthew Falber, New York, NY

Mr. Wheeler, Americans need true Internet neutrality and no discrimination against ordinary citizens. I own a very small business that is highly dependent on open access to the Internet and, as such, I cannot afford second class Internet access that would result if I and other small business owners and other citizens are forced to rely on a two-tiered system of Internet access. I urge you and the FCC, in the strongest terms possible, to discard your proposed rules and reclassify all Internet service providers as common carriers and protect real Net Neutrality. Thank you. Gladys B. Baxley, Washington, DC.
—Gladys B. Baxley, Washington, DC

REAL net neutrality please, none of this fast lane slow lane bullshit. we all know what that's really about and we're not fucking stupid. KTHXBYE.
—Jacob Bension, Los Angeles, CA

No one has any business deciding who will and who won't get exposure by limiting bandwidths for certain entities. As a matter of fact, the FCC may very well be chasing people away from the internet with this ridiculousness. I should be able to surf the internet at my own speed and not just because someone is paying big advertising bucks. I should be able to stream content for the very same reason.What I won't do is pay for internet access that's like a slow boat to China The internet has been around for how long? And yet we've done just fine without the FCC sticking their sticky fingers into the pie. Sure there are idiots out there, but it seems to me that someone is trying to fix something that's not broken.
—Susan Whitley, COLORADO SPRINGS, CO

FCC, You need to be the PROTECTOR of Net Neutrality, not the accomplice of destroying it! Wake up! Regards, Daniel
—Daniel W. Kim, Mill Valley, CA

Net neutrality is essential for economic development, innovation, free speech, and prosperity. A Two-tiered system would undermine these goals, and as a result, global and American growth and success.
—Dan Petrov, Chagrin Falls, OH

Net Neutrality is important to me because if companies can control the flow of information they can suppress it or change it. We've seen in China what happens when the flow of information is controlled by a few people. For Capitalism, Justice, and Freedom to exist for future generations Net Neutrality needs to be maintained.
—Benjamin Cohen, Mechanicsburg, PA

I want Net Neutrality because I am already paying a boatload and REFUSE to pay even more for fast internet. That is bullcrap. I also don't appreciate being given the big brother treatment of letting someone else decide for me what will and won't be discriminated against. KEEP MET NEUTRALITY. Tom Wheeler is just as bad as Obama if this goes through- pushing people to accept things they shouldn't be forced to accept!!
—Amber Allen, Decatur, IL

Really! Aren't Comcast and the rest of the internet providers rich enough? Don't they control what I can access on the internet enough? Must we follow China?
—Larry Hoffman, Fairless Hills, PA

our economy needs to compete..we can't afford to sacrifice the efficiency of a wide open internet for the profits of a few..
—James Johnson, tulsa, OK

Reclassify ISP's as common carriers!! Do what's right for the people, not your corporate masters!!
—Scott Gross, Ashland, KY

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—Caton Wiesner, Huntersville, NC

The internet is not a optional service today, so much of commerce, government and civic life takes place online. If access is restricted by private companies who can change internet speeds at their discretion it will cause material harm to citizens and civic life. I want you as a government agent for its citizens (not corporations) to throw out your proposed internet rules and reclassify ISPs as Common Carriers.
—Ryan C Deuschle, Denver, CO

TV and internet are becoming more and more abusive. People should not be subject to more advertising than programming. It is important that all people and children have good access to the internet. Please put yourself under the conditions that you are making decisions about so that you will personally understand how your decisions effect others. Thank you, Teresa Hamilton Phildelphia
—Teresa Hamilton, Philadelphia, PA

Open internet is crucial to business and quality of life. DO NOT let big telecommunications companies become gatekeepers free to discriminate as to what data passes and at what level of accessibility.
—Dale Jones, Beaverton, OR

The game is already rigged in favor of a few big companies, no one else can compete and customers continue to pay more and more, while incomes are stagnant, lesser or non-existent. The Internet is a lifeline for so many of us lower-income seniors, we can't afford to lose Net Neutrality as well. Re-set this industry to be what it truly is: a utility, subject to its rules, which would give us a little more time before that is corrupted totally as well.
—Katy Kay, San jose, CA

Internet is simply too big, it is the natural result of nature evolution and it is called to change every little detail of how we live, from crowdsourcing to crowdfunding to the exponentially increasing speed at which science progresses. Consider, for instance, the new capabilities and potential that emerge from a highly dense connected system, like the brain. Internet does the same at another hierarchy level, it connects brains. We cannot rely on a little group of corporations/individuals with highly biased interest to their organizations to manage such important tool. It is the nature of the Internet to be crowdregulated, in other words, it should be self-regulated. Traffic must be able to flow from any point to any point and the only control on the traffic should be the interest of the users on watching specific videos, news, tutorials, jokes, or whatever they think it is important. From another point of view, the richness of the Internet is diversity, very much like it happens in any ecosystem. If some external force --i.e., regulation-- artificially promotes some "species" --i.e., sources of information-- at the cost of putting barriers to other species, then diversity will decrease and endanger the whole ecosystem, which, in fact, could transcend to any other aspect of our lives (note that the Internet already influences our business and daily life).
—Sergio Valcarcel, Madrid, CA

The Internet should continue to be for everyone, don't allow companies to restrict the people from optimal service based upon corporate gains!
—Alexander Esau, Bayonne, NJ

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. That's not really fair, now, is it?
—Timothy Schmitz, Milwaukee, WI

The internet is plenty profitable for the telecoms, and will continue to stay that way after those companies are declared common carriers. There is no need to "protect" their business interests excessively. The main consideration should be to insure a free and open internet for the common man. Please declare internet service providers as common carriers.
—Ian Reid, Lake Oswego, OR

Please do not sell out the millions of internet subscribers by letting money dictate what traffic is important.
—Noah Mehl, Cincinnati, OH

Freedom of information is your responsibility. This means un-filtered service for all.
—Christopher Heyerdahl, Ottawa,

net neutrality is important to me because i use it to find recipes as a chef and i like using youtube to watch movies and television. please throw out the proposed internet rules
—Greg Anderson, Grand Rapids, MI

Please throw out the current rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality. Today, access to the internet should be carry the same rights as access to phone service and public utilities.
—James Andrew Pansarasa, Auburndale, MA

Internet freedom is the same as personal freedom. The moment the government dictates to us what we can do on the internet we are all doomed. They cannot control our speech, they should not be able to control our internet.
—Aaron Meyers, winter haven, FL

Governmental sanctioned discrimination cannot be allowed. All citizens must be guaranteed equal, unfettered internet access.
—Joseph P. Tenerelli, Terre Haute, IN

There is such little competition, and such incredibly poor service & available bandwidth in this country compared to most anywhere else in the world. Net neutrality is the last bastion of hope for those of us in small, rural areas who will otherwise either be priced out of internet access, or effectively blocked out by severe bandwidth limitations.
—David Schultz, Spruce Pine, NC

I'm retired and living on a fixed income. I try to earn a little extra via the Internet. I would not be able to function if I had a very slow connection or an inability to have access to the best available on the Internet. Please protect Net Neutrality and reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Judy Dughman, Elizabeth, CO

The end of net neutrality will undermine what is left of our free society. For a free society to function people need to be able to connect and communicate, and the internet makes that possible. Net neutrality must be preserved! Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Paul Moore, Martinez, GA

You must reclassify ISPs as common carriers for true net neutrality! The proposed internet rules are unequal and a privatized form of the internet. The internet was meant to be free and for all people to have equal access. I will not stand for this type of regulation on the internet and I refuse to pay extra when I already pay for the internet service provider.
—Mari Ulate, Rancho Cucamonga, CA

Net Neutrality is important to me because I do not want to ultimately pay more for internet. If I start a business and create a website I don't want to increase my overhead with your horrible proposed rules. I want equality in the internet. Every person and every website should have the same bandwidth and, within reason and where applicable, pay the same price. Throw out your rules. Instead, reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is what American citizens want.
—Jeff Berkembrock, Somerville, MA

The ISPs already charges me extra for faster access but now they want to arbitrarily affect speeds from the other end too. Why am I spending so much for fast access if they will effectively censor how easy I see things? This is double dipping and it is wrong?
—Tony Eng, Brooklyn, NY

I helped create a multi-billion dollar company that currently employs thousands of Americans, and advances the state of the art for everyone. This company and countless other innovators like it will not be possible if Tom Wheeler's plan to create a two-tiered internet goes through, hurting millions of Americans in the process of paying off a few American millionaires. Those of us who helped build the Internet have always known that ISPs are common carriers and should be treated as such. The FCC should catch up.
—Chad Brown, Renton, WA

Keep net neutrality! Having private organizations deem what should be prioritized and what shouldn't online is a gross injustice and will lead to online abuse.
—David Faria, Toronto,

ISPs must be reclassified as common carriers. NET Neutrality is critically important for small businesses, entrepreneurs, and start-ups. Don't change the best thing America has done in the last 50 years. Please Preserve Net Neutrality!
—Christian Romeyn, Glenwood Springs, CO

I would like to state my support for net neutrality and reclassifying internet service providers as utility providers so that they can and will be regulated to prevent further attacks on the freedom the web brings. Internet access is just that, access. You pay for your bandwidth, the company pays for their bandwidth, and all is well. These supposed "fast lanes" will undermine the progress made over the last few years in how we use the web as a utility.
—Joshua Kuhn, Spartanburg, SC

The FCC's proposed Internet rules are terrible.
—Steven A. Romero, Washington, DC

Net Neutrality is great, don't ruin it.
—John, Pasadena, TX

Net neutrality is important to me because it benefits the most people and is non-discriminatory.
—Josiah Herried, Lakewood, WA

The internet is and engine of innovation and the last bastion of free speech. These fundamental benefits of the internet are dependent on net neutrality. By permitting ISPs to dictate connection speeds, you are stacking the deck in favor of large corporations who may afford the additional cost of high-speed connections. This will inevitably inhibit open access to the web and stifle innovation. ISPs will be able to snuff out internet start-ups that by simply limiting their connection speeds. Please, protect the principles of freedom and equality that this nation was founded on. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Alexander Bishop, pittsburgh, PA

Yea, so much for free speech, thnx FCC for interfering with all human communication.
—Richard Thurston, Fort Lauderdale, FL

these ISP's already make a crazy amount of profit off of us and for some customers they are not getting what they pay for and all websites in my opinion along with every other american (well except the people that own these companies)should be at full speed for what we pay them and they shouldd not be able to decide what websites should load quick and which shouldnt this is not what our founding fathers would want the FCC should be fighting for the people not the ISP's the internet should be reclassified as common carriers since really now in days the internet is becoming a more of a need to get things done alot of schools even starting to do away with paper books and doing things via internet and alot of utilities are trying to get where u can pay your bill online or pay a extra fee if u pay in person protect the internet for us americans and dont give into the ISP's demands
—Nathaniel Greene, gladstone, MO

The internet has become fundamental to how we live. Picking fast lanes invariably means other lanes will become clogged and slow, making more of us need to choose the fast lane. We thus give too much power to ISPs. Do we want Comcast deciding that Amazon should be a fast lane, but the next Amazon should not? Do we want GE products to get the full electricity they need, but not LG products? We must maintain real neutrality and not let anybody, be it government or ISP, pick winners.
—Jonathon Kopecky, Rockville, MD

Reclassify internet service providers as common carriers.
—Karla Anderson, Spokane, WA

Every European country has better, cheaper service than our country. The telecoms are making a good profit. There is no need to favor them. Be the regulatory agency you are supposed to be. Advocate for the citizens for a change. We want genuine net neutrality.
—Kenneth Albert, Olympia, WA

Chairman Tom Wheeler, The internet bill currently being circulated, which would abolish internet neutrality, is outrageous. This deregulation would entrench huge corporations, making the financially invincible, and stifle competition. This, in turn, would be detrimental to the U.S. economy, and it would also mean the end of the internet as a tool for spreading ideas and moving our society forward. Please, on behalf of everything the free internet has done for us, don't let this happen. Put the internet service providers in their place and keep the internet neutral. Thank you, Wyatt C.
—Wyatt Coonen, Longmont, CO

A two-tiered Internet is misguided and would create a fast lane for companies that can afford the steep tolls while pushing the rest of us to a slower tier of service. Please keep the internet available to everyone, not just the corporate-persons who are already taking over our democracy. Whatever benefit you believe you may get from separating out the masses from the corporate giants, in the end, you will be liable for having participated in the destruction of the democracy of the nation.
—Ms. Victoria Ashley, Vallejo, CA

I run a start-up that offers services which compete against larger companies. Said companies should not be able to pay to give consumers faster access to their content than mine. As a consumer, I don't want my ISP trying to extort my content providers or engaging in backdoor deals with them. ISPs in the U.S. already have monopolies in most markets and charge consumers far high rates for internet than is the case in other developed countries. Giving ISPs the ability to charge both consumers and content providers expands their profit margins without incentivizing them to develop better infrastructure.
—Richard Barnes, Minneapolis, MN

As a municipal government worker, I use search engines five or six times per day to find people, products, service providers, and facts. It would be HORRIBLE to know that every search I wanted would be tainted by commercial ranking and priorities that would take me another hour to question, unravel,and perhaps circumvent. The internet must remain a neutral space to search for facts that are not ranked through the exchanges of sponsorships. Otherwise the rich get richer, and monopolies grow, meanwhile the USA would fall further and further behind in emerging ideas and entrepreneurial start-up opportunities!
—Joe Smoke, Los Angeles, CA

We demand real net neutrality. We do not want a tiered internet.
—Neil Fernandes, Mountain View, CA

I have been a Comcast subscriber for over 20 years. The level of customer service is deplorable and now you are talking about giving them greater market penetration and more billing power. This is ludicrous. There is no way to justify the political action you are considering. ISP's should be classified as common carriers. It is the only way to protect the rights of citizens within this country. Just for once DO THE RIGHT THING!
—Richard Croner, Houston, TX

Inequality is getting out of hand.....so much so it will become dangerous in our society. Please do not mess with the internet.
—Denny Reed, Boynton Beach, FL

Please don't short change the populace by giving priority service only to monied service providers. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Joanne T Becker, Fort Lauderdalr, FL

FCC should throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Mike Evans, Leominster,

I am part of a small animal rescue organization. We rescue dogs and cats from the streets or before euthanasia at the shelters. If you move forward with this plan, our website will be so slow that people will not be able to load photos and you will literally cost thousands of lives as other small rescue organizations will be in the same boat as us. We will not be able to get our animals adopted and shelters will become over taxed. PLEASE do not move forward with this plan.
—Debra Powell, Fort Worth, TX

Net neutrality is important to not only me but every American that has new innovations and new small businesses every where. The current approach only benefits the rich and powerful and that is not what America is about. The FCC need to treat the Internet like any other technology that provide "Access" and they are known as Common Carriers. It needs to be reclassified and not what it is trying to make it out to be like it's something special. This is new media, this is new technology, and the rules of reclassification are on the same grounds of past technologies that provide "Access". If you do not Reclassify the Internet, you're not fighting on the rights and freedoms of every American. Reclassify the internet and help America's next new innovation or small business thrive!
—Branden Tolbert, Lexington, NC

Because wheelers plan won't roll. The European Union is laughing at us. Because drunks on power and greed shouldn't drive legislation. There are a plethora of reasons that make sense. Wheeler needs to put a plug in his corrupt jug and not chug. And that goes triple for this incestuous pool of Alabama cronies still working Wallace in Wonderland politics.
—Perry Berens, Mobile, AL

Mr. Wheeler it is time for you to stop lining your pockets and stop protecting the digital robber barons! The FCC needs to stop being a shill for big business! Internet Service Providers need to be RECLASSIFIED AS COMMON CARRIERS. The digital world is the first realm where everyone has an equal opportunity. Do not take this away by allowing big corporations to control our lives more than they already do. Please. It is critical that Net Neutrality survive. Time to change the rules - ISPs should be common carriers. Do it now!
—Douglas Tubach, Canton, CT

I perceive the internet as equivalent to the telegram of the 19th century, and the telephone of the mid-20th century. In each case, a new technology expedited communication across long distances. Imagine the world today if the telegraph system or the telephone system had been split into "slow" and "fast" lanes. Would it be just if a telegraph to one's broker in NYC - for an additional charge - had taken priority over the report of a natural disaster and request for help? Or a phone call, decades later? Equality of communication has served our society well. I strongly urge you to continue this tradition, and reclassify ISPs as common carriers of information.
—Katherine D. Patti, Lexington, MO

Because I want my (future) children to have access to knowledge, even if it comes from another continent !
—FAURE-DUMONT Guillaume, Paris,

Net neutrality is important to me because it upholds the values of freedom of speech.
—Alison Frank, Bryan, TX

Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Mark Jenkins, Keene, NH

The Internet is the last bastion of equality for common people like me and my children. Isn't it enough that we can barely afford to have Internet, let alone would suffer from poor service due to a two-tiered system that would dictate our choices? Protect Net Neutrality!
—Rosa Lee Wells, Boerne, TX

Please support real net neutrality by reclassifying internet service providers as common carriers. We need net neutrality to ensure true capitalism. Every individual and small company must be allowed to compete on the same level as billion dollar corporations. It is not fair for the many to suffer to benefit the few
—Daniel Mitchell, Orlando, FL

Equal access is crucial for functionality of democracy
—Marge Schwartz, S.B., CA

We all deserve our individual freedom and privacy.
—Rebecca burrous, Austin, TX

Reclassify ISP as common carriers, please. We know you have a ISP lobbying background and we won't stand for revolving door politics with the Internet.
—Wade Shaw, Austin, TX

Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—John Maffei, Austin, TX

If Net Neutrality isn't put in place, all the websites I love and spend my time on are ones with somewhat less resources that are likely to become slow-laned, which would make my entire experience miserable. Please keep the internet open for anyone and everyone to have what they love!
—Gianina Lovett, Castle Rock, CO

I feel corporations will take advantage unless net is restored and eventually only upper middle-class will be able to afford access.
—Tracy Rich, Lansing, MI

Net neutrality ensures opportunity for all content creators to reach audiences equally. Eliminating net neutrality will surely result in more monopolies and fewer choices for consumers.
—Julie Wolf, NY, NY

Seems that it would stifle start-ups and innovation. Given the lack of competition amongst ISPs, they should be classified as common carriers.
—G Oliver, Washington, DC

More than one tier is NOT neutral. Internet Service Providers should be classified as common carriers. Any ability to pay for better service/speed/access is not even or fair; that leads to non-competitive practices.
—Brantley Clarke, Lexington, SC

I'm deeply concerned about the FCC Chairman's plan to allow internet companies to demand payment from me or content providers for a fast lane. I already pay for Netflix and high speed internet. I shouldn't have to worry about my internet costs increasing or my internet speed becoming slower because my internet company decides that it doesn't like hosting the content that I want delivered to me. It is ridiculous to pretend that service providers will keep their promises that they wont immediately take advantage of the customer if they are given this increased freedom to create a tiered system. I am an avid video gamer. I pay for my internet and I pay the service fees to play online. If you allow service providers the ability to charge for priority content you will create a system where I will invariably have to pay more money for the same service, either because my service provider will demand it of me, or because my fees to the content I want to access will increase to cover the costs levied by my service provider to the content provider. There isn't a realistic scenario that doesn't involve a price increase to me in one way or another for the same exact service that I am already paying for. I would like the FCC to designate ISPs as common carriers. In 2014 the internet is an American necessity. With so many things moving online (bill paying, taxes, job hunting etc) it's ludicrous to pretend it is still a luxury.
—Vanessa Chiaramonte, Highland Park, NJ

It is ridiculous to allow what can already be considered a near monopoly to gain additional power and control over what we view online. The internet was designed to be a a method of attaining information and communication without Big Corporate determining what is presented to the user and how efficiently. The whole concept being proposed shows gross negligence by the FCC and the federal government by not serving the best interests of the people but catering to corporations and lobbyists. There is no reason the internet should be governed any differently then other communication mediums.
—Robert Brown, Sellersville, PA

Free and equal access to the internet is a necessity to it's future. The FCC should be in the best interest of consumers, not helping ultra large communications corporations increase their profits. Keep the net neutral! Keep it free for all businesses to prosper and all people to use.
—Jessica Taylor, alexandria, VA

Protect network neutrality by reclassifying broadband providers as telecommunications services.
—Erin Butler, Brooklyn, NY

Offering preferential treatment to corporate websites and hosting who simply happen to pay more money flies in the face of the equality our founding fathers fought so hard for us to benefit from. The internet is a platform through which anyone with a voice can make their message heard. From the smallest individual to the largest business, we have all been on an equal playing field. To shift this balance of power, to grant an advantage to the upper 1% of the so-called American elite downgrades the internet to yet another rigged playing field. Look at all the good we have done with this versatile tool of the electronic age, the social reform aided and information spread. The peoples who have been brought together and united via the instantaneous connection only the internet could provide. To hinder this progress of mankind's social evolution for the sake of corporate gain is not simply disappointing. It is abhorrent. It is only going to set us back as a society, just as catering to the interests of the wealthy elite set back radio and television. So I implore you, you individuals of the authority at the FCC. Moments come in the annals of history, moments which determine the path of mankind itself. Moments where a pivotal choice is made that determines the path we as a society take together. Can you really in good conscience choose the path that only benefits the wealthy elite? That sacrifices the future and progress of our society as a whole? If you individuals of authority can make such a choice I feel only pity and contempt. If you believe yourselves individuals of strong moral spirit, then do what is right for us all. Keep the internet equal.
—Brian Daniel, Bellefontaine, OH

This sucks so dont do it
—J'Neia, Katy, TX

The Internet should be free, it's the best place to share information. Don't let us become another China.
—Kathryn Malaney, Imperial, CA

If you choose to change to a less equitable internet. I believe Citizen to move that providers pay to use the airwaves directly to each taxpayer.
—Luis-Alfredo Cartagena, New York, NY

Do not allow this to happen. Do not attack the common american by changing the internet rules. It is ridiculous that you would even think to make the changes Chairman Wheeler has proposed. Instead Reclassify ISPs as common carriers, and think of the regular people that use the internet and do not need or want a two-tiered system.
—Andrew Klein, Lansdale, PA

The proposed rules would grant internet service providers the power to restrict and control an individual citizen subscriber's rights under the First Amendment of the Constitutional Bill of Rights in potentially every aspect. These rules could potentially allow a citizen's restricted access to government, and/or exercise of access under the Freedom of Information Act. While the First Amendment directly addresses acts of Congress, the FCC exists and functions at the will of Congress. I believe these rules, if adopted, will eventually be found unconstitutional.
—James Bullock, Lee, NH

The people need net neutrality. Why should we have slower speeds if we choose to go to a site that our provider does not own? That is just wrong. Imagine if the same philosophy were used on our interstates.
—Yvonne betts, Grand Blanc, MI

Please, a world of freedom and opportunity depends on unfettered and equal *fast* access to the internet. Imagine a world where only the most commercialized content and the richest citizens could do anything on the internet in the time of day that we all have. For all our sakes, make the internet level. Thank you for doing the right thing.
—Ben Poosawtsee, Grand Rapids, MI

As a member of a growing and ever-evolving society I would like to take a moment to point out that without proper net neutrality my own goals would be destroyed. I use youtube and the like for its educational videos in mathematics to help tutor myself when I am lost on theorems in class. Without the provided protection that net neutrality brings to the internet. Youtube might not be accessible to people like myself. I urge you to stop this nonsense and see the damage you are about to present to future generations of children.
—Joshua Decosta, somerville, MA

Companies should not have to pay toll to deliver content to everyone. All content, regardless of text, audio, video, or telecommunication must be treated as equal, just as all men and women, regardless of racial status or color. Please purge all deals relating to Netflix and ISPs (Internet Service Providers) such as Comcast or Verizon. All cable/telco/fiber companies must treat everyone fairly to customers who pay for Internet service and content providers delivering content to paying customers (Netflix, Amazon, Hulu, iTunes, Vudu, etc.) and non-paying customers (YouTube, Vimeo, etc.).
—Grayson Peddie, Tallahassee, FL

FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler: Leave the Internet alone. All services in this country have been/or are being placed in fewer and fewer hands. Remember Monopoly... it's not a good plan for the United States. A decision made a long time ago to prevent monopolies for a reason. The Internet is Now and Future... don't take it and us backwards. Lynn Vanderpoel
—Lynn Vanderpoel, Acton, MA

Don't you people dare implement your "so called Internet rules" as proposed by Mr. Wheeler because if you do so, you are going to alienate a LOT of the American public that rely on the internet to make a living, take online classes, learn valuable information, follow their favorite sports team, read their newspapers and all. KEEP THE INTERNET NEUTRAL and reclassify ISPs as COMMON carriers!!! You cannot possibly expect Mr. Wheeler to have a true neutral stance on the internet when he has background in the cable industry - this is NOT fair.
—Lynn Kupfer, Scott, LA

please stop you're making this nation worse.
—Franco Colomba, MIDDLEBURG, FL

If we lose net neutrality we lose too much. It's your internet too. Please protect it from corporate greed. Thank you for doing the right thing.
—Mr. Brian Castleforte, Van Nuys, CA

The Internet is a necessity in today's world. It IS a public utility. Please recognize that and don't let big business take that away from us. We, the people, need your protection.
—Diane Kupelian, Bethesda, MD

Give us back Net Neutrality. Without it, simple greed will make it impossible for small and upcoming innovative entrepreneurs will be unable to break through the cost wall and virtual monopolies existing companies with actual capital will have in place. Please, do not stifle innovation and growth.
—Gregory T Osburn, Norman, OK

Traditionally, money provides its holders with the ability to spread their opinions and messages. With net neutrality, an individual voice can be amplified and spread a message absent significant financial resources. Net neutrality is important to counterbalance the power of money to help speech to spread. Net neutrality is important to a free society.
—Jennifer Roizen, Durham, NC

Throw out rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Patti Greene, Mountain Lakes, NJ

The internet is a utility. There is no good reason to not pursue this by the FCC. ISPs should be reclassified as common carriers.
—Aaron Seliquini, Lawrenceville, NJ

Reclassify! We must have equal rights. The rich are always favored and the rest of us are sick of it!
—Melissa McGuire, Los Angeles, CA

Look at the amount of business that been able to thrive with the current state of Net Neutrality. I can argue that if there were a two-tier system from the start of the internet, companies like Facebook, Twitter, Google, YouTube and many others would not be as successful. The current way of Net Neutrality works well for everyone, from businesses to consumers. If you were to limit the consumers, these businesses would struggle instantly. Let’s set back and ask ourselves, is the ending of Net Neutrality helping the global community interact with each other or severely limiting the commerce of the global village so the few on top can gain more money that they technically don't need? Thank you for your time.
—Chris H., Los Angeles, CA

Please reclassify broadband internet as a common carrier.
—Michael, Wheelersburg, OH

Keep the internet free for all.
—Andre Stachelek, Oceanside, NY

Net Neutrality is extremely important. Since the FCC has changed the rules. I've been getting "throttled" by my internet provider because I use certain websites (like Netflix, Youtube, Hulu, etc). Websites that I need not only for personal use - but also for business. Without easy access to those sites for my job - I can't maintain our product presence online - and we are potentially losing revenue that will affect our ability to continue to staff at our current levels - or be able to hire additional staff in the future. The cable company monopolies (another sore point from your crappy deregulation rules) want to charge me - as well as the sites I use - additional monies to be able to access them unfettered. This is stifling innovation and is un-American. You need to tighten the reins again - you've dropped the ball so many other times - it's time to get back some control over the corporations... (but you guys don't have the balls to because you're looking for an easy lobbyist job or position on some board when you're done being a politician because there's more money in that then looking out for the welfare of the American people or the internet at large) I'm terribly disappointed in the way things have been going and I hope you can correct your mistakes and create a REAL open internet - none of this bullshit you guys are proposing! Don't let the American people down!
—James Wade, Los Angeles, CA

Two-tiered service is too much control to put in the hands of ISPs. We must keep internet traffic free of that kind of discrimination so that people continue to be free to innovate. This is a very important issue to me.
—Greg Abbas, Menlo Park, CA

In this day and age, a free, open and neutral internet is essential to a thriving economy of entrepreneurs and innovative start-ups. Giving a top-tier and fast track to big-money corporations will stifle and stagnate the economy and muffle free speech.
—Hollis Wood, Santa Fe, NM

The only way to protect free speech online is to reclassify Internet service providers as common carriers iNTERNET should remain free, democracy is at risk internet is an personal right nobody can limit this right
—Roberta, catania,

Keep the internet neutral. Keep the USA as the land of opportunity where businesses no matter how small can compete with giants without having to pay premium internet services.
—Cecilia Hillway, Port Huenem, CA

A free and open internet is essential for innovation and communication to continue to thrive in our country, and control of the Internet should not be given to corporations whose track record has already proven their inability to not abuse their power for money.
—Frederick Gonzales, san jose, CA

My business relies on equal rules for all online. If this bill passes, it will kill my company and put people out of work. The Internet needs to remain fair and EQUAL for all, not just the rich. DO NOT DO THIS!
—Edward OFlaherty, Burbank, CA

The internet is a wonderful thing, offering equal opportunity to all people, be it a entrepreneur looking to start a online business, a news website, or simply someone wanting to voice their right to free speech, DO NOT PUT THE INTERNET FOR SALE!! this is a disastrous thing you are doing and it will not go unnoticed people are angry and have voiced their concerns loud and proud
—Christian Johns, binghamton, NY

Do not support the companies and do not ignore the people. We deserve competitive internet speed we deserve safe connection and we deserve competition when it comes to internet choices.
—Aurora Adams, Minneapolis, MN

The Internet is for everyone equally. This of all things shouldn't have any bias, any edge. Keep it neutral. No one has the right to change that.
—Amy Wang, Worthington, MA

Please keep the internet fair and balanced. Neutrality is for the people.
—Veronica Harrison, Chesterland, OH

America is the land of the free and equal rights. I fight for America's freedom I demand my internet be the same. why should I pay more for what I do on the Internet.Do your job do the right thing.
—John P Attard, Coleville, CA

With technology becoming a popular medium for new business owners, and technology being the most widely used marketing tool for those who are starting new businesses--whether the product is web based or not; taking away net neutrality takes away opportunity. Not only for small entrepreneurial companies, but for internet users as well. Please do not take away net neutrality, it would ruin America's entrepreneurial spirit and also ruin business opportunities before they could even start. Everyone deserves the opportunity to compete fairly on the internet, small and large companies alike.
—Mary Kate House, Dayton, OH

High speed internet is a human right. True "Net Neutrality" would be making the internet a public utility.
—Omar Gowayed, auburn, AL

It is not possible to have a democratic society without open access to the internet. Having different tiers of access undermines the exchange of ideas and for many just a sense of being a participant in this society. Please reclassify internet service providers as common carriers.
—Jeanne Winner, Malden, MA

The end of net neutrality would mean the beginning of corporate control over internet content. Please vote to keep net neutrality.
—Chandriker Dass, AUSTIN, TX

keep the Internet as it was designed… free!
—Marsha Adams, palatine, IL

Please reclassify the internet as a common carrier. Quite clearly, it functions this way so it should be treated this way as well. I understand the FCC fears pushback from the industry. So you should just give up? To not reclassify is to negotiate with yourself and to surrender a public good to private interests intent on degrading service to increase profits.
—Alan Reder, Elcho, WI

Net neutrality means that everyone has the same access to the net. If we allow some to pay for faster speeds and/or more bandwidth then we will be stifling innovation. Let's keep the number of tiers at one!
—George Hartogensis, Charlottesville, VA

Please classify internet service providers as common carriers and protect the future of the Internet.
—Max Plajer, Selinsgrove, PA

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers. It is time for common sense and some fairness.
—Suzanne Freitag, Berlin, WI

Please stop thinking of personal interest and lobbyist. You are serving a public office and should be serving the public, not anyone or anything else. Make the right decision. A two tier internet is not a fair and free internet. You will be harming education, small business, and stifling our economy just as we are beginning to get back up.
—Brooks, New York, NY

As the deadline for public comment approaches, I just wanted to reiterate my call for an open and non-tiered Internet. I believe having a fast lane will put technology startups at a disadvantage and will stifle innovation. The economy needs innovation to continue to grow. The US needs to be at the forefront of technology to remain a viable world superpower.
—Robert Moylan, Rossmoor, CA

The privileged wealthy in America must not gain net monopoly to further soothe their lusty greed.
—Bill Davis, Cape Elizabeth, ME

Anything that restricts/directs the free flow of information on the Internet puts the USA at a disadvantage (economically/culturally/educa tionally) with respect to countries with more open Internet access. When commercial interests are able to influence what information is available to US citizens, it weakens our countries chances at innovation, information resource utilization...our country becomes weaker.
—Gregory Mulkern, Portland, OR

Every human being should access to all information everywhere if we are to remain free.
—Robin Melchior, Avon, IN

Net Neutrality is important to me because it affect my ability to properly access the public internet in the way the world intends. The peoples wallets will be open for abuse an websites will be treated unfairly. The fact internet access is still not free an provided by the government at high speeds like it is in countries that aren't even as advanced us.... is just dumb.
—Danton A Ruegger, Safety Harbor, FL

This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality.
—Kimberly Markovich, Indianapolis, IN

Pres Obama, before he became president, said he was fore keeping the internet equal/net neutrality. Yes is this subject even being discussed? Stop it. The average person does not want this, only the "fat cats" want this.
—Roman Weber, Nashville, TN

The proposed plan to allow a two-tiered Internet would utterly destroy free speech on the internet and go against our fundamental constitution. Real Net Neutrality is necessary and MANDATORY to ensure free speech and the only way to achieve this is to reclassify Internet Service Providers as COMMON CARRIERS. Thank you.
—Shane G, La Jolla, CA

Without net neutrality there will be a tiered system of providers which will lead to monopolies. Smaller companies will need a lot of capital to get their content to users of their service.
—Rahul Iyengar, Union City, CA

The internet is not broken, so don't fix it!
—Robin Molnar, Petrosani,

Chairman Wheeler: Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers and prevent a two-tiered Internet. The Internet is the most promising tool for education and bringing the world together as a human family. It certainly is not a mere source of entertainment but a way of bringing developing countries into real connections with the global world.
—Dorothy Blatnica, Bedford, OH

I want real Net Neutrality. Not just a shiny image of it.
—Jose Cruz, Brooklyn, NY

Allowing ISPs to throttle internet speeds opens the door to conflicts of interest which could damage the strong tradition of capitalism and free information which brought such great human advancements over the years. Please don't start us down this path.
—Daniel McDonald, Tacoma, WA

The internet is a public common carrier by it's very function. This is a platform that enables communication for everyone globally. This platform is a basic common man technology that allows each of us to speak equally. Our World Wide Web must remain neutral in a world where more and more is privatized and owned by fewer and fewer leaving no voice or path for the many to speak. Our internet is a public utility and needs to be protected as such. There should be no special privileges for monied interests and opaque agenda.
—Steve Whitson, San Francisco, CA

Pretty simple, net neutrality should be the way we go. Way too much power to the current ISPs.
—Dale Shack, Boca Raton, FL

Please leave the internet open with the ability to continue innovation for large and small companies. DO NOT start a two tiered internet where giant corporations can pay extra to deliver content speedily while smaller upstarts struggle to get their product/service to consumers at a slower download/upload rate.
—Lucas Blanchette, Mount Julie., TN

Dear Chairman Tom Wheeler, Please reclassify internet service providers as common carriers. This is the only way to protect free speech online. Thank you.
—Angeline Miller, Graceville, FL

All data on the Internet should be treated equally, no matter who's providing it, what it consists of, what devices it touches, or who it's going to use it. It's time to enact TRUE net neutrality rules that provide equal access to all providers and all users, without preferential treatment. As an educator, I firmly believe anything less than equitable access presents a dangerous condition where the content and tools that schools, teachers, students and learners (of all ages) use the Internet may be subject to corporate interests. Do away with the current FCC plan and reclassify all ISPs as common carriers. Thank you.
—Janet Twyman, Rego Park, NY

Your killing the goose, we will find a way around your silly rules, heres an idea, concentrate on issues like the gap between rich and poor . . . .
—Stephen Chorney, Muskegon, MI

Broadband internet has become more vital to daily life, interaction with government, business, workplaces, and places of education than phones were once upon a time. It is necessary to exist in today's world and to deny that is beyond the pale. To not guard against monopolies stomping all over consumers and to give them free control over the world's most important medium for exchange of information is more than absurd in this context. It would be like going back in time and handing the robber barons a blank check. It is irresponsible in the extreme, detrimental to competition in the marketplace, and damaging to the ability of Americans to interface with their government, employers, schools, and businesses. Forget about the entertainment industry. Forget about video games, movies, and TV shows. Those are not what are important here. What is vitally important is that the FCC is now allowing rampant abuse of infrastructure that our entire society relies on. This cannot, in any way, be construed as the government working for the people. This is, without question, the government working for their rich friends and their own bank accounts. Please stop this and actually do your jobs. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers so that they can be properly regulated. But don't stop there. Once that's done, actually go ahead and start properly regulating them.
—Ryan Alber, Gainesville, FL

Throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Thanks.
—Trish C. Brown, San Diego, CA

The internet is as necessary to business and personal life, maybe more so, then telephone service. ISPs are clearly common carriers; anyone who tells you otherwise is selling something.
—Sylvan Thompson, Portland, OR

I believe it is important for people to have quick, sure access to all information, and that the speed or quality of access should not be decided by corporations or entities with agendas that may not be in the public interest. ISPs should be defined as utilities.
—Jessica Allen, Burlington, NC

We have the right to free press and that includes the internet! Companies have a right to a level playing field online and it is criminal, selfish and wrong to take that neutrality away.
—Faye Lessler, San Francisco, CA

To not provide equal access with networking for all is Outrageous
—Henry Stockdale, Poole,

FCC regulations will cause discrimination and hurt average people. Just say NO.
—Matt Zobrist, Henderson, NV

Please bring back net neutrality. It's the only way to ensure access to all information on the net is secure.
—Bridget Page, Sioux Falls, SD

Net neutrality is important for the free flow of information and business. It connect people and markets that wouldn't be reachable otherwise and actually provides opportunity. We have a right to free, unfiltered information and personal connection.
—Katherine Lucier, Weymouth, MA

The Internet is as vital a utility as the telephone, water, and electricity. Too much of our daily lives are tied to Internet access and too much of our future is as well. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers. The Internet is a communications service and it should never have its service restricted in any way.
—Alexander Cobb, Greenbrae, CA

The internet is a public space that is (for now) a level playing field for the individual and the company. Favouring those with deep pockets does away with the democracy of the net. I thought that America was the great champion of democracy? Reconsider.
—Nick Caffrey, Bantry,

I AM SICK AND TIRED OF POLITICIANS AND GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES IGNORING THE OBVIOUS AND SELLING OUT TO CORPORATIONS! IT IS NOT ROCKET SCIENCE...SIMPLY RECLASSIFY INTERNET SERVICE PROVIDERS AS COMMON CARRIERS SO THAT WE CAN AVOID DISCRIMINATION ON THE INTERNET!
—Darryl Myles, PHILADELPHIA, PA

I still fail to see how forcing companies to pay a fee for some level of control over the Internet could be legitimate Net Neutrality. Keeping their reach off the Internet entirely is what the people prefer.
—Joseph Chipman, Lynn, MA

Please do not favor service providers over the people on this. It will be of greater economic value to us all if actual net neutrality is supported for the greater good instead of the profited few. If the people do not get their way, a separate, non-corporate Internet will be built along side the existing Internet to sustain access for the common people. See: guifi.net, Seattle Wireless and hyperboria for more information on how the people have taken this problem into their own hands. Work for the people, not against them. The Internet is a natural progression of the human race. You saw what happened in Egypt. Don't let that happen here. We WILL fight back with mesh networking and encryption techniques. We want access. We want privacy. Encryption does not mean we are hiding illegal activity. We just don't want random strangers or government employees to read our emails without our consent. Please don't hand over bandwidth rights to larger services. That is not the answer. Better infrastructure is the real answer. You can maintain your profits longer by maintaining actual net neutrality and improving infrastructure, rather than the bandwidth discrimination already in place and what is being proposed.
—Victor Vlist, Bremerton, WA

We are in a recession. No one will hire me, I'm in my 60's. But I can Try to make an honest living on the internet. People interested in my service, will find my site and contact me. If You Destroy Net Neutrality: No one will find my site. Thousands of people, maybe hundreds of thousands, will loose all hope, and we will also loose our homes. Please help the American people to survive financial crisis. If I want to check on a drug my doctor prescribes, Or if I want to check on a product I'm thinking of buying, Or if I want to help my grandchildren with their education: Net Neutrality Is Absolutely Necessary !
—Beverly Jaeger, Santa Fe, NM

We cannot allow a multiple tiered internet as ONLY THE CURRENT MONEYED INTERESTS WILL WIN. Keep innovation alive and STOP PROTECTING THE INTERESTS OF THE CORRUPT CABLE INDUSTRY. These companies - Comcast, Verizon, et. al - deliver a terrible quality of service while being allowed to monopolize geographic markets. The cable companies are only interested in promoting their own crappy services while they extort money out of Netflix, Google, Amazon and the like all while crushing small innovative startups.
—Eric Berg, Bedford, NH

Today communication and information of all sorts is speech. The internet is perhaps the most crucial form of speech in our society today. Freedom of speech should be free, not available to the highest bidder. Wealthy parties can deluge the system with information using their funds, the people need an avenue for engaged discourse that allows for good society. Please maintain true net neutrality, not a two-tiered system.
—Lara Hansen, Bainbridge Island, WA

I live in Seattle, a rapidly growing technology hub, and where my apartment is, Comcast has a monopoly on providing internet service. Comcast has terrible customer support and an unethical pricing model, but since they are a monopoly, I cannot take my business elsewhere. If we lose net neutrality, Comcast will find ways to abuse this, and it WILL harm me as a consumer. You and I both know that any safeguards in place will not be effective as Comcast, and other ISPs, will find loopholes. In a world where a content provider is allowed to have a monopoly on the distribution network, the last thing consumers need is for that entity to have even more power.
—Mr. Joshua Arenson, Seattle, WA

I support net neutrality and that is why I am adding my voice to reclassification of Internet service providers as common carriers.
—Lucia Spark, Pezinok,

This is an outrage, the cable companies are trying to make more money off everyone because they came late to the game. The American public should not have suffer for their bad business decisions.
—Margo Hardin, sun city, CA

The internet is the one place that a bureaucracy should never be allowed to control. it is the last bastion of free speech and should never be regulated by any government.
—David Day, Clinton, TN

It is bad enough that Hobby Lobby has the right to dictate women's health care. Now you want corporations to dictate what everyone sees on the internet. This is too much.
—Jennifer Beadle, Granite City, IL

Net Neutrality.....net neutrality.....net neutrality. NO DISCRIMINATION against people who can not or do not want to pay more than they are already doing!!! And ABSOLUTELY no such decisions without OUR CONSENT!!!!
—Eva Bergen, Santa Fe, NM

The net is a utility and ought to be supported as such. A public good. A national good. An international good. Don't pervert it. Please restore full net neutrality.
—Sari Hornstein, Washington, DC

1. A free and open internet is the single greatest technology of our time, and control should not be at the mercy of corporations. 2. A free and open internet stimulates ISP competition. 3. A free and open internet helps prevent unfair pricing practices. 4. A free and open internet promotes innovation. 5. A free and open internet promotes the spread of ideas. 6. A free and open internet drives entrepreneurship. 7. A free and open internet protects freedom of speech.
—Femina Patel, Tampa, FL

The internet is the last bastion of equal opportunity in the plutocracy that once was the United States of America. Democracy itself is at stake. Equal access for every user, big or small, is our last hope. Net neutrality must be legally protected now and forever.
—Stuart McLean, Los Angeles, CA

The Internet is a precious asset which belongs to nobody - and EVERYBODY. If you try to divide the Internet into haves and have-nots, you will divide the whole of the human race. Of course, the Internet is in some ways indestructible. If you try to damage it. the 'Net will find alternative routes to thwart such damage.
—Maurice George, Ormskirk,

I strongly urge that the internet be classified as a Public Utility. I am against allowing businesses to create faster access for users and companies that pay more while slowing the speed for everyone else that does not. The internet is a vital component of the United States of America's economy, communications infrastructure, and culture. Surrendering this vital component of everyday American life to the whims of business interests is the antithesis of a free country. Furthermore giving in to business interests destroys competition which is detrimental to our economy. The internet needs to always be a level playing field for businesses small and large to compete in. The level playing field also helps insure customers of varying economic backgrounds have the freedom of choice when evaluating goods and services. The internet has been an invaluable cultural platform for everything from social and political activism to staying connected to family and friends. Altering the cohesiveness of this cultural platform for business interests is against the values of a free nation. In closing I would again strongly urge the Federal Communications Commission to classify the internet as a Public Utility to protect one of Americas most diverse and valuable assets.
—Chancey Martin, Gillette, WY

A neutral net is a core component to democracy and innovation in the 21st century. Without net neutrality, our speech freedoms and ability to compete in a global marketplace will end as we know them.
—C Holland, Brooklyn, NY

Dear FCC Like everything in life, the internet is simply a tool, where both good things and bad things happen. That balance between good and evil is part of nature, so by stopping that kind of manipulation like it is happening on the internet, because by no means it is neutral, neutrality shall be restored. In addition dear FCC, just because some bad intended people use it for evil, you can't all the 95% of users of the internet with such actions, especially when you extend it to the entire world. So please, consider your actions and make the internet neutral, as it would benefit everyone, including yourselves. Thank you for your time.
—João, Norwich,

Net Neutrality is important to me
—Carlos Suberviola Oroz, Bilbao,

I sincerely beg of you to reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is an unfair discrimination against the working class, only allowing certain people access to the full internet at it's full potential. For all my research I simply have not found any part of this that is a benefit for the American people - there is no justification for this. It's not for an improvement of the existing internet or a way to bring people together, it in fact does the complete opposite. The person who can afford this new system would simply being paying more for what they already have, and the person who cannot afford this would be relegated to frustration and limitations. Please please do not do this to us. Sincerely, Adam Saunders
—Adam Saunders, Miami, FL

Don't mess with our internet, you crooks!
—Eugene Fetherman, Milwaukee, WI

Dear Sirs, please do not destroy net neutrality. You need to reclassify ISP's as common carriers. By not doing so, you risk throwing the brakes on internet innovation which is what this country does best. Sincerely, John Cook
—John Cook, Austin, TX

This is wrong nobody should have that type of power it's not right
—Joseph, Rochester, NY

The internet is likely the last forum for the exchange of ideas unfettered by corporate ideology and control. Securing net neutrality is a must.
—Paul Metzger, KEENE, NH

Net neutrality is vital for our people and our country. The government should not be able to 'regulate' something they do not technically own. Laws are put in place to help keep an orderly society but the internet is not a society, it is a web of machines that have networking capabilities. I think it's up to the owner of the technology to decide what he/she doesn't see. I don't need others telling me what is viewed as appropriate or not. Especially when I, like many others, pay for my access to the internet. The internet is a privilege not a right. Furthermore the internet has no physical bounds. Why should the US government tell me I cant access a website that the UK government allows? When the server is located in the UK. I should have the ability go where I please considering it's a logical network and not a physical location.
—Jonathan Elliott, Bethlehem, PA

Internet is just an utility nowadays', shouldn't it get the same treatment?
—Sander Elias, Prinsenbeek,

Net Neutrality = Freedom of Speech and Political Opinion
—John Blanchard3, Pittsburgh, PA

Free interchange of information, ideas, creative work, as well as commerce, are what make the Internet so powerful. To put that power into the hands of corporations to control the flow of this interchange and someone's access to what up to this point has been an open and level playing field, is a sell-out. It's about money, influence, and the potential for exploitation and abuse of power. We only need to look at those countries that tightly control their citizens' access to the Internet. There is still nothing wrong with the American ideals of freedom and equality, and this applies to the most powerful communication network on Earth. Please don't sell us out.
—Thomas Zinser, Grand Rapids, MI

Users already pay for internet access, and web companies already pay for their own. The concept that ISPs can start to double charge for access to their customers is an affront to both their users, and the industry as a whole, and speaks to the monopolistic powers of these ISP's. In many cases you only have one real option for broadband internet, so there is no real actionable consumer choice available if their policies do not match what users would prefer. This is a horribly misguided ruling and will push one of the only remaining industries of American leadership away from this country. The only interest this ruling serves is the telecommunication companies, which sadly is not a surprise.
—Joshua Lambert, Philadelphia, PA

It's wrong to allow big companies faster internet than everyone else.
—Conni Markle, Portland, OR

Please implement provisions to maintain "Net Neutrality", and prevent money from ruling access to the internet.
—Howard Jess, Mercer Island, WA

Neutrality is important to me, throw out fcc rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers please protect protect real Net Neutrality
—Ghassan Ja, east orange, NJ

Turning the internet into the next corporate playground is the worst way for our country to proceed. This puts our citizens freedom and access to equal information at a lesser level than corporate bodies, which is something I cannot accept. Net neutrality is absolutely essential for any positive progression of this country.
—Alex Osborn, Fullerton, CA

To whom it may concern, Net Neutrality is extremely important and your currently proposed rules will effectively kill it. Please listen to the requests of thousands of Americans and take the common sense approach to reclassify ISPs as common carriers to save Net Neutrality. Thank You, Kellen Arb
—Kellen Arb, Portland, OR

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 wrong and I oppose this idea or anything like it.
—Stephen C Anderson, Wheeling, IL

Don't cause higher prices for internet access and speed. It will only make things worse.
—Ronald Goad, Jacksonville, FL

High speed Internet to the home is a utility, and in the US, it is a monopoly. Regulate it like the utility and monopoly that it is. Start by taking the obvious and natural step of classifying these providers as "telcommunications" providers, which is what they clearly are, and as common carriers, which is what they should be but have been able to avoid acting as so far. I've complained to my city government about our broadband Internet service provider only to hear their frustration about their inability to get another option for us. Once one company has installed the infrastructure, it's very hard to entice another to come in. I look longingly at neighboring towns that have two options for high speed Internet at home. Two options is what we aspire to and cannot achieve. *Two!* Whatever goals the FCC had in mind when you chose the contrived policy of treating last-mile high speed Internet companies as "information services", those goals have failed. They've failed so completely, so deeply, so fully, as to make Donald Trump's presidential campaign look bright and hopeful in comparison.
—Rosa Carson, Somerville, MA

Past 2 days, Comcast's is disrupting service. Best I can tell, they're modifying routes causing major disruptions. I support customers along the eastern seaboard. Can only tell my customers it's Comcast's fault, little condolence to customers. Can't take ownership of the issue, because I have no control of Comcast. Without Net Neutrality, I fear this situation will escalate. Doubt they'll suffer any accountability for the present issue.
—Joseph Brown, Jacksonville, FL

I am hoping you will realize just what terrible idea it is to create a two-tiered internet and decide at last to maintain net neutrality.
—Buff Whitman-Bradley, Fairfax, CA

Fastlaning Internet access to a privileged few, is the same as limiting access for the masses. America is already behind several other countries with regard to overall speed and cost of services, and it is discouraging to see elected officials allowing such initiatives to pass that would further this deficit. Satisfying the demands of corporate entities who care about nothing more than the bottom line and ignoring the public outcry, is nothing short of treason. Such actions will ultimately hinder the further development of our economy, and limit our influence on the worldwide stage.
—Aaron Hagenbuch, Danville, PA

I demand that the FCC throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality, and NEUTRALITY is what WE the people want.
—Rachel Onstott, Louisville, KY

The only way to protect free speech online is to reclassify Internet service providers as common carriers.
—David Stryker, edison, NJ

The internet is essential to democracy and a basic human right. AT&T, Comcast, and Verizon already provide a mediocre internet experience; allowing an unbridled pursuit of profit to overwhelm the quality of the service and the free nature of the internet would be a tragedy. Please save net neutrality!
—Adam Hauptfeld, Miami, FL

FREEDOM FROM TIRANY Freedom of public information Access to information NO TIRANY OF THE GOVERNMENT OR CORPORATIONS WE ARE NOT MILK COWS!!!!!!!!! We have a voice and need to be heard and LISTEN to!
—Inge den van Berg, Santa Fe, NM

Net neutrality is important because without it, the entire market will be monopolized and the American consumer will be screwed. A vote against net neutrality is a vote for a shrinking middle class and a non-competitive industry.
—Alexander Bryant, Atlanta, GA

Please do not pass the proposed new internet rules.
—Carol Peson, Vermillion, SD

WE THE PEOPLE DEMAND EQUAL ACCESS AND SPEED FOR INTERNET USE AND WILL NOT TOLERATE DISCRIMINATION AGAINST ONLINE CONTENT AND APPLICATIONS. YOU MUST RECLASSIFY ISPs AS COMMON CARRIERS AND PROTECT NET NEUTRALITY, THIS IS THE ONLY FAIR THING TO DO!
—Yolanda Rogers, GREENVILLE, TX

I'm a small businessman designing next-gen solutions for mobile payments. Equal internet access for all is crucial to the viability of my business.
—Peter Nies, San Francisco, CA

It is hard enough to make a living without having to pay extra just to access my favorite sites. Ending net neutrality may just be the end of the internet.
—De'Anna Williams, seguin, TX

No fast lanes! It only creates yet another avenue for corruption.
—Travis Ryan, Eagle Mountain, UT

Dear FCC - Please throw out the proposed rules on on internet line control and reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the way to protect real Net Neutrality.
—Ward S Wessels, Salt Lake City, UT

The internet as it exists today is built on the assumption of net neutrality. The idea if a two-tiered system and these "fast lanes" is going to fail. Technically speaking, there is no way to create a fast lane without expanding bandwidth with more cables and such. Because the ISPs are not doing this, their only option is to slow down the rest if us. This idea will cripple the US internet.
—William Bator, Montclair, NJ

Eat the rich! Off with their heads! Keep the net neutral! The revolution is coming!
—Anna kestava, west allis, WI

Increasingly, corporations are carving out "special" rights that only they can take advantage of. Corporations, aided by the conservative Roberts court, continue to amass more influence by buying our elected representatives. Without net neutrality, access to the internet, one of the greatest democratizing tools of our time, will come under the control of powerful corporations that will limit individual freedom and citizens voices so that only those with the greatest amount of money will be heard. Do not allow Verizon, ATT, and Comcast kill net neutrality.
—Raysysko Sysko, new york, NY

ISPs have been, are, and should be common carriers. Two-tiered access to this essential resource for all Americans is oligarchical policy benefiting the wealthy and powerful. This is un-American and severely limits the competitiveness of the United States in the global international marketplace.
—Todd Randall, Penfield, NY

I cannot stress enough how bad of an idea it would be to enact internet discrimination.
—Samuel Turso, Plymouth, MA

Why do such a thing just because of money? Rather spend some time and secure the internet for the future! I might not be from US, but everything you do will affect the rest of the world, so please listen to the people and stop this thing and instead do the reasonable thing and reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Kenneth Hansen, Ringsted,

Net neutrality and an internet landscape featuring real market place competition are crucial elements to maintaining and improving the potential public benefits and economic opportunity that the US, who in many real world measurements, falls further behind every day, must improve. The lack of real competition amongst major internet providers is likely the more important of these elements. In an environment with captive markets and lack of consumer choices stagnant or worse, decreasing access (for everybody), will mean lost opportunity. I think it is the FCC's job to be accountable for this environment and work to improve.
—S Stueber, Teton, OK

The internet is great because all voices may be heard irregardless of economic status. If someone wants to post something about being bombed by depleated uranium they can. If someone was a victim of police brutality, a bystander can post what happened. The current system allows people on Molokai island to protest being sprayed by chemical companies But if you allow only paid people to have greater speed or access it is like buying an election or silencing the internet voices. As you know if a screen takes too long to appear the attention span does not hold. If the internet is kept neutral we have a basis for democracy. It is perhaps in this day and age necessary to include in the Bill of Rights. Otherwise you become a country like China or Egypt where a great power by force distorts the truth. In America the same force exists but it can take the form of a corporation or profitable business. It is called "preditory" when an entity with a one pointed goal forcebly takes at others' expense? Individuals in the FCC must ask themselves, " If I allow a fast and slow internet pipeline am I creating a situation like North Korea? If individuals in the FCC cannot see the correlation clearly they need to talk to more people who can clearly explain why democracy requires a free press. Democracy is protected by a balance in power. This should be the FCC's duty to protect the balance of power. Let's take an example. Say there is a heavy metal toxic waste dump that the Kellogg company decides they could compost and resell to the public. They will call it Amend and sell it in Home Depot and say it is "organic." They donate the compost to elementary schools for gardens to grow food. Some people accross the US catch on that this bag smells like chemicals and their eyes hurt driving the bags in the car. They know this cannot be organic. They search on the internet and a posting comes up by a small group of volunteers trying to get the word out that heavy metals in herbs become concentrated and that Amend comes from a toxic dump. What would happen if people were unable to access this info because Kellogg paid to silence the small volunteer or say "promote"Amend as a children's gardening compost? That is like the most benign example I could think of. Thank you for allowing me to contact you on a free internet space to freely express my opinion at the same speed as a larger more powerful corporation.
—Gina Hara, Honolulu, HI

The internet is designed around the concept of free-flowing information. Restricting the flow of this information by using a two-tiered approach for internet service will greatly hurt the smaller businesses throughout the country. This creates a greatly unfair model for the USA, and will not be tolerated by the citizens.
—Brandon Payne, Plains, MT

Mister Wheeler, you NEED to reclassify ISPs as Common Carriers. This is the ONLY WAY to satisfy the public YOU SERVE.
—Jared Cassady, Roscoe, IL

Dear Chairman Wheeler, Please don't make winners and losers of the Internet. There is no need for a system containing two tiers of broadband connectivity and therefore discrimination of service. Keep the Internet truly neutral. Please throw out the proposed FCC rules, and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Jeff Krause, Chaska, MN

The end of Net Neutrality would put me and 1000's like me out of business and leave the internet a useless tool for our clients.
—Sandy Laemmel, Tucson, AZ

Corporations are not always in the best interest of the general public. The government has a job to protect the public of unfair treatment by the private sector. By ISP's regulating what can or cannot be accessed it goes against the premise of why the Internet became public in the first place. The ISPs only interest is profit, not the public and the sharing of information to become a better society. Startup companies will have another overhead cost that will prevent them from making a revenue high enough to cover costs. Further oligopolies will form within certain services and products which causes strengthening the oligarch-like relationship between the government and specific monopolies/oligopolies. Small businesses are what we're lacking for a strong middle class. Don't put another roadblock in the small business' way.
—Anthony Lane, Sacramento, CA

Please don't regress the single most important technological advancement of our time.
—Eric Arnold, Portland, OR

It would be completely unfair to put all of the internet onto this bogus rule. Not only would you be killing small businesses and entrepreneurs, but you would also be encouraging a revolt of some kind. Every day citizens would not want their neutral net to be at stake because of a very small percentage of people. The internet is especially important to me because my entire career is based around connections I find online, as well as offline. I'm part of the millenial generation and it's an unfair double standard to hold me against. If I can't find a job because my online connections are being interfered with due to no net neutrality, then it's my fault for being "lazy", as many have already cast my generation to be. The entire world has shifted towards using the internet for just about everything. "The need of the many outweigh the unfair desire and power of the few."
—Adrienne, Tampa, FL

We must preserve net neutrality to safeguard democracy and free speech. This issue is of utmost importance to the people of this country, whether they write in or not. Please listen to The People! Reclassify.
—Alexis Harmon, Portland, OR

The internet's fine as it is. Leave it alone!
—Andrew P Chase, East Peoria, IL

If we don't protect net neutrality, the day of the small business is over. It is hard to compete with large business. Small business and independent artists, musicians, film makers have turned to the internet. If net neutrality goes away, innovation will be stifled, small businesses won't be able to compete, one or two companies will determine what we have access to. It is already starting. When I signed a contract with Comcast, it was for unlimited data streaming, now I have a data cap. I either stop streaming movies, music and games or I am charged a fee for the overage. If I am a startup who wants to compete with Netflix, I can no longer compete because of the fees. Netflix can afford to pay comcast more. Save the internet. Save net neutrality.
—Cynthia Jensen, Glencoe, AL

Reclassify because if we continue down a road where the haves and have nots have different levels of access to Internet, we create a caste system for the flow of information.
—Eamon Hosey, Knoxil, TN

The last I heard this was still a free country and our Government is still supposed to be FOR the people. The web should not be controlled by the big corporations who have the funds and connections to grease the pockets of those in power. If it ain't broke and it's not to the benefit of the voting public you are supposed to serve LEAVE IT ALONE!!!
—Marlene Porcell, Las Vegas, NV

I have already sent an email to the FCC regarding their intention to destroy the free world by removing net neutrality, but since this is not only a matter of personal liberty for me, I feel a further comment is due. Net neutrality means a fair and open internet, where everyone has a voice and a chance to be heard and seen. For me, this is not just a matter of human rights, it is my livelihood. I have spent my entire life pursuing my career as a programmer for the web, only to see the internet as I know it potentially destroyed just as my dreams approach fruition. A two-tiered system for the internet will not protect human rights or civil liberties any better than other american crafted two-tiered systems of human rights has in the past. It is imperative that the internet be recognized as belonging to the people of the world, and not to ISPs. They are common carriers, and should be classified as such. Currently they are legally defined as effectively owning the internet. This is not only a technical misclassification, it amounts to grand theft on a scale previously unknown to humanity, and ISPs such as Comcast are already seeking additional monetary compensation for their US government awarded ownership over other people's property. Please reclassify ISPs to common carriers, and give back the fruits of untold hours of labor of the entire world back to the people that performed this work, and to those who seek to use their services; Restore the rights of anyone to be heard on the internet, our largest commons; Protect the ability of start-ups and small businesses to compete on the web: please reestablish net neutrality.
—Raleigh Foster, Eugene, OR

DO NOT CHANGE A THING. It's NOT broke so DON'T fix it!
—Paul Bourjaily, palmetto bay fl, FL

The net needs to be neutral because the information should be made available to all with no special privileges to businesses,the only special privileges should be to law enforcement emergency situations.
—Jon Brown, midway park, NC

Ben Franklin srarted the U.S. postal system and the founding fathers decided to subsidize it so every one escpeially news publications could send there ideas to the public. The internet is an extension of the postoffice idea of Benjamin Franklin. But you neocons are doing your best to abrogate democracy especially free speech. You need to rethink your lifes work. MAKE THE INTERNET A UTILITY NOT AN INFORMATION SERVICE.
—Joseph Kopnitsky, Pittsburgh, PA

People are more important than profit. The net should not be ruled by big business. The net should be equally accessible to everyone.
—Lee Alden, Putney, VT

An open internet is going to be better for the economy. Reclassify ISP's as common carriers.
—Samuel Collins, SF, CA

Net Neutrality is essential for the future of equal opportunity in our country. Once the door is open to charging differently for different service, there will be no end to corruption among providers. Small businesses and start up organizations will not have an opportunity to succeed because media giants will have all the power. Technology innovations will be stymied because the media companies will want to keep the status quo, where they are making all the money. School children rely more and more on internet resources and the equality gap will be harder to overcome if wealthy parents are able to pay for their children to be on the "fast lane" and families with less resources are stuck in the "normal speed lane". The speeds will be completely dictated by the media companies that have already proven that money equals to speed (ie the Netflix speed slow down prior to the deal they made with Comcast for faster streaming). In the current world and especially moving into the future, the internet is a necessity to life and thus should be reclassified as a public utility.
—Heather Wilmoth, Elmwood Park, IL

I use the internet as other utilities, I communicate with others, I get news, information. It is so important to our future and to my children's future. I believe you should reclassify the isp's as common carriers. You think you know better than the rest of us because you worked for those industries, guess what, so have we. We the public work and use the internet in our daily lives. It has become like electricity, water. Please reclassify the isps as common carriers to keep companies who's real goals are to make money and not serve the common good. You have the ability to make the right choice, please do not cave to money,be honest and allow the internet to continue to help us enjoy innovation. This is a golden age of creativity, if you allow isps to control and throttle data, you, yes you Tom Wheeler, you stifle innovation and risk ending the golden age of creativity and ingenuity. Do the right thing, reclassify isps as common carriers. Do it. Be the hero. You will be if you do. Your name will be written in the history books as the man who made the choice for a free internet. Not as the crook who caved to corporate pressure.
—Austin C Germer, NOVATO, CA

There is no valid reason to deny the rest of us ("common folk") the same privileges as anyone else. Please give us net neutrality.
—Clare N. Shumway M.D., Mechanicsburg, PA

Innovation is fostered by an open and level playing field. After all of the public and corporate funds that have been spent to bring the internet to most of this, vast in geography, nation, why would we want to limit access to the infrastructure we've put in place (creating tiered classes of digital citizens, much as we already have socioeconomically). Don't take away the rungs of development low enough on the ladder that our next generation might themselves rise, and all of us as a nation/world along with them, out of their current circumstances while shoveling, yet more, funds into multi-national media conglomerates that are doing just fine already. Thank you for your consideration
—Carl Devon Athans, Austin, TX

AT ONE TIME THE F.C.C. TOOK SEROIUSLY THE JOB OF PROTECTING PUBLIC INTEREST. THIS WAS DURING THE NICHOLAS JOHNSON ERA. AFTER THE F.C.C. BECAME A CORPORATE BUTT KISSING JOKE. RECENTLY IT ACTUALLY SEEMED TO RECOVER FROM AMNESIA AND REALIZE IT'S JOB IS SERVING PUBLIC INTEREST. NOW LET'S SEE IF THEY CAN WALK THE WALK.
—George Hunt, augusta, ME

The bottom line is that ISPs have already started charging double for services. First, they charge me, and in return claim to give me access to the internet. Nowhere do they state it's restricted to only certain parts of the internet. Now they are also charging companies like Netflix to gain access to their customers. What the fuck am I paying them for if Netlix has to pay them as well for me to access Netflix? This is clearly bullshit. Please take off your corporate blinders and pay attention to the people you're supposed to represent!
—Allyn Hill, San Diego, CA

Our democracy depends on a fair and balanced, free flow of information. Information should not be regulated or considered in the same terms as corporations!
—David Moore, Portland, OR

Too many unregulated monopolies allowed to make rules. Cable companies should not be able to create a two tier system. It can only mean the company consumer looses. Don't let this happen, it is your responsibility to protect buyers not sellers.
—Beverly Mason, San rafael, CA

Keep the internet out of the hands of a few large providers. This would be a monopoly with all the dangers of limiting access that entails. The speed of access should be 100% independent if content. And human freedom if choice should never be supplanted by corporate.
—S McDonald, Madison, WI

I believe the internet is the only healthy engine of growth in an economy hopelessly hobbled by special interests ,red tape and corruption.If you restrict it with fast lanes and tolls you will kill it.
—Janis Konke, St Paul, MN

I will not stand for a two-tiered internet. This action will not only force average Americans to be used and manipulated by large companies, but would eliminate the neutrality we have worked so hard to keep. Giving big companies the power to rule over what people can watch and how well is horrid. I am completely astonished there are people behind it, unless of course they have been swayed by money. Any average person will tell you that this is a bad and horrible idea. Discrimination of what I do ont he internet being run by large companies is outrageous. I will not support this.
—John Johnston, Florence, MA

Net neutrality is a major factor that if taken away will only further the slide of Americans freedoms into a special interest nation where only a few are truly free! WE DEMAND NET NEUTRAILTY!
—Jack Findlen, Fort Collins, CO

Dear FCC, Demanding rules of regulation will lead to uncontrolled legislation issues, which can not be overseen by the FCC, neither can this be done properly. It's not because of the freedom of speech, but the curiousity this medium is bringing up in the people that makes it so attractive. If Net Neutrality is damaged in one way, people will find other ways to bring up the same, uncontrolled content platform. Please, don't worry about this. But regulate the existing platform is just very wrong, so spending money on it is all spilled, bacause Internet 3.0 will be invented then. Thank you for that.
—Jasper Kolbrink, Hengelo,

The individual's right to free and equal speech can only exist, in our current era, if there is net neutrality. If large wealthy corporations can trump this basic core right of the individual, Americans will only become LESS equal....a tragedy.
—Stephanie Austin, Haiku, HI

ISP companies should not have the power to pick winners and losers online and discriminate against online content and applications. Allowing such information restriction would be a clear violation of the First Amendment.
—Jim Elsbeth Arnold, Sequim, WA

The internet should remain open - we shouldn't be instituting "fast lanes" that will stifle creativity and innovation. Data providers should not be in the business of dictating content! It is a conflict of interest.
—Stacy Tibbits, Farmers Branch, TX

the american economy is very imbalance with the top 1% holding most of the capital and power. The rest of us need net neutrality to keep up for our own survival; for it be informational to everyday errands. It's very important for not to give FCC with such overpowering right to manipulate consumers with ever increasing internet access payment and in return recieve an even slower internet access!! The american people need net neutrality to remain competitive in the world stage.
—Dan Houng, san gabriel, CA

Please reclassify ISPs as Common Carriers. No two tiered internet!! Thanks,
—Thomas E Anderson, Spokane, WA

The Founding Fathers provided for a postal service in the Constitution to keep all citizens informed. It was part of the nation's human capital. The post roads were part of the nation's physical infrastructure. I think they would consider, as most other countries in the world now do, that the internet should not be owned by certain corporate interests for the profits of a few. It should be just like the postal service.
—Russell D. Ryan, Portland, OR

I share the strong concerns of thousands of people and communities nationwide, regarding the proposal to permit "fast lanes" for businesses who are willing and able to pay for advanced speeds of connectivity. If preferential Internet services are offered only to the large companies who can afford it, the rest of us will be left behind, unable to effectively share content online that is meaningful to our communities, anchor institutions and local businesses. The nature of the Internet is that its value as an irreplaceable source of information sharing increases as the technology in both broadband networks and connected devices evolves. The volume in which consumers are sharing content today, in terms of frequency and amounts of data, has gown overwhelmingly in recent years and will continue to do so for the foreseeable future. High Definition video is now ubiquitous and a tool that so many are using, including public media organizations, journalists, marketing departments for small businesses and nonprofit organizations, and city and local governments, to communicate and thrive in an increasingly online world. If only big media companies like Netflix, Amazon and Google can afford to have access to the advanced broadband services that will define the optimal Internet experience moving forward, particularly in the sharing of high quality video, then the nature of the information that is exchanged online will drastically favor large commercial interests much like the cable television model does now. It's not hard to imagine "fast lanes" resulting in an Internet where Hollywood movies load in 1/1000 of a second and play seamlessly, while a video highlighting the important work of a local non-profit, school, or small business takes ten to twenty seconds to load and requires buffering during playback. The reality is ten seconds in a high-speed broadband world is an eternity, and enough to discourage any person from watching and to send them clicking elsewhere. If "fast lanes" are permitted, the level playing field that web developers, video producers, businesses, nonprofit organizations, local communities, and people everywhere enjoy today, will be eliminated. Content that is local in focus, noncommercial, or independent in nature, will once again be at a devastating disadvantage to big media interests as it is in television today. Preserving net neutrality, defined as 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, is critical for the organization I work for. I'm the Executive Director at Vermont Community Access Media (VCAM) here in Burlington, Vermont. Our mission is to promote free speech, civic engagement, government transparency and public dialogue by enabling easy access to the expanding world of media. Our understanding of why net neutrality is essential is informed by our first hand experience of being connected to both Comcast's broadband network, as well as to Burlington Telecom, a municipally owned Gigabit fiber network. We clearly understand the opportunities and obstacles in delivering online media content over both. We enjoy true high-speed connectivity on Burlington Telecom's Gigabit network with affordable symmetrical speeds that permit us to upload web content at comparable speeds to our downloads. Our affordable high-speed Internet connectivity via Burlington Telecom is what enables us to meet the demands of sharing large amounts of noncommercial community-based media content online. However, many community media centers around Vermont are unable to keep up in this regard because the prohibitive costs and limited connectivity available to them via large national Internet providers including Comcast, who are more often than not, the only ISP in town. In fact, if you are a prospective customer trying to find out what the cost of Comcast's Internet services are, you will quickly notice that upload speeds are not disclosed at all in favor of promoting their download speeds (http://www.comcast.com/intern et-service.html). The reason for this is because Comcast is also a multinational media content provider (NBC Universal) whose business model is built on delivering media content from major networks and studios in the form of downloads to customers, and not one that is generous to independent and noncommercial media producers or anyone whose business or livelihood relies on uploading and sharing high definition video that could compete for Comcast's audiences online. In FCC Chairman Wheeler's prepared comments at the 2014 National Association of Broadcasters Show on April 8 in Las Vegas, he's quoted saying "For all the wonderful things the Internet has done, one place that it has yet to deliver on its promise is local content." It's impossible to understand how Chairman Wheeler believes that permitting favorable Internet connectivity only to the large multinational corporations who can afford it will do anything to help the rest of us ensure that the Internet delivers on its promise of important and effective content relevant to our local communities. In short, the simple truth is, permitting incumbent ISPs who are wedded to the big media industry to offer preferential treatment of data to only their wealthiest customers would be catastrophic on an international scale, and undoubtedly prevent the Internet as we know it, from being essential to the free flow of ideas, creativity, participatory democracy, and commerce.
—Seth Mobley, Burlington, VT

Dear FCC, Please help retain freedom of information on the web, and do not give companies with more money than others an additional upper hand in the market. Let conscious consumers make their own decisions based on an equal flow of content and applications, not based on the profits of service providers. Thank you.
—Carly Cassano, Oakland, CA

A true, full, and complete net neutrality plan is necessary. The internet is no longer a luxury or nice-to-have. In this day and age, the internet should be no different than any other utility such as electricity or water. As such, the best way to implement a net neutrality plan would be to reclassify ISPs, broadband or otherwise, as Title II common carriers.
—Dave DeSylvia, Woburn, MA

Net neutrality is possibly the most important regulatory issue of the coming century. The internet is not broken, please don't break it. It's our last engine of economic growth.
—Blake Johnson, Brooklyn, NY

In order to have true freedom of speech, there must be unimpeded access to it. Net neutrality is one way of having unimpeded access to information to make our democracy healthy.
—Angela, Fort Bragg, CA

Keep the Net neutral! Just as wealthy inequality has set up a two (or three) tiered (in)justice system in this country, a two-tiered internet system would allow corporations to control who can and who cannot access the internet, which is obviously unjust. Shame on Chairman Wheeler for even considering such a plan! Gail A. Williams Net user since 1989
—Gail A. Williams, Altaville, CA

Neutrality is important to me because I feel that the internet is perfect the way it is now.
—Jeremy Frank, bryan, TX

You know perfectly well that the big ISPs are only concerned with the bottom line. You cannot trust anything they say regarding the effects of net neutrality. People with money and power already have so much control over the world, the media and our lives. Giving the ISPs the ability to create a two-tiered internet will give them yet another method of controlling the flow of information, of dissent and the free exchange of ideas. This isn't something that can be left to some sort of "honor system." If ISPs are given this power, they will abuse it. There is not doubt about it. Please. Protect net neutrality. Please.
—Charles Pierce, Portland, OR

Do not allow the two tier internet format. Net Neutrality is important to continue. Providers should be reclassified as "Common Carriers". All citizens should get equal treatment, no matter how much money they do or don't have. Slower service to be few harmful to the continuation of internet in schools, for one thing.
—MaryAnn Melberg, Titusville, FL

Real net neutrality–a single tier internet not controlled by telecom providers–is critically important for internet development. At a time when the economy desperately needs development, letting the giant telecom providers throttle new development to improve their bottom lines is insane. US telecom providers already lag far behind the rest of the industrialized world's services, and paying them to continue their lack of effective service will only make things worse. They should be defined as public telecommunications services, and required to come up to world standards of service. This would generate enormous development in the economy of the internet. And if a telecom provider is unable to make Wall Street happy providing the services we need, they can get out of the business. ITT now manages hotels, and that might be a great option for ATT.
—Robert E Anderson, Oxford, MS

Net neutrality protects small businesses and innovation from large corporate interest groups who would otherwise be free to discriminate against and stamp out potential competition by prioritizing their own IP based business ventures over those of smaller less financially able companies.
—James Worix, Bluffton, SC

Having different speed tiers of the internet goes against the very fundamental nature and design of the Internet as an open and egalitarian communication platform to share knowledge freely across the world. Please help make sure the Internet doesn't turn into a paywalled service for the elite.
—Kieran Gupta, CAMBRIDGE, MA

Net Neutrality is important to me because it's only with an open, equal-access internet that I can pusue my business and academic goals and so make a contribution to society. If that equal access is jeopardised, we are all worse off. I therefore call upon you to reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Derek Rogers, GLASGOW,

Freedom. Freedom to choose. Freedom to decide how I want to live my life and better it. Freedom. I believe that use to be a word highly used in the American culture. However, since it's more than obvious that Greed runs America and Americans now days - Freedom isn't something that's a liberty anymore. More and more rights are getting taken away. In-turn we are basically being told how to live our lives. Rather than having an equal playing field and encouraging people to better themselves, the rich Greed of today's society is only speeding up the down fall of Americans. I thought there use to be a saying that went something like "United We Stand - Divided We Fall." Guess what? These ludicrous rules that you are trying to force into play is just DIVIDING. It's no longer "We the People." It's extremely pathetic that people no longer care for one another. Furthermore, that all companies just doing whatever will make their pockets bigger no matter the sacrifice that has to be made. People wonder why America has been spiraling downhill so quickly leading towards failure. Easy answer, why don't you look in the mirror for that one.
—Ryan Shannon, Glendale, AZ

Maintaining a free and open internet is critical to our progress and evolution as a species. I urge you to prevent a tiered internet from becoming a reality.
—Graham Cowger, Bloomington, IL

A pay tier system is unfair to consumers, and does not hinder innovation.
—Gary Simmons, Tallahassee, FL

I need my internet to be free so I can access any and all information.
—Marcella McGuire, Omaha, NE

I strongly support a move to reclassify internet service providers as common carriers; I believe the alternative, two-tiered approach will diminish competition, innovation, and ultimately the number of internet provider options available to consumers.
—Philip Tracy, Cambridge, MA

Neutrality is important to me.
—John Freitag, IVYLAND, PA

You have proven, through your inaction and lack of candor, that the FCC is the enemy.
—Akash Thakkar, Seattle, WA

Please leave the internet alone. We don't need any changes to help big business make more money off of the people.
—Garry Scherer, lapel, IN

Without an open internet, big corporations would have tight control over how we access websites and services online. This issue is far more broad than just affecting US citizens, the rest of the world is connected to us through the internet. Look at what we allowed to happen to radio and television. We have a chance to finally stand up against this kind of profiteering, and retain control over the technology we as a global community have built, and continue to build every day! Please, for us, and for future generations, stand up against these profiteering corporations and do what is right for us all.
—Jesse A Goll, Loveland, CO

Net Neutrality keeps the democracy in the Internet. The Internet is the last place where the voice of the monied interests don't drown out the voices of the people.
—Peter Uttal, DAVIE, FL

This cannot happen. I am counting on you to protect net neutrality.
—Kathy Otto, Naples, FL

The internet is an Utility and needs to be classified as one, period.`
—Thomas A Clarke, Durhamville, NY

We work, take classes, communicate with friends and family. We need net neutrality, not price hikes by greedy providers. Please reconsider.
—Margaret Garberick, Long Lake, MN

If approved, these rules would mean the end of Net Neutrality.
—Cassidy Pruett, Crawfordsville, IN

Please make your upcoming decision on keeping our internet open and unrestricted to all of people and not just for the too big to fail corporation who have all the money to lobby and manipulate the system to their wishes and gain.
—Michael Clarke, Spokane, WA

Internet is a public utility like phone service.PERIOD. ISP are common carriers.
—Edward Drapkin, tucson, AZ

the internet should be free from teiring, with equal access for all. Fast lane and slow lane is just a corporate way to take more money from the middle class. This is pitiful
—Joseph Dellicarpini, Astoria, NY

Net neutrality is important to me because I believe that current proposals will lead to an undemocratic internet which discriminates against less popular websites and internet users who are not interested in well funded, corporate domains. It will result in a two tier speed system which will inevitably be used by the government of the day to suppress information and marginalise websites with which it does not agree. I do not want to see vested interests destroy the very essence of the greatest information and communication revolution since the Gutenberg Press. That is why I believe in Net Neutrality.
—Chris Le Pelley, Keighley,

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality.
—Jason Morris, Coral Gables, FL

If approved, these rules would mean the end of Net Neutrality.
—Cassidy Ann Pruett, Chicago, IL

Dear Tom Wheeler, I believe that your proposed internet rules are going to be the start of the end of the FREE internet. Please don't continue this quest you are on to make the internet more like the debacle that cable TV has become. If you continue this path, the internet will soon be sold as package deals where you only have access to websites that are part of you plan. This will ruin the internet. Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers so that we as the consumer can finally feel as though both our government and the corporations of America really do have the citizens best interest at heart.
—Lee Runion, Bristow, VA

If we lose net neutrality, some people won't be able to express themselves easily as blogs serve as an outlet to share things with the world. I myself would hate to lose that privilege.
—Robert Poole, West Islip, NY

I am asking you to throw out your rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers. We want true net neutrality. Not an internet bought and paid for by corporations pushing the rest of us out. We have already lost way, way to much because of corporate greed and we don't need to lose more. You know what is the right thing to do and that's what we are asking for.
—Roger Bradley, Pocatello, ID

The internet has become so ubiquitous and fundamental to contemporary American life that high-speed access to it needs to be protected as a common carrier in order to insure fair treatment for all users and prevent ISPs from strong-arming content providers.
—David Wood, Austin, TX

Net Neutrality is not only important, but essential and the foundation for equality on the intenet. Everyone should have the same voice. Because we all benefit the most when we can gather up the best ideas of everyone, rather than the ideas of only a few who might have interests other than the benefit of the people.
—Jose Arteaga, West Valley, UT

The net needs to be a level playing field. It was designed and paid for by tax dollars and belongs to the people and should not be controlled by a limited few.
—Derek Blackshire, Jacksonville Beach, FL

So many social justice movements, artistic projects, education efforts, and burgeoning businesses have relied on free open internet to function, succeed and effect real changes. Net neutrality improves, enriches, and saves lives. In today's world, free speech requires net neutrality. Don't let the country down by dismantling that.
—Caitlin Halvorson, Hot Springs, MT

This is the worst thing imaginable for the Internet ! I ASK YOU TO RE-CONSIDER !
—Paul M.R.P. Hallaert, Bilzen,

Please throw out your proposed rules for a tiered internet and reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Raymond N. Corvin, Pinson, AL

Dear Mr Wheeler, We as a people and republic need to safeguard the ideals for the freedom of our internet. Not to be afraid of or, pushed around by intimidating forces, like what you're proposing to do to it. Please have the decency to act on the peoples behalf and keep the internet untainted and equally available to all.
—Eric Schiszler, Fresno, CA

I am a simple college graduate trying to make ends meet as best I can. My chosen profession (the world of software development) often requires a steady and rapid stream of information, and living with a family that uses neutral internet for the basics of media including television streaming is already taxing in that regard. Taking away Net Neutrality would mean that I would have a harder time seeking and keeping tabs on employment opportunities, as well as tearing into my family's life as they start blaming me for slow connection speeds when I have nothing to do with it. I have no alternatives at this point, and taking away a necessity like this would ruin whatever chances I have to be productive in society.
—James Meldrum, Inkster, MI

A two-tiered system would further widen the income gap and stunt entrepreneurial opportunity. Granting ISPs the power to discriminate against companies and organizations would set an incredibly dangerous and potentially irreversible precedent.
—Zach Weaver, Brighton, MA

These are dangerous times for the earth. Big business has nearly ruined the ecosystem. Net neutrality is the only way to ensure that the best ideas for progress and continuation of life on earth can be disseminated. Please maintain net neutrality. thank you
—Rosie Jardine, Branxholm,

We need Net Neutrality so that everyone has equal access to the Internet. The USA already lags far behind in terms of how much we pay for the (poor) service we get. Without Net Neutrality, once again, corporations will get fast access and the rest of us will get the "dregs." FCC, please stand up for the average American consumer instead of Big Money in whatever form it takes. Thank you.
—Connie Molnar, Antioch, IL

The only way to protect net neutrality is by reclassifying ISPs as common carriers. Please make the right choice!
—Travis Yates, Upland, CA

An old saying goes, "Why mess with success?" The Internet is no exception to this.
—Jordan Takumi Davis, Cleveland, OH

I'm writing in support of net neutrality. Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers, and provide equality of service for all users of the Internet.
—Allan Leslie, Carrizozo, NM

We need and end to corporate ripoff.
—Bruce Powell, antigo, WI

net neutrality is the right of every american citizen. Do not let us become second class citizens for equal access to something that belongs to all of us, each and every citizen.
—Christmas Leubrie, monte rio, CA

Bandwidth-providers already make way too much money, and should have zero role in determining what we do with the bandwidth we pay through the nose for already. Please serve the people, not the massive corporations, and mandate net neutrality, the way the people want you to. How much mail are you receiving from people who really want you to set up a two-tiered internet to further enrich Comcast?
—David Rovics, Portland, OR

The Internet is the greatest resource the world has ever known for the dissemination of knowledge and ideas. It has the power to truly impact and empower the lives of all Americans, regardless of class or economic status. True net neutrality is needed to keep this invaluable resource available to all.
—Mike Heidenberg, White Plains, NY

Premium services are everywhere for consumers and businesses. This is good for productivity in the free market in many ways. Please keep the internet open and free from distinct classes or teirs of availability. Protect consumers and businesses from attack, keep the lanes for connectivity open, and make sure it can grow with time. Roads in America are free to use by legal and responsible citizens. Toll roads serve a purpose, I use them everyday to get to work. Let Businesses create shortcuts to serve their customers, but keep the available lanes open for travel. Make the system more robust or grown the web to accommodate demand. Don't create traffic jams for toll premiums. Premium service is needed, but not at the expense of the whole.
—Jonathan Collins, St Augustine, FL

This is an area where everyone, the public and any company that won't directly profit from this while claiming there is no profitable reason for it, agree. Creation of fast and slow lanes, and the ability to charge more for them ruins the equal for all internet which levels the playing field for all players.
—Dinesh Apte, PITTSBURGH, PA

We don't need more laws and rules controlling things in this country, especially the internet. The internet is the information super highway, and it needs to be accessed by all citizens equally. Companies or governments that feel they need to control the rate at which citizens can receive that information by auctioning off to the highest bidder are corrupt, unjust and we won't stand for it. Keep the net neutral.
—Jeremy Wethall, Orem, UT

Net Neutrality is incredibly important to my daily life. With three roommates, it's understood that at any one time somebody is talking to their loved one over Skype, playing a game online, streaming music, or uploading documents to the internet for their work. It's crucial that the internet service we pay for is being provided as advertised for all sites, regardless of bandwidth consumption. Tom Wheeler and the FCC, please reclassify internet service providers as common carriers. It is the only way to protect the interests of the people over the interests of corporations. Remember the responsibility you have taken on for the people.
—Matthew Sherwood, Denton, TX

Don't let a few big companies control the internet and undermine its growth. It is bad for business and consumers. Plus, it just isn't fair.
—Mark Dresdner, Teaneck, NJ

Taking away net neutrality in no ways serves any benefit to the general public. It only gives more power to the lobbying cable companies. The last time I checked, the FCC is a part of the government which exists to serve the PEOPLE... not the corporations. It seems to me that the FCC has been bought out. Which is exactly what is wrong with this country. The internet has been one of the hugest steps forward in technological advancement as well as economic freedom. What the FCC is planning to do would be a step in the wrong direction. As a citizen of the country you're suppose to be serving, DON'T FOLLOW THROUGH WITH THIS!
—Andrew Calococci, Coppell, TX

I cannot think of anything in the modern era more backward-minded than killing net neutrality. "allowing broadband carriers to control what people see and do online would fundamentally undermine the principles that have made the Internet such a success." - Vinton Cerf, co-inventor of the Internet Protocol Prioritized content / tiered internet? That's an awfully slippery slope. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers and give the internet the freedom it needs to keep innovating.
—Jason Dettmer, Dunwoody, GA

This country is based on equally opportunity. In fact, we legislate to push "equal" opportunity. The internet should remain neutral... same speed and same opportunity for everyone.
—James Taylor, Columbus, IN

Life, culture and commerce as we know it would not be the same without a free and open internet. The future is in a transparent and egalitarian world and anything that prevents that is just dragging the world backwards for no good reason. The future will be amazing if you let it be!
—Katalin Bakonyi, Stafford, TX

As a member of generation Y, I strongly believe in net neutrality. To allow rampant discrimination in the age of information would contrast many ideals that the American government has claimed it holds dear. Killing net neutrality would only prove that the government is funded by big business and does not truly believe in the people.
—pedro Sanchez-Villa, Louisville, KY

The FCC proposed internet rules are an outrage! Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers. It is the only fair and reasonable way to protect real Net Neutrality.
—Mitzi Green, Decatur, GA

The internet is the last bastion of equality.
—Martin Strube, Northampton,

Chairman Wheeler: Maintaining net neutrality is crucial and the FCC should reclassify Internet service providers as common carriers. Anything less is completely unfair to the public you are supposed to be serving!
—Curtis Alexander Young, San Diego, CA

For profit corporations should not be left to regulate themselves and the internet. That's what doing away with Net Neutrality does.
—Karl Kibler, Round Rock, TX

Please keep things fair. We the people should be in control of the internet and not some company.
—Ernest mesa, Fontana, CA

America was built on innovation and freedom of information. Do not force more expenses on users because of the greed of big telecommunication providers. Allow net neutrality to stand and let it nurture innovation and open communication for a better and free society. Thank you for your time, Michael Keown, Carrollton. Mo.
—Michael T. Keown, Carrollton, MO

You've asked for comments on the Internet. Why? Because it is a way to reach millions of people (all kinds of people) simultaneously and directly. Now imagine how different the responses might be if access to this forum was manipulated by the service providers who have a vested interest in the outcome. That alone should convince you to maintain net neutrality. Net neutrality isn't just important to me -- it is important to all of us. Access (or even degrees of access) to the Internet should not be determined by one's willingness to pay extra for it. The rich have enough advantages in this world. The Internet is a resource that allows even the poorest among us to reach for a higher rung on the social mobility ladder. Isn't that what America is all about? How can we call ourselves the "land of opportunity" if we close doors to self-improvement? Or even half-close them while holding the door wide open to those who can afford it? The FCC's job is to regulate media for the general welfare, not for the increased profits of corporations. Do your job, FCC. I'm not sure how this has even gotten as far as it has. Stop looking for a way to justify it and do the right thing. My students and I are depending on you.
—Jennifer Groepl, Cape Coral, FL

I have visited China, we do NOT want that, we want REAL NET NEUTRALITY. AND that is what the world expects, we despite our failures still stand for the option of FREEDOM in the world. Please do not dim this beacon.
—Antonia Shouse, Ithaca, NY

I am for equal spread of information on the internet, not only for those who have more money! I demand that information be kept accessible for all!
—Laura Graziano, Mars Hill, NC

The internet is the greatest tool of our age. Please help to keep it open and neutral so everyone has equal access to it and its information. A two tier system is inherently flawed.
—Cormac Doyle, Long Beach, CA

The internet is for THE PEOPLE...Government needs to stay out!..The FCC is WAY out of line on this. Tom Wheeler needs to be replaced.
—Kevin Hansen, Dallas, OR

I am a gamer and I basically live off the internet with Netflix and with crunchyroll (anime Netflix basically). I can't afford to pay a lot of money for the things I want/need in life and with all this going on I will basically recede to a cave man since I can't go out much because of my life the way it is. Please stop the madness!
—Jonathan, Greenfield, WI

Net neutrality is absolutely necessary for small companies in a world with only a few main Internet service providers.
—Barry MacKichan, Santa Fe, NM

The Internet can be consider an essential services there for it should be regulated like power utilities.
—Brian Hron, Milwaukee, WI

Everything is owned by few these days. The internet is one thing that should remain free, open and uncontrolled. Taking that away would only mean you're scared of the public having free access to information.
—Lyndsey Irish, BURLINGTON, VT

Dear FCC, Net Neutrality does not include a "good tier" and a "better tier" of service. In fact, our internet providers do a poor job at current of providing coverage to our universal "good tier". It would be better if you focused on forcing them to actually be customer service focused and provide better service than allow them to charge more money to companies they don't support or to consumers for "above average" internet.
—Rachel M. Barrett, Franklin, IN

The last thing the American people need is more corporate control in our lives; these people are already cluttering up the airwaves with advertising and putting citizens at risk by parking vehicles willy-nilly all over town with no significant effort to create safety zones around job sites. This kind of irresponsibility, and the egregiously awful attitudes of the customer service departments, do not bode well for our nation. Governments call the shots, or at least they used to; keep net neutrality central to the law. And try not allowing such monopolistic messes to develop in the first place; these companies are too big.
—Jeff L. Koehler, Portland, OR

Please don't divide the internet into a fast and slow lane. That kind of change will create an even greater division between people of wealth and those who are not. Please classify ISPs as common carriers so that the internet can remain neutral and in the hand of all rather than under the control of a few.
—Shara Mills, Ten Sleep, WY

Net Neutrality allows freedom of speech to exist on the internet. This would allow big corporations to do what dictatorships do (censorship) and destroy the free market
—Lance Ostrander, Rockville, MD

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!!!!
—Edward Tilbury, Las Vegas, NV

Net Neutrality is totally necessary for all types of businesses to have the chance to find customers for their products and services. Many businesses will not be able to compete or even participate in the marketplace if one must pay a higher price to be on a fast lane. Net Neutrality establishes a level playing field and must be maintained.
—Jane Birkenstock, Campbell, CA

Enough of this insanity! Keep internet free and market competitive. Stop slowing down our progress!
—V Jones, Highland, UT

We already have enough discrimination in the World that it hardly seems necessary to create more areas for disadvantage to be showcased. "Pay what you can afford" is a stunning principle when applied to a restaurant that allows patrons that cannot pay, to eat for free and accepts people paying more for their food than the listed price in order to compensate. "Pay this because it's all you can afford" is ridiculous. Being able to control who is chosen to win or lose is ludicrous. You cannot control everything and everyone.
—Kiyomi, Portland, OR

Please don't sell us out to the corporate interests.
—Bill Ruesch, Salt Lake City, UT

A neutral internet is critical for unimpeded democratic communication. The cost should be low. It is a utility.
—Claudia Griffiths, Camden, ME

It is imperative that the Internet remains neutral and does not cater to corporations and those able to pay enormous amounts to essentially block out other businesses.
—D Corbett, New York, NY

Dear FCC Chairman Wheeler, The two-tier proposal of the internet is not the way to go. If you were to do this, the toll would be severe for not just the companies, but the people using them as well. For the lower class to lower-middle class, most people would not be able to pay for the "faster lanes" which would make the companies lose profit and the people using them also have no way of using the internet the way it was intended to be. Don't let this get out of hand, keep the internet the way it is supposed to be.
—Bryce Lantry, San Antonio, TX

A two tiered network will broaden the rift between the rich and the poor. Only those with the cash will have the opportunity to enjoy faster speeds on important websites. I thought our Gov't was supposed to make our lives better, not allow the greedy to take more money from average citizens. Our internet is already throttled compared to other Countries. Japan, for instance, has much faster speeds for all of it's people. FCC, please work for the people, not the corporations. That's what we hired you to do in the first place. Thank you.
—Wendy Mason, Charlottesville, VA

Wheeler, what is wrong with you???? The internet was developed by the Military using Tax Payer funds! Why do you know think it is a good idea to give it to large corporations with a green light to charge internet users who have already paid for it when we paid our taxes? I am writing a letter to the President and will sign every petition to get you out of office - since you are a corporate lackey and not someone who cares about the American people. How much are they paying you?
—John Grand, Green Valley, AZ

Keep the internet free! I don't want those greedy fucking companies changing my rights as an internet user. Those corporate pigs will not take my rights away.
—Zachary Merwin, Martin, TN

FCC please reclassify internet providers as common carriers and allow the internet to stay neutral as it is now. Small companies and start ups will not be able to compete if providers can charge for access to customers at a different buffer rate. Keep the internet neutral and unbiased by big money.
—Stephen Mills, Snow Camp, NC

Space is not the final frontier anymore. In the age of information, the Internet is the last truly free and ever changing frontier. Mankind has managed to cross mountains and settle distant lands, cross oceans and explore foreign continents, dive into those same oceans and uncover wonders in their depths. Humanity even managed to leave Earth, if only for the briefest moments, and see the world from the outside looking in. Allow us to keep the last frontier unexplored and unregulated. All we ask is one. Of the people, by the people and for the people.
—Eddie Hamel, Oceano, CA

The USA have been the leading country in the development of the internet. As such, they MUST protect net neutrality. In a number of countries around the world, internet is the only way to by-pass censorship. These countries would be too happy if the USA were to abandon Net neutrality.
—Michel Sicco, Orléans,

We should all be equal on the internet, with equal access and minimal govt interference ... Do not restrict the internet. We don't want to end up like China with their filtering of content.
—Jerry Jacque, Phoenix, AZ

The existing, equitable, and long-standing standards of net neutrality are responsible for the numerous technological innovations and improvements to our quality of life as Americans. Please, despite the intense lobbying by ISPs like Comcast and Verizon, do not allow for these utility companies decide the future pace or cost of free thought, creativity and progress. Creating tiers to information access would be an attack on the rights of small businesses and individuals.
—Garner Blume, Boston, MA

People are happy when they freely read what they want to without interference. It makes their minds work.
—William Kazak, Lansing, IL

Favoring the rich again? Additional discrimination? Whatever happened to equality for all? It's long gone and if this bill passes, this is more proof. Please let ISPs be common carriers - no discrimination against those who can't pay for higher internet speeds. To be fair, net neutrality must remain.
—S Serge, Canton, GA

Who is this benefitting? Definitely not the majority. I SAY NO.
—Lawrence Parry, caldwell, ID

Because I don't want to live in the next Egypt.
—Logan ragsdale, memphis, TN

I am opposed to charging for faster internet access - this will cause harm to so many people who rely on equal internet access for their businesses and livelihoods. An open internet is imperative for fair and impartial proceedings and the only way to make sure all voices have an equal chance.
—Kelly Bradley, Dallas, TX

Please don't let these huge companies, AT&T, Verizon, Com-Cast buy the internet. Tell them - it's not for sale - eve! Tell them to "STOP TRYING to BUY the INTERNET - it's over don't try this purchase again!" I am the American People telling you and asking you to stop them - for us!!!!!!!
—Catherine Corwin, Santa Monica, CA

If you kill Net Neutrality there won't be a next google, netflix, facebook. Net Neutrality is critical for innovation. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers to protect the future of inovation.
—Shawn Doucet, Baton Rouge, LA

Dear FCC, We should make the internet neutral about the data and don't let profitable companies to decide who gets the bandwidth. Two-tired internet is a threatening act. Please be careful about the future. We will lose most of the hope for true democracy, true free economy, and freedom of speech. This has a potential to make the public weaker. Whoever pays will get to be seen and heard. It makes me, a teacher making free educational material, weaker. The reason that now internet works better than any other system in serving public is the fact that it is neutral. Internet is not broken and does not need this kind of catastrophic change at the moment. Do not let the ISPs to push you in believing that this will do good. This is an unjust power on the hand of few, and we all know what happens if you give few such a power. I do not want to give them the power to take away my bandwidth, even if you still think they won't do such things. ISPs need FCC's guidance to control them and regulate them for human-kind benefit. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers, so they can be controlled with the correct justice system. We do not need data bullies or potential data bullies at least.
—Roshan Tourani, Highland Park, NJ

The internet is inherently democratic and it absolutely must stay that way. If it doesn't we don't have the freedom of the press we need to stay a democracy.
—Jennifer Griebenow, Taylorsville, KY

Net Neutrality is important to continue so the Internet can continue the way it has been. Don't change it.
—Judy Epstein, Minneapolis, MN

The internet is the platform of free speech in this time and the for see able future. To limit access with the end of net neutrality would be putting limits on individuals constitutional rights of freedom of speech. This is a very bad idea! Sincerely, Chris Ehrnman
—Chris Ehrnman, UPLAND, CA

Your policy regarding a two-tiered Internet is unfair and will allow discrimination against online content and applications. I insist that you reject this plan and reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Sincerely, Penny Anderson
—Penny Anderson, Andover, MN

Net Neutrality is important to me because it will ensure the minority voice gets heard. Websites representing minority opinions will not have the resources to get in the "fast lane", so people will have a harder time accessing them. As a result, the internet will have an even bigger problem with racism, sexism, and homophobia than it already does. Net neutrality is more than just a business issue, it's a civil rights issue.
—Sarah Percival, Madison, WI

DON'T ALLOW THE PEOPLE'S VOICE TO BE DROWNED OUT BY CORPORATIONS. CORPORATIONS ARE NOT PEOPLE.
—Carol Laitinen, SAINT LOUIS, MO

The internet is the greatest scientific tool ever developed. Do not allow it to be destroyed in the name of capitalism. The advancement of our scientific development is more important than big money for corporate entities.
—Stacey Spiegel, Lancaster, CA

Dear Mr. Wheeler, Please keep the internet free and clear of a tiered system. Also, it is imperative the ISPs are reclassified as common carriers. If not, you're a scumbag.
—Chris Wolven, Powder Springs, GA

Net Neutrality is important to me for a few reasons: 1. Continued Innovation. The new proposal to provide tiered support will harm new entrants to the innovation race - the future Netflix and Amazons of the US - will be forced to compete on a skewed playing field where as the entrenched companies such as Netflix and Amazon will be favored by such an arrangement. NOT a pro-innovation step. 2. Consumers will be adversely affected being to forced to pay more for the different levels of service. The proposal is NOT consumer and end-customer friendly.
—Srinivas K Raman, FREMONT, CA

I don't want to live in an Orwellian world where the only information available is what the person with the deepest pockets wants to spoon feed me.
—Penelope Conlon, San Francisco, CA

This has international implications. Whatever the FCC decides will no doubt be adopted by other countries, and is a denial of the fundamental principles of the Internet.
—Doug Scott, Tonbridge,

Creating an unequal playing field is no way to handle or manage the futures of all Americans. Believe it or not our prosperity and future depends on a free and open exchanges of data on the internet. Giving preferential treatment to those that can pay more or requiring users to pay to have their data delivered faster is wrong. Regardless of what the data is it should all be treated equally. Internet Providers should not have the right to solicit for more money from anyone except their consumers. And the consumers should have the ability to choose their providers based on free market and competition.
—James E MacLain, Moravia, NY

A two-tiered Internet, a fast lane for companies that can afford the steep tolls — and push the rest of us to a slower tier of service is UNACCEPTABLE!!!!!! 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!
—Keith Rigdon, Jacksonville, FL

Please regulate ISPs under Title II. And try to get rid of the local monopolies all cable companies have. You could require ISPs to let all comers lease "last-mile" connections on equal terms. Treat ISP infrastructure like telecommunications infrastructure.
—Stephen Marney, Sarasota, FL

Everyone should have equal access to the internet and the proposed two-tiered system would place business interests ahead of the average citizen. Therefore I urge you to discard this potentially disastrous proposal and insure Net Neutrality. Equal access to all!
—John V Casciato, Tucson, AZ

Do NOT approve the "two-tiered" internet proposed by Chairman Tom Wheeler. It is a power grab by utility providers. It is NOT in the best interest of the working-class citizens of this country. RE-CLASSIFY ISPs as common carriers. Make them regulated by common carrier rules. Thank you.
—Mr. D-B Hudson, Sparks, NV

As a daily user of the internet, l want to continue to have one speed for all users and not allow profit motives to control the speed I have available to me.
—Richard Bush, moorpark, CA

Creating a two-tiered system of different internet speeds depending on the ISPs' ability to pay is unAmerican and anti-Internet. It cuts to the core of why the Internet was first dreamed up over 40 years ago: to allow anyone, anywhere to enjoy ALL of the benefits and features of instant communication and research on equal par with everyone else as long as Internet is available in one's area. This proposed change of rules would ruin that promise, and set us back decades in the fight for ending disenfranchisement and poverty with the accessibility of education through the Internet.
—Jenny C, CHAPEL HILL, NC

Please classify ISPs as common carriers and protect my ability to easily share and acquire data for my research into neurodegenerative disease. As scientists, we need an open internet that does not depend on tiered speeds. This decision affects more than just streaming the latest Holywood movie. Future innovations may be squandered without this reclassification!
—Emily Ozdowski, Durham, NC

Do not let the internet be governed by giant capitalistic companies that will increase prices for premium access.
—Reverend Max Lee, Fair Lawn, NJ

Dear FCC, I currently pay around $80 per month for terrible DSL service, where I get blazing fast speeds of up to 1 mb per second (sarcasm, in case you guys didn't notice; the Internet I have is horribly bad). Anyway, because I live in a "rural" area (even though there's houses all over the place) I have to deal with this Internet, and the crappy company that I buy it from. Oh, did I mention that this crappy company, with their crappy DSL Internet service from 2003, is my only option? Yep, that's right, the county I live in started a co-op for Internet, phone, and cable, and blocked other companies from putting their networks in the county. So basically, the county I live in has decided (like so many other counties, cities, and towns in this country) that it was going to stick with this one Internet and cable provider, and sign a contract with them saying that they can be the only Internet provider in the city/county/town. So I have three options, I can subscribe to their service and deal with it (this is what I'm currently doing), I could cancel their service and not have Internet, or I could move thirty miles to Chattanooga and live with some of the fastest Internet in the world. A lot of Americans are in the same situation I am. Does this seem fair to you? Do you think the American way of doing things is to limit the competition so that you can make all the money? According to the Akamai 2013 report, the United States is 11th in the world in Internet connection speeds among other developed countries, yet Americans pay the most out of any other country. In America, the average megabits per second to price per month ratio is 5:9, while in South Korea it is 10:1.8. Basically, that means that Ameircans (who live in a country that ranks 11th in Internet speeds) pay about 4x as much money for Internet that is 1/2x slower than South Koreans (who live in a country that ranks 1st in Internet speeds). So, why would Americans have to pay more for Ineternet that is half the speed? Simple, Internet companies in America don't give a damn about their customers, because they know they don't have to. Why don't they have to care about their customers like other companies do? Because Internet companies have really good lobbyists in Washington. These lobbyists then cut deals with congressmen and senators so that they have an advantage in the market, to a borderline illegal degree. In America, we have given too much power to Internet companies. In what other business would two giant companies like Comcast and Time Warner Cable be allowed to merge? Would Wal-Mart and Target be allowed to merge? No, because it would be unfair to the consumer. But, because of really good lobbyists who make congress turn a blind eye to these companies in the Internet Market, it is perfectly fine for Internet companies to be unfair, and to not care about the consumer. So now, here we are with the net neutrality issue. And here we are yet again with congress and the FCC taking sides with big business. So, why is an end to net neutrality bad for the consumer (and great for the FCC/Tom Wheeler)? 1) Tom Wheeler has ran many telecom companies and is undoubtably friends with the top executives of telecom companies. The end of net neutrality would be a great benefit for him so that he may gain power in the telecom industry. 2) Internet companies would legally be able to slow bandwidth to certain sites that they may be in competition with (we already see this happening illegally with Comcast and Netflix, though congress refuses to act). 3) Internet companies would be allowed to charge for a "fast lane" that allows users to access some websites faster and more efficient than others. These "fast lane" websites would undoubtably be websites that the Internet companies held a stake in, while almost any other website would be slow to load. 4) Internet companies can limit bandwidth to certain Internet services, forcing the Internet service to pay more money or deal with slow loading times for the users. This extra fee, of course, gets handed down to the customer of the Internet service. We've already seen this happen when Netflix was forced to raise it's price to new customers because Comcast decided to raise it's prices (not because Comcast had to raise their prices, but because they were bullies and wanted to make a point that they could). The problem that America is having right now is that it's trying the view the Internet as a corporation's property. The fact is is that the Internet isn't just about making money. The Internet is full of people, activities, protests, games, stories, news, and yes, business. The Internet isn't something We should be putting a price on. The Internet is a community, and the Internet is a REAL PLACE. The Internet has changed the world in terms of communication, information, and entertainment, and it still has a chance to get better. But it can't get better if it gets worse, and the new proposal to allow companies to charge for certain parts of the Internet is about as bad as it can get. This isn't just an issue of companies making money, it's an issue of limiting free speech and freedom of the press. I urge the FCC to reconsider their plans to end net neutrality. Ending net neutrality could see the end of the Internet all together, and we can't allow this to happen. The Internet is just too damn important for that. I thought America was against censorship, against monopolies, and against unfair treatment, but with policies like this continuing to go forward it seems the opposite is true. An end to net neutrality is the opposite of everything this country stands for, and you should be ashamed for even considering it. Sincerely, Jesse Rice
—Jesse Rice, Graysville, TN

Please consider alternatives to a two tiered system of fast lane and slow lane. I do not believe cable companies should be able to charge additional money for faster service for certain content. I have already experienced throttling on various video providers since the verizon ruling went through, forcing me to use one provider (my cable company) to purchase movies. This is unfair manipulation of the market and monopoly. Internet should be free and equally available to all. At the very least, people ought to have the power of choice on their providers. It is too important of an invention to be limited only to those who can afford it.
—Holly Hollar, Brentwood, TN

I do not want access to the "little guys" on the internet relegated to the slow lane!
—John Kirsten, Saint Charles, MO

The countries with the strongest economy from the internet have net neutrality. To allow anything else harms what has made the internet such a economic force in this county.
—Charlotte Lister, Chester, NH

As our country becomes two tiered as the middle class is squeezed out, we need a one tier internet more than ever. How can you justify this policy given your previous employment. It isn't right, and it seems money is all that matters to you. Well, net neutrality matters to the rest of us. Do the right thing.
—James Lanter, Blacksburg, VA

free internet access for all
—Egan Sanders, Denver, CO

The net is equal for all people & corporations. So if corporations are "people" too as the Supreme Court says than it is not fair that some "people" have more access, rights & power than other people. Remember the 14th amendment with it's equal protection clause. The internet was developed with public funds, keep it public and equal. VOTE TO KEEP NET NEUTRALITY FOR ALL, NOT JUST A FEW. Best a Regards, Dexter Decker 56 S Crestview Dr Adrian, MI 49221
—Dexter Decker, Adrian, MI

As a small business owner, net neutrality insures that my messages are seen and heard alongside those of my much larger competitors. I do not want my internet provider deciding for me or my potential clients which messages get priority. As a consumer, I want to have equal access to all information
—Lorraine Ball, Indianapolis, IN

I'm a small business owner, and net neutrality is essential to my success. Giving businesses with deeper pockets than me the unfair advantage of speed online would horribly derail my business.
—Ali Jangbarwala, Chino Hills, CA

Dear FCC, On a daily basis, I am bombarded with news stories that remind me of one simple fact: money is power. Those that do not have enough of it are trampled upon, and this is especially true in the political and legislative arenas. When I come home from work, I take comfort in knowing that I can sit down and enjoy the one avenue where every citizen and corporation is on an even playing field: the internet. Unfortunately, I believe that these proposed rules will prove to be utterly destructive to the internet, and will be detrimental to corporate competition, which is the cornerstone of our economic system. Please - vote to reclassify ISPs as common carries, and preserve the fair and equal arena that is the internet.
—Nathan W. Jones, Austin, TX

The your jobs as the custodian of the public trust instead of the take-out window for the telecom industry's wish list and support net neutrality.
—Chris Sherrill Cain, High Point, NC

Freedom and equality to all.
—Lugia Chan, North muskegon, MI

Charging for fast lanes is stupid, we already have internet so bad that we are barely even ranked in the world and you want to slow us down even more? Someone needs to fire the idiot that thought this was ok.
—Clarence Dustin Moore, Union, MS

We cannot have a fast and slow lane for the internet. We cannot have the ISP's charge the websites for fast and slow speeds. The price for fast and slow access is already paid by the consumer (Not the website). If you allow for ISP's to prioritize which websites get faster speeds that will destroy the internet. It must remain free. We will never have another breakthrough in communications greater than that of the internet and we cannot let the ISP's control who gets fast speed and who does not. The ISP's should not be double charging the consumers and the websites for speeds that they guarantee. The consumers already pay their fare share. Please keep the internet neutral.
—Tim, Grandview, MO

The internet was developed as a public good. To allow private telecom industries to essentially take it over and control access and resources would be like letting a private industry control peoples' access to electricity. The internet should be a catalyst for innovation of ideas coming from all corners to uplift humanity. Not something for corporations to "innovate" into new ways to make money at the expense of those without money and power who would lose equal access to this resources. So, please reclassify ISPs as common carriers!
—Sage Nagai, Las Vegas, NV

Please do not approve the proposed internet rules. Instead, reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Thank you.
—Ann Hickox, Tucson, AZ

I live in rural northern Wisconsin and it is important to me to have access to the Internet in the same way as those in big urban areas. Net Neutrality is important so that ALL American citizens have access to the same information and service at the same prices and speeds.
—Camille Olson, Park Falls, WI

The internet should not be regulated. Instead regulate the Internet Providers.
—Allan Ostrander, Onondaga, MI

Is America trying to become like Ireland or Australia, with its laughably bad Internet service? Freedom or else.
—Megan Tierney, Lawrenceville, GA

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 completely unacceptable. We HAVE to have net neutrality. Caroline
—Caroline Dando, San Francisco, CA

It befuddles me to think how Tom Wheeler et al would ever think this proposal is a good idea, but in short, it isn't. Please put the kibosh on this ridiculous proposal.
—Brandon Hutchinson, Crystal, MN

You realize of course that a two-tiered internet will effectively be regarded as a singular internet with cost-based obstructions to speed. As history has shown, the network will find a way to route around these obstructions. If the internet does not treat all traffic the same then what you will end up with is multiple different internets. This is a _bad idea_. Those who propose adding a "fast lane" are the same organizations who have made the United States network one of the most expensive and slowest of any developed nation. Now, out of greed, they want it to pay them even more and in return they will deliver even worse service. I urge you to think carefully and consider the unintended consequences of this action.
—David Kuhl, Arlington Heights, IL

Anything except complete and total net neutrality will discourage the initiation of hundreds maybe even thousands of companies that require the internet to not only exist but to thrive. If you look at the most successful companies now, they all have a major online presence and would have died out or, even worse, not existed if they would have had to pay for access to the people that would use their product.
—Anthony Dent, Columbus, OH

I want the internet as it is...Do not Change it FCC or Mr. Wheeler
—Myrna Kain, Everett, WA

Dear FCC, As presently constituted, the internet provides the only significant source of non-mainstream news and commentary; and does so in an open and free manner. To allow a two tiered system would relegate these sources to second class status and would further the interests of a very few providers and media companies. Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers to protect net neutrality. Sincerely, Bruce Berwald
—Bruce Berwald, Santa Cruz, CA

The internet isn't broken. Don't try to fix in favor of corporate government and financial hegemony. Let it be what it is and should be. Free, equal and independent.
—Scott T Mallory Sr., silver spring, MD

Taking away net neutrality is nobody's right! Please keep net neutrality for all people to have the freedom to use the internet without laborious restrictions!
—Steve elliott, Jacksonville, NC

Leave the Internet alone. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers. The vast majority of users want real net neutrality, not the two tier system you are trying to force the Internet into. R. Kemp
—Bob Kemp, Federal Way, WA

I'm writing to express my disapproval of any FCC plan for a tiered internet. As a rural customer who is already relegated to a satellite ISP for my middling speed access to the internet that costs me plenty as is, I am outraged that the FCC does not understand how necessary net neutrality access is to our lives. All ISPs should provide the same service to all of us within their capabilities, and at a reasonable cost. Too much money is wasted by the big ISPs on advertising their product, which for many of us is not available! As the modern day utilities they are they should be required to build out more of their accessibility to all of us, not relegate us to a further flawed system, as the FCC proposes to allow. This is a disgrace.
—Mr. Griswold Draz, Wellfleet, MA

Net Neutrality is essential to maintain equality in our country when more and more money seems to be the only thing that provides access to democratic resources.
—Mr. John D'Angelo, Valatie, NY

I myself find Net Neutrality to be important because I visit a lot of very small, independently owned websites that aren't hosted for profit. They are hosted out of pocket with the specific intention of providing content for their user base. The recent rulings by the FCC put these sites at risk if its users not being able to connect. Purposefully prioritizing website bandwidth by slowing down other sites so the larger, more wealthy websites can take priority is a terrible way to do business. These website owners are already paying to have their information hosted. I can understand wanting to provide faster access for certain websites willing to pay for it, but in order for ISPs to prioritize bandwidth for those sites, they would have to purposefully slow down or completely pull priority from other sites and hosts who have already paid their share to have their information hosted in the first place. It would be like cell phone carriers demanding that certain businesses pay an extra fee on top of their normal fees so customers can actually get through to the business, which is ILLEGAL. Net Neutrality is the same thing, and relabeling ISPs as common carriers would protect the internet from this kind of harsh, purposeful, and immoral discrimination. Net Neutrality is actually LAW in Europe. It assures that our freedom to information, an inherent Constitutional right guaranteed the Bill of Rights' Freedom of Speech and Freedom of the Press, is not hindered.The new laws passed by the FCC would intentionally limit that access to information, thereby going against the same Constitution that has guaranteed our rights and liberties for the last two and a half centuries. Appeal these laws, and relabel ISPs as common carriers, guaranteeing Net Neutrality's safety. Democracy was created so the people of the nation would have a voice against tyrants controlling the government. The people have spoken. Now prove to us that we are not ruled by tyrants and that this country is still a democracy!
—James Weldon, Hutto, TX

Controlling the internet is like controlling water or air; not yours or any entity to own. Its a resource for all of humanity to share.
—Korbin Uhlman, south brookfield,

FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler, The price of cable or satalite tv has grown out of reach for a lot of people. The price of cell service has also skyrocketed. Please don't let the internet become a luxury only for the wealthy! Internet service providers need to be reclassified as common carriers, which is what they really are! Sincerely, Carl Stephen Heinecke
—Steve Stephen Heinecke, Colorado Springs, CO

Really, are you kidding me?
—Michael Dezotell, San Diego, CA

corporations will not regulate fairly. new starts ups will not be able to gain access
—Peter Leibfred, laguna bch, CA

Because the world is round.
—Hugo Hilton-Brown, Uppsala, TX

As a member of the general public and as such a frequent user of the internet service and a subscriber to Comcast.net (the monopoly provider of cable in my city) I'm already paying outlandish fees for internet service. Please, RECLASSIFY ISPs AS COMMON CARRIERS so that the extra costs of fast lane access isn't passed on to me which is the ultimate consequence of your present position. Thanks.
—W Wayne Young, Salem, OR

Free access internet for all!
—Steve Menicucci, Suisun City, CA

I don't want to see whats being projected into my face through companies that restrict / support different kinds of traffic based on whether they like it or not . I should decide what informations i wanna consume
—Vladimir Lipták, Bratislava,

these rules are for companies gaining power. please stop
—Mike Ramos, long beach, CA

Open and free communications are the cornerstone of our democracy. Without the free exchange of ideas, we lose our ability to become informed citizens. The FCC already regulates the use of radio frequencies and television and telephone infrastructure to ensure no entity can abuse or harmfully restrict these channels of communication. With the rise of the internet, it is increasingly becoming the primary medium through which information and ideas are shared. Proposals are on the table which would allow entities to place harmful restrictions on the way ideas can be exchanged on the internet. The FCC must step up and do its job of ensuring the use of this vital and almost ubiquitous communications medium is regulated to prevent and eliminate such proposed abuses!
—Stephen Balukoff, Puyallup, WA

We need and want open access to the services that make the internet great as it is. Net neutrality gives us this. Keep information freely flowing.
—Samuel Wiltzius, Fitchburg, WI

just stop the nonsense. this is just out of control, and it has been for a long time. start listening to people again, not corporations that get to masquerade as people.
—Matt, Vancouver,

Eliminating Net neutrality will only make our country's relatively slow internet compared to other countries even slower. One day visiting your favorite online site and your page seems to slow down immensely you thunk this is because of a possible virus on your computer or perhaps it's just time to get a new one? Well in reality it's because your internet provider has decided that the website your trying to visit has not paid them enough money so they slow the page down for all their users who go through their internet provider. KEEP NET NEUTRALITY
—Zach Wolfe, Saginaw, TX

Reclassifying the ISPs is the only way to slow and possibly stop the rampant abuse of money and power in the internet industry. The ISPs shouldn't be allowed to screw everyone over like they have been just because they have money.
—Kyle Lawrence, Springfield, MO

Net Neutrality ensures customers get what they pay for and big companies can't put smaller companies out of business at will.
—Ryan White, Royal Oak, MI

The Declaration of Independence states all men are created equal. Therefore, as we are all equal, the internet should provide equal access in all areas to everyone. To enact the two tier level is repeating history, very bourgeois to the majority of the country, while giving the 1% yet an another advantage they don't need. Since our founding fathers stated all are equal, you should remember that fact and stay true yo the principles this great nation was founded on and protect net neutrality. Anything less than net neutrality for all goes against our founding father's dream for this country, belittles the sacrifices made by our brave soldiers when we fought for independence from England and is unpatriotic. If you truly care about America and it's citizens (which elect officials to Congress) then you will listen to and respect the will of the people in maintaining Net neutrality.
—Amy Bruner, Oklahoma City, OK

This is simply an issue that I will refuse to change my stance on. I will guess there are many of my fellow citizens who also demand net neutrality now!
—Dan Sterkin, St Peters, MO

Americans have equal access to passage on America's roads, they should have un-biased access to the flow of information. They should not be held up by brigands and privateers.
—Dan Truman, Woodside, NY

FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler is pushing a plan that would allow rampant discrimination online. This is a slavery! We are FREE people and we DON"T let some person named Tom Wheeler make us slaves!
—Margarita A Ivanova, Seattle, WA

We need net neutrality. It is rediculous that corporations should control everything in this country. What will it take to realize that the citizens need to have access to information to help better themselves. Why not lock up the libraries too. When you continue to put dollars in front of people, you erode the foundation on which we stand.
—Carolyn Jones, Minneapolis, MN

The internet is the greatest bastion of free speech we have. If you want to show any semblance of dedication to the people of this nation that you claim to represent, please don't give it to corporations. Thank you.
—Michael Rianda, Chualar, CA

Net neutrality is as important in our modern world as the right to vote. Please protect it!
—Lawrence Camp, Morganton, NC

Separate is inherently unequal. Don't split the internet into tiers.
—Elizabeth Wailes, Winston Salem, NC

Please protect net neutrality and reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Christopher Willis, heber city, UT

Please protect Net Neutrality!
—Kathleen Lawrence, Cathedral City, CA

I am sure the larg suppliers of content will end up with more out of my pocket,if to do not continue net neutrality . H Faust
—Howard Faust, Dayton, OH

Come on! What are you waiting for? We need real net neutrality right now. I'm writing to ask you to please reclassify ISPs as common carriers, so that we don't have a caste system on the internet.
—Allan Dorr, Gambrills, MD

Please preserve free access to the internet.
—Bill Kastelman, Cranford, NJ

Please reclassify Internet service providers as common carriers so that internet speed and access stay equal for everyone.
—Kiril Kostov, Tilst,

Keep the internet fair for everyone!
—Zachary Hirschfeld, Pittsburgh, PA

Net neutrality is important to me because as a consumer it could mean higher prices for internet services. Also, the internet should not be set up to make those who have money to have more power, this makes a path to ab internet oligarcy and steals from the free form of the internet. The internet is one of the last forms of truly free press, and the laws recently set forward insure it's demise.
—Preston Hitzler, Mesa, AZ

The internet is a powerful medium of free speech for everyone. It deserves to stay such.
—Brenton Simon, IRVINE, CA

Dear FCC, Net Neutrality is essential. A two-tiered, pay-for-premium service plan is bad for customers, is bad for innovators, and is bad for the future. Please stop advancing this process. The right thing to do is reclassify ISP's as common carriers. Please act accordingly. A concerned citizen, ~Adam Blue.
—Adam Blue, Cornish, NH

It is all important, just as is free speech.They are linked. Corporate influence is de facto editing, silencing and obfuscation. If we are a country which still regards free speech as right, then net neutrality follows.
—Mr. Thomas Osgood, Santa FE, NM

Maintaining Net Neutrality is important for several reasons. Allowing cable companies (ISP's) the ability to discriminate speeds based on content, will effectively give them the power to influence which internet-based services are successful, and which are not. On the net, speed is extremely important - It can make or break a company. This is not conducive to free-enterprise, nor is it allowing a fair playing field for businesses to grow and compete with one another. This is not in the spirit of the internet, nor will it encourage it's growth - It will only serve to destroy it.
—Ryan Dinan, Washington, MO

Creating a two-tier Internet will lead to a world in which big corporations more completely dominate the dissemination of content, leading to a squeezing out of other voices and less diversity in our broader cultural discussion. This is not the kind of world any of us will want to live in.
—Tag Evers, Madison, WI

All websites and services should be treated the same, and should be given the same consumer and business access. I do not believe in a Fast Lane approach to the internet. 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. Without an open internet, big corporations would have tight control over how we access websites and services. I believe the FCC should throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Craig McLane, Los Angeles, CA

To whom it may concern, As a citizen of this country I would like to insist that the FCC do the bidding of the people it represents by instituting net neutrality (declaring broadband / internet / fiber a utility). The majority of people who live in the US are tired of corporations wielding their weight to suit ends which negatively impact the general population and instead favor monopolistic ventures that benefit only the limited few. Please help bring this country back to a stasis where freedom, liberty and justice for all prevails by making a commonsense choice. As government employees, it would be completely unethical to do otherwise. Throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. DO THE RIGHT THING. Thank you,
—Carlos Palacio, Davis, CA

our government is so out of whack. we need to find help for we, the citizens. net neutrality is a no-brainer. WHY would or could you consider anything but? business should not run the government and they will overrun we citizens who will be forced to pay more for basic services. please. vote for net neutrality.
—Dianne Kennedy, dallas, TX

Reclassify the internet as a common carrier. This is what the majority of American citizens want. If the United States is a still a Republic for the People then there is NO reason for this debate.
—Wenger, Maynardville TN, TN

Reclassify internet/broadband as common carrier. Anything short of this only serves special interests and the 1%.
—Michael Berquam, Spokane Valley, WA

I and millions of other artists want to post our art on a free internet and everyone can have equality on it. Please do not put rules on us. Keep the internet free.
—Emily Barber, Ethel, LA

Hello, I plan on starting a small business. I do not want to lose competitive advantage to larger players with a "two tier" system. I demand real net neutrality. Paul Lyons
—Paul Lyons, Seattle, WA

Net neutrality is important to keep the internet fair for any website or start up trying to make a name. Without it new website, apps, search engines, and any new site like twitter or YouTube or something new altogether can be crushed cause they don't have the funds for the fast lane. YouTube,Twitter, and Facebook would not have been able to get as big as they are now without Net Neutrality. They would have been crushed by bigger companies or internet providers who didn't want them around. Keep the internet equal for all so the US and world can see and enjoy all the old and new great and amazing things that people will create and make for everyone to use. Everyone should have the same shot to make it big with their big ideas. Don't crush it and kill what makes the internet amazing.
—John Swanson, Philadelphia, PA

FCC shame on you for putting the interests of corporations over those of ordinary working citizens. You are why we have no faith in the system. Get rid of Tom Wheeler. He does not represent us. I have nothing left to say to you that does not require the use of the f-word.
—Ada Rubin, San Jose, CA

This is a no-brainer. There is absolutely no reason to change the internet from the democratic medium that it is, except to corrupt it. Do you want to be the people responsible for literally corrupting the internet, for all future generations to look back on and scorn?
—Megan Wedge, Orlando, FL

This is unacceptable. I demand Net Neutrality. Discrimination is a crime of the highest degree.
—David M., Tustin, CA

Please leave the internet open with equal access for all.
—Marlys Halvorson, Mount Vernon, WA

FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler is pushing a plan that would allow rampant discrimination online... Tom Wheeler, what moves you? Internet service providers like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon promised you rollback if you will deprive the rights of freedom from regular people? We know, it's all politics. Politics is dirty. Don't let yourself get mired in the mud just because you are in politics! Stay human being! We want our freedom!
—Margarita A Ivanova, Seattle, WA

I do not want the cost of my Internet service to rise.
—J Paul Lanier, Albuquerque, NM

The internet needs to be kept neutral because without it innovation will be crippled and the ISPs will just slow down sites they don't like which is bullshit.
—Jake Sullivan, Newport Beach, CA

Internet should be equal for all! Don't leave us at the whims of greedy corporations!
—Lisa Baumoel, Amherst, MA

The FCC's proposed internet rules are unfair and discriminating. Internet service providers should be classified as common carriers.
—John Kelley, Menands, NY

I am on a fixed income and can hardly afford or support a two-tiered internet service plan proposed by the major internet and cable giants AT&T,Comcast and Verizon.These companies have more than enough money to influence government policies to favor them with ever increasing charges and hidden fees,discriminate against online content,applications and their competitors.For the sake of consumers like myself these companies that provide internet services need to be reclassified as common carriers and the FCC needs to protect net neutrality for all consumers of internet services.
—Alan Minietta, Wheat Ridge, CO

Please work to prevent discrimination online. We should not have a two-tiered Internet. Thank you for your consideration.
—Alma Shaffer, albemarle, NC

Preserving a free internet is the only way to both foster innovation and preserve the global nature of the world wide web. To give a few powerful corporations the ability to create "fast lanes" is to give them the means to corrupt the spirit and core functionality of the internet to serve their own corporate goals To break net neutrality is the first step to ending the wonder that is a free and open internet and subjugate it to the whim of powerful internet providers in the process of reinventing themselves as content providers. And now that corporations have been ruled to be people and have the right to their religious convictions, it is not much of a stretch to imagine my local provider taking advantage of its quasi-monopoly and the control you are considering granting them, to prevent or hinder my access to material not in line with its agenda or interests in total disregard of my freedoms. Karim Sylla
—Karim Sylla, Gaithersburg, MD

Protect Net Neutrality. Throw out your rules FCC and reclassify ISP's as common carriers.
—Nancy Kalina, Bloomington, IN

Can you name ONE time such power has NOT been abused?
—Jeremy Korcykoski, Johnson City, NY

Internet access speed should not be allowed to be monopolized by big media interests vying for viewer-ship of their mindless content. Reclassify ISP's as common carriers before it is too late.
—Lloyd Tebbets, Lebanon, MO

TV is controlled so we need access to real information!
—Betty Phillips, Pittsboro, NC

The Internet is open and only if the small server gets the same rules will it be the USA of the digital age. It needs to be reclassified so this falls under FCC regulation
—Joshua Wilcox, Holyoke, MA

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers, and protect the net!
—Ms. Ericka Cero Wood, Scottsdale, AZ

The people of this country are the ones who vote, you might try to remember that and stop stomping on our rights.
—Jada Baker, Eagle Point, OR

Listen to what the PEOPLE want/need: free, unfettered & equal access. Do not be swayed by the monied interests no matter what they whisper in your ear or promise you. Thanks for listening to 'we the people'.
—Barbara Keating, Blue Lake, CA

Net neutrality reprents one of the last vestiges of democracy left to the average citizen. Creating a two tier system of internet service only benefits a handful of mega companies at the expense of the majority of Americans. There is no demonstrable need for a tiered system other than profits for the very few.
—Dean Reiman, Sisters, OR

The growth in the USA's economy has been, and will continue to be largely based around innovative small companies. Do you really want to destroy that to protect a handful of large corporate interests? That's just unamerican. You should be ashamed.
—Christopher McBride, Kirkland, WA

Net neutrality is important because the internet allows for equal access to worldwide information 24/7.
—Julia Bittleston, Elgin, OK

Net neutrality preserves the free flow of information which is what the internet is all about. Neutrality should be preserved and no corporate ISPs should ever be granted this unfettered access and control over it.
—Ron Sutter, GUYS MILLS, PA

Network neutrality drives economic innovation, democratic participation, and free speech online. Many of today's most successful applications were able to develop because a neutral playing field allowed them to develop alongside other more dominant, pre-existing players. Without some basic protection for net neutrality, an oligopoly of phone and cable companies will be in a position to control the information that travels over the Internet, possibly cutting restrictive deals with the highest bidding companies and shunting aside innovators, small businesses and entrepreneurs. In this situation, the network operators will be able to choose winners and losers. In a neutral network, it is the users who have the power to choose which applications will be successful. The big losers will be small and medium-sized businesses, entrepreneurs, start-ups, independent media, and content producers. These groups, the very people who have made the Internet the success it is today, will find themselves at a huge disadvantage vis-à-vis those companies who have the financial resources to purchase faster access to Internet users.
—Jamie Raisbeck, Melbourne,

The United States should be able to enjoy the same net neutrality and high speed broadband as Japan and European nations. The FCC would be doing a disservice to the American public by scrapping net neutrality.
—James DeAngelis, Brooklyn, NY

An open and fair internet is key to the lives and future successes of so many people. I am a struggling musician with little backing, so to be able to access and get my music on the internet is critical to my goals as an artist. Please do not succomb to the wants of a couple of corporations when The People do not want Net Neutrality to be a thing of the past.
—Todd Harris, Murfreesboro, TN

I lived before the internet so I know I can live without it again. Eliminating Net Neutrality with this proposed rule will spell the death of internet for most people. It will have an extreme economic impact on all retailers and other businesses who rely on internet customers. I have just recently eliminated my cable T.V. service because the cost of it exceeded its perceived value to me. If good internet service becomes too expensive, I will do the same with internet. I think the Post Office could use our business, not to mention the phone companies. I don't say I am an example of what others will do, but I know that you are imposing a rule that surely will devalue the internet for most people. People have to choose carefully what matters to them in our expensive world. The internet may be something we are addicted to, but remember what happened to smoking. We stopped. Be forewarned.
—Linda Ballew, Sammamish, WA

it should be available regardless of income
—Susan Armour Seidman, Shorewood, WI

The United States of America was founded on freedom. Our rights as American Citizens are being taken away day by day. We can not afford to have our right to free information on the internet be impeded in any way. We all have the same rights, rich or poor. Do not discriminate!
—Mark Weimer, Gowanda, NY

No new rules reclassify ISPs as common carriers! Protect net neutrality It's what is fair!!!!
—Deb Cusa, Louisville, CO

The internet is the ultimate freedom of speech and needs to just as important as your private phone calls. Please keep the internet free of Tierney....
—Robert Fields, Washington, MO

The internet was developed with public money and has been a launching pad for a really wide range of interesting ideas, companies, platforms for political, social, and aesthetic engagement. I think that a two tiered system will create barriers for new services and companies to gain users leaving the playing field permanently tilted in favor of those who have already gained a foothold. It isn't fair, it isn't American, and the proposed classification particularly isn't really even logical. Please reconsider.
—Gerard Lynn, New York, NY

Dear FCC: The internet was developed for the people. Corporate control would destroy the idea of Net Neutrality. Please keep the internet in the hands of the majority not the vested interest of corporate few who throw their weight around like it was their rights. We live in a democracy.
—Vincent Murphy, Smithtown, NY

For the sake of our democracy, to improve the ability of The People to have a say in how our government operates, net neutrality must remain. For the sake of small business owners to have a chance of competing against huge multi-national corporations, net neutrality must remain.
—Diana Sanderson, Lincolnville, ME

Net Neutrality is probably the only reason I have even been able to survive over the last five years. As the real world jobs went away, online was the only refuge I had for small jobs and a renewed shot at my education. To destroy that is to destroy everything that has helped many, many Americans besides myself get through the worst of the worst.
—Johnathon Keith Haney, Athens, TN

The internet is the most important tool for the human race EVER!! Do not allow private interests to control the internet for their own gain. Allow the internet to be used equally and fairly by everyone on the planet.
—Steven Cheal, Logan, UT

It's really important that people are not discriminated against online. Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Niki Taylor Wezensky, Livonia, MI

Internet service is a utility, and should be classified as such. To allow ISP's to create internet "fast lanes" will destroy this valuable tool. Do the right thing. Do right by the PEOPLE, not by those few with the most money.
—Jake Forrester, Washington, DC

Please do what the majority of our country expects you to do; reclassify internet service providers as common carriers.
—Beverly Henry, Huntersville, NC

Net neutrality is essential to keeping our society moving towards a just and democratic one. Please make it so! Rick Casey Lafayette, CO
—Rick Casey, Lafayette, CO

Dear FCC, Please throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Please protect real Net Neutrality for all. Thank you very much.
—Cecile Laflamme, Pine Beach, NJ

The effort by large service provider corporations to charge content providers for faster service, will serve to drive up their profits at the expense of everyone else. It is flatly against the interest of the american people. net neutrality allows small entrepreneurs like myself to start business on an equal playing field with big corporations, this supports the middle class and allows greater innovation and all around producivity. In an era of rapidly expanding in equality this would be one more giant step in the wrong direction. The FCC needs to step up for the american people on this one and fight back.
—Rafe R. Kelley, Seattle, WA

There is something so un-American to have an elitist net. Please don't allow this to happen.
—Jeanne DiLeo, Sunnyvale, CA

Internet access should be regulated like gas, electricity or any other utility
—Nicholas Klein, Somerville, MA

We THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA..... the people..... your garbage collectors, restaurant waiters and bus boys, school teachers, auto workers, office mechanics, street sweepers and housewives, your neighbors, your friends.... who work HARD for their living.... insist, INSIST.... the NET REMAIN OPEN AND FREE. Long live net neutrality. Down with obscene corporate profits and greed!! THANK YOU FOR DOING RIGHT BY US... us, the people, the hard working people of America.
—Joan Elena Goldberg, Laredo, TX

You are infringing on the privacy of all Americans. We are sure that you wouldn't like to be tracked, taped and monitored 24/7/365 in what is supposed to be a free Republic, well we don't either and we will not tolerate your snooping into our private lives as if we were terrorists. The government has secured that title through it's action and they do everything they can to make sure they are related to it. Get out of our lives and take pictures of your family instead and track them-after all you can, they are your loved ones-so carry on and do what's moral, not a command from the gestapo leader.
—George Mandell, West Haven, CT

Leave the internet be. Stop trying to monopolize the internet.
—Adrian, Bakersfield, CA

This is a country founded on equality. A tiered system is essentially setting up inequality. Companies like Comcast can continue to throttle data when it feels like it while we consumers continue to pay their exorbitant fees. PROVIDE REAL NET NEUTRALITY.
—Jeremiah Joson, Bakersfield, CA

The only way to preserve true Net Neutrality is to reclassify Internet Service Providers as common carriers!
—Jordan, Bloomington, MN

It's outrageous that the FCC would even consider allowing already greedy monopolies that already overcharge for internet service to pick and chose the type of speed and who they provide fast speeds to based on who can afford to pay extra. Please FCC let's move forward and not backwards. The internet should remain an efficient means of providing information, shopping and entertainment to us all not just who can afford to pay extra! I'm a small business owner, considering providing online shopping....I know that the expense of providing online purchases for my customers would be unobtainable if this law passed.
—Shari V Andrews, Chicago, IL

I believe the FCC embrace Net Neutrality and stop its plans to move forward with a two-tiered Internet. This misguided proposal would create a fast lane for companies that can afford the steep tolls while pushing the rest of us to a slower tier of service. This is the worst thing imaginable for the Internet. The only way to protect free speech online is to reclassify Internet service providers as common carriers and regulate them accordingly. Consumers already pay plenty for Internet access - the FCC needs to stop giving them more. The US already lags behind the rest of the developed world in terms of universal Internet access and speed; the FCC needs to address those issues instead of perpetuating a system of Internet haves and have-nots.
—Dean Theodosakis, Yorktown, VA

In my opinion capitalism is ruining humanity and our planet. MONEY IS THE ROOT OF ALL EVIL!
—Benjamin Dylan Prescott, CHICHESTER, NH

Say NO to a two tier strucutre it's time these big companies stopped getting their way.
—Kevin Cabral, New Bedford, MA

I'm not a geek by any means, just a 58 year old guy, who has seen this country go down the drain in many areas. My greatest concern is wealth and income disparity, which on the surface seem to have nothing to do with net neutrality, but it seems to me you are ruling in favor of corporate interests, rather than "WE THE PEOPLE". If this is the case then you are corrupted as a regulatory agency. If it is not then please explain why all these people are so upset about your proposed plan.
—William King, elgin, IL

Dear Chairman Tom Wheeler, Please reconsider your decision and classify Internet Service Providers as common carriers. If you go through with your plan, this will destroy opportunities for small businesses to flourish and will not allow small companies to compete against larger businesses. Again, please reconsider your decision. Thank you.
—Brett Smith, Perth Amboy, NJ

Providers pushing for the two-tiered internet want to make big bucks providing high-paying customers with uninterrupted entertainment media, while leaving those of us using the internet for communications, business, news, research, and other essential activities plodding along in the slow lane. Basically, it's the high profits for a few major companies against the public good.
—Billlee D Mundorff, Los Lunas, NM

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. You can not do this!
—Flo Haeckh, Berlin,

Please tell the FCC to throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. I believe this is vitally important to the future of the internet and those who use/depend on it. Thank you.
—Daina Wilburn, Everett, WA

Net neutrality is a MUST. Please do NOT implement any kind of tiered system for the internet. Make blocking or speed alternations illegal. Please do not sacrifice the openness of the Internet for any kind of business profiteering.
—Scott Foust, Phoenix, AZ

Is this true, Mr. Wheeler? "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." If so, why are you allowing this to happen. There is great innovation in a free and open Internet. The cable companies already get plenty in service fees to bring the Internet to my home. It seems un-American to me to limit competition as you plan to do.
—J Stephen Cleghorn, Reynoldsville, PA

I want the FCC to abandon its proposed rules to create a two tiered internet and 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. NO THANKS!
—Richard Bledsoe, San Diego, CA

Getting rid of net neutrality is network racism
—Yeonoh Jung, champaign, IL

You should resign. Leave the internet alone.
—Michael Akuma, Chicago, IL

This can't be happening here in the US of A... I served in the US Army 1966-1968 I worked many years to reach retirement, don't make the internet another toy for the wealthy only!
—George McAnanama, Binghamton, NY

What is the justification for the proposed two-tiered Internet? I have relatives in rural Indiana and only dial-up connections are available where they live. They are painfully slow and nearly impossible to use to send graphics. My cousin said it once took 18 hours to download a picture sent to her. After a while she decided just to let it run, time it and see how long it really took. There is already a great divide economically in our country and corporations have a dangerously high impact on legislatures. Please do not increase this inequality by approving the FCC's proposed Internet rules. Net Neutrality is fair to everyone. Please do not destroy it.
—Louise Hodges, Portland, OR

Dear FCC, Despite your chairman's repeated reassurances, ISP's need to be reclassified as common carriers. I like the Internet better the way it currently is than with your proposed changes. "World War III?" I don't think so. Also, please do what you can to prevent the merger between Comcast and Time Warner. Please, Mr. Wheeler, don't cater to corporate lobbyists (even though you once were one yourself). Demonstrate that democracy is not for sale.
—Paul Flansburg, Lima, NY

This is a decision to allow a flat playing field for all, or, to give the big companies the right to hold us hostage as was the case with Bell Telephone and the monopoly it once held. We can't allow companies to give advantage to whomever they wish.
—Dave Reed, Broussard, LA

I'm writing to you to request that you reclassify ISPs as common carriers and establish a level playing field for everyone using the Internet. Use of the Internet is central to modern life, and we must preserve equality for everyone, regardless of how much money each person or entity can pay. Thank you for considering my comments.
—Diana Gillis, Tracy, CA

Protect free speech and business growth online: reclassify Internet service providers as common carriers.
—Joseph McCallister, Greeley, NE

Net Neutrality is extremely important to the public and anything different would set a horrible precedent that cannot happen. Allowing broadband carriers to control what people see and do online would fundamentally undermine the principles that have made the Internet such a success. This simply cannot happen and would also violate are freedoms given by the Constitution. We must keep the complete freedom of the internet intact and never put it in the hands of the government or any major corporations.
—Eric Finley, Charlotte, NC

When the decision on what information will be available is controlled to the highest bidder freedom as we know it will be lost forever. My freedom and right to know is not for sale.
—Ronald Capone, Boynton Beach, FL

Net Neutrality is important to me. Please stop allowing big business to ruin America
—John Galdo, Augusta, GA

We want the internet to be truly free. We won't take this discrimination and demand you reclassify.
—V, NV, NY

A free and open internet is imperative for the continued thriving of culture in our democracy! Anything less would be devastating to the creation of art and originality of thought in our society!! Don't asphyxiate the common person's access to information, culture and expression of self to satisfy the monopolistic, parochial interests of corporate entities. The forthcoming FCC decision on this issue shall reveal the true physiognomy of our government and society as a whole.
—Brian Carrigan, Norman, OK

Internet providers need to be common carriers - they can't mutually agree to not compete in a free market to arbitrarily drive up pricesthe internet speeds of households in America pales in comparison to internet speeds in china. Beyond that everyone has the right to access content equally, create content equally, and the chance to be heard equally. Free press means nothing when six organizations own all the television, news publications, radio stations and magazines. Isn't that enough for the FCC to deal with or does the internet need to be owned by the few and the wealthy as well? The internet is the only place left for true freedom of expression and humanities best shot at overcoming differences and organizing in the event of emergencies - no company or organization federal or private has the right to that platform over the free people.
—Kirsten Allen, Tallahassee, FL

Hello, net neutrality is extremely important. It gives every one, every company, small all large an equal playing field. The users are already paying for accessing the net the whole net not only a net where only some players can afford to be present. No net neutrality is like a toll road that you first have to pay for using and then finding out that you will only be allowed to drive in full speed if you have a certain car brand that is also striped with ads for another brand. It's the opposite of freedom
—Daniel Bruce, Stockholm,

It is not right that our corporations profit off controlling our internet. Please do what is right and save our Net Neutrality. Thank you.
—Biagio Cacciatore, Novato, CA

I would like to say that you people are completely mistaken in thinking what you are doing is right. In fact you probably realize it is wrong, but are too busy lining your pockets with Verizon, Comcast, and AT&T's dirty money to realize that this is a problem. This proposal sucks and you people suck if you pass it. You will cause riots if this goes through.
—Tim Sheehan, Columbia, MO

Dear FCC: The Internet has been grandfathered in as a communication tool for the indigenous world. Please dont mess with it!
—Rose Davis, San Diego, CA

The internet is for everyone, not just those that can afford to pay extra for faster service. The internet is our press and must be kept free and equal!
—Mr. Larry A White, Clinton, CT

The ISP's should be classified as common carriers.
—Taylor Clauson, Overland Park, KS

Create true Net Neturality on the Internet. Do not let network providers such as AT&T, Comcast and Verizon dictate the terms of the Internet.
—Brian Lauer, Lexington, KY

Tom Wheeler, you are a minion of evil, and are representative of everything wrong with the world today. Resign, and give your job to someone who cares about people, instead of their own greedy self-interests.
—Brian M Knox, Columbus, IN

Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Brian York, gatlinburg, TN

Net Neutrality is integral to being able to run my small business. I've already seen the effects of ISP monopolies and the erosion of Net Neutrality. I'm terrified that the incoming policies will make small businesses fail, will erode my access to news and communication, and will compromise my civil rights. Unfortunately, the more I learn, the more I believe these fears are founded.
—Melissa Goldman, Brooklyn, NY

NO ONE HAS THE RIGHT TO OWN FREE SPEECH AND FREE SHARING OF INFORMATION!!! NO MONOPOLY OF CORPORATIONS HAS THE RIGHT TO CHARGE US FOR ACCESS TO OUR FREEDOM OF SPEECH AND SHARING OF INFORMATION SO THAT THEY CAN PROFIT FROM IT!!!!
—Trae Smaron, WOODBURY, NJ

Catering to business and wealth has caused our great to become a shadow of its former self. Do not lead us further down the wrong path, Tom.
—Brian Allen, portland, OR

The free Internet is essential to allow small businesses and startups to be competitive with large, existing companies. Please do not cave to the avarice of the big companies! Protect the public!
—Lee Collins, Wellesley, MA

FCC throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—John Jeayes, port macquarie,

Net Neutrality is essential to keep Oligopolies from withholding speeds to certain websites or customers. Everyone deserves to have the same access, not just the lucky few in the "fast lane". The internet needs to stay neutral.
—Lynn Peculis, North Olmsted, OH

Adding the NET to the list of Human Achievements usurped by The Wealthy and Powerful as antoher tool to Mine the rest of us is not in the best interest of anyone but the RIch Businesspeople who will profit.
—James J Stone, Hayward, CA

Without net neutrality, the access to the internet will become more expensive and even more importantly monopolies will control what we see. How can that help our society become more inclusive? To save our democracy we need more openness, not less.
—Nancy Dennett, Sonoma, CA

I have been an internet advocate since the 90's when we had dial-up. As technology advances it should be shared with the entire population...not restricting high-speed access to the highest bidder!
—Seth Haynie, Phoenix, AZ

Mr. Wheeler - Please set your ego aside & do the RIGHT thing; give us true 'net neutrality'! A real public servant has the courage & self confidence to realize when he's wrong, & then changes his mind! What are you going to do?
—Mr. Tom Simons, Denver, CO

Reclassify the ISP's as common carriers now.
—Jeremy Bryant-Berg, Eugene, OR

“Those who surrender freedom for security will not have, nor do they deserve, either one.” - Benjamin Franklin
—Gabriele T, -,

Give us real internet neutrality. The two tier system you have proposed is ignorant and unworkable. Your plan will kill innovation and make it even more difficult to start a new online business. Give us REAL internet neutrality.
—Jeremy Granger, Mandeville, LA

As a retiree on a fixed income, I would like to avoid any possible increases in Internet fees as a result of ending net neutrality. I am scarcely able to afford Netflix streaming video as it is, and this is one of the few things I do for entertainment. If my AT&T DSL service fees for fast internet increase, I'll have to abandon streaming altogether. Let's keep the status quo and not forget that some of us aren't rolling in cash.
—Ron Ellis, San Francisco, CA

The internet was designed to be a medium for the open sharing of information. By ending Net Neutrality, you are perpetuating the monopolistic cronyism that tears away at society's patience these days. When you allow large companies to dictate what people see and when they see it, you are no better than the other overbearing, corrupt countries you publicly badmouth continuously. Please don't ruin the internet....we have enough things going horribly in this country. Do something right for a change; the people WANT NET NEUTRALITY!
—Chris Scott, Phoenix, AZ

In this day and age, almost everyone in America uses the internet. Whether it be for browsing the web, playing video games, watching videos etc. We already don't have spectacular internet speeds for the prices we pay now. Passing this will only exacerbate things and make force people to pay EVEN more to get something that will probably be the same as what they pay now. This can't be allowed to go through or it will probably kill almost all internet business.
—Matt Dobe, Epsom, NH

The FCC's proposed Internet rules are terrible. Chairman Tom Wheeler’s 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. This "fast lane" nonsense is abhorrent. These companies would have the power to pick winners and losers online and discriminate against online content and applications. And the consumers won't be able to do anything about it. ISPs must be reclassified as common carriers. This is the only way to protect real Net Neutrality.
—Tricia Ee Van Molbert, Minneapolis, MN

As someone who has been working on and with the internet for close to 30 years, it need to be protected from corporate domination. It is simple one of the greatest technological implementations ever and it needs to remain equally accessible for all. The US and the world economies depend on it.
—Mark Maguire, Groton, MA

A tiered internet gives cable companies even less of a reason to upgrade their networks. Consumers will lose if this happens. ISP already have an unfair advantage in the market lets not give them more of one.
—Brian Alvarez, nashville, TN

The Internet makes certain commercial activities easier--shopping, banking, investing. But it also a source of educational materials and social interaction for many people who are otherwise unable to learn or interact with others because they live in rural areas with few opportunities for social interaction and little access to public libraries. It is unfair and unreasonable to make their access to the Internet harder and more expensive. Please don't hand another piece of America to corporate greed.
—Morgan Smith, Trumansburg, NY

As an Internet user who believes strongly in the importance of a free and open Internet, I urge the FCC to reclassify broadband Internet access as a telecommunications service, and save Net Neutrality. In addition, the FCC should reject the proposed rules that would allow Internet service providers to divide the Internet into fast lanes for wealthy corporations and slow lanes for the rest of us.
—Scott Rogers, Annville, PA

America needs the fastest internet possible
—George Bourlotos, Belleville, NJ

WE NEED INTERNET NEUTRALITY, NOT MORE RESTRICTIONS THAT COULD RAISE PRICES FOR CUSTOMERS. THIS MONOPOLY IS NOT FAIR, AND MUST BE SPLIT UP LIKE THE BELL SYSTEM WAS. STOP ALLOWING COMCAST TO FORCE ITS PAYING CUSTOMERS TO PAY THEM TO SPY AND COLLECT ALL PHONE, VIDEO MESSAGING, VOICEMAIL, ALL INTERNET ACTIVITY, ALL CABLE TV ACTIVITY. THEY ARE THE MONOPOLY IN MANY AREAS AND WE HAVE TO HAND OUR RIGHT TO PRIVACY AWAY IN ORDER TO RECEIVE BASIC CHANNELS ON TELEVISION, EVEN IF NOT A COMCAST CUSTOMER!
—F L Jones, Seattle, WA

Information is power. By requiring a "fast lane" on the internet, you are restricting information to those that can pay for it - You are giving power to those that can pay for it. That is not freedom. That is not America.
—Steve Miller, Mesa, AZ

The Internet should remain neutral without preferential fast lanes. Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Michael Pierce, North Stonington, CT

The current plan 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 reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Michael Wilson, Brooklyn, NY

Allowing these Huge Corporations to join forces is a perfect recipe for coercion. A huge monopoly like this would put every customer at a disadvantage when it comes to expected price hikes also. These companys are big enough to be profitable on their own without joining forces.
—Daniel Vaughan, Torrington, CT

Net neutrality is of supreme importance to the preservation of individual freedom and democracy in the United States. There is no doubt of this assertion now that the free press is rapidly descending into irrelevance because of its own self-induced servitude to higher powers. We ask that you awaken to the dangers of censorship and profit. Preserve net neutrality and help preserve our free way of life.
—Ralph I Sato, Honolulu, HI

Every other technologically advanced country recognizes the importance of net neutrality, so it would be rather nice to not fall behind in that respect.
—Will Pelletier, Chapel Hill, NC

Net neutrality is the foundation of its current greatness. It must be preserved!
—Phillip Davies, Lafayette Hill, PA

FEC Throw out your rules and re-classify ISP's as Common Carriers! NO to continued online discrimination! Do NOT let internet service providers like AT&T, Comcast & Verizon create a two-tiered Internet, keeping US in the Slow Lane - we are already slower than Japan & France and over- fee'd by the above companies MONOPOLY - we DO NOT want any FURTHER discrimination against content & applications. FREE US INTERNET for everyone!
—Therese Cartwright, Klamath Falls, OR

I demand Net Neutrality as a citizen of this country. It is unjust for the American people to create a two-tier system. This is non-negotiable. In no way will a two-tiered Internet benefit American citizens. In fact it will inherently weaken our First Amendment Right to free speech. Mr. Wheeler, it is upon you to vote on the right side of history and strike down the FCC's proposed internet rules ending Net Neutrality. Thank you.
—Steven Kent, windsor, CA

this is my last remaining form of freedom. take this away, and you've betrayed our country.
—nickolas Massey, Gleneden Beach, OR

The control of information is the first and most insidious step in tyranny. Information MUST remain free.
—Kinjou Okumura-Ten, Stockbridge, GA

I'm an internet content creator. If there is no net neutrality, there is not way my content can fairly get to everyone.
—John Pham, Chicago, IL

Dear FCC, Net Neutrality is essential for a democratic Internet. PLEASE don't kowtow to corporations who want to profit through economic disparity. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers! Thank you, Mia D'Avanza
—Ms. Mia D'Avanza, New Haven, CT

The internet should be available to all on an equal basis.
—Jonathan Blackmore, Wells,

Tom Wheeler, please put your personal interests and corporatism to the side, and classify ISP's as common carriers. The interests of the people of America are far more important than yours or the corporations. Take a few notes from our friends across the pond, they had no problem enacting REAL net neutrality. Don't destroy the Internet, please. And anything other than classifying ISP's as common carriers is destroying the Internet.
—Mitch Stehlin, Cincinnati, OH

Make all ISP's common carriers
—Mark Davis, Crescent City, CA

A free and open internet is crucial to further economic and technological development, both at home in the U.S. and around the globe. Regulation that creates inequality on the Internet will stagnate innovation and development, ultimately rendering this wonderful technology useless. Please do not destroy our Internet.
—Joshua Johnson, Atoka, TN

The loss of net neutrality is an enormous loss to freedom. Corporations have too far much power and influence already - they are not elected and yet they are controlling so much of what happens to all Americans. This puts the power in the hands of the rich corporations, making America less and less of a democracy, making equality a thing of the past. Net neutrality is imperative - the alternative is terrifying. Service providers will do what's best for them, not the people. And this country is here to support and nurture PEOPLE. NOT CORPORATIONS.
—Sue Redman, Los Angeles, CA

The internet should be a free space for expression, and we need Net Neutrality for that.
—Nate Lowe, Houston, TX

I am a digital entrepreneur-- one of the tens of thousands who make a living by making, innovating, and helping others online. While you're lining your pockets lobbying for ISPs and big corporations, you're destroying tens of thousands of families futures for a better life. Is that something you want on your conscience?
—Dustin W. Stout, Canyon Country, CA

Dear FCC Members, I write to call on you to be mindful that our 21st century society requires a free, open and equally accessible Internet for all citizens in order for our democracy to survive and hopefully to thrive. And, given that fact, I call on you to reverse your decision to end net neutrality. Instead, you should immediately declare all Internet Service Providers to be common carriers. In this, as in all policy matters, you must act for the public good, and against the profiteering interests of corrupt corporations.
—Michael Delia, Brooklyn, NY

America was founded on Equality. Each citizen has a voice, and each voice carries equal weight. The voices of our citizens proclaim public opinion, both positive, and negative. Our Democracy dictates our paths of action are determined by the majority of public opinion.. Another tenet of our Democracy is the outlawing of monopolies because monopolies do not serve the good of the majority of the people. Monopolies allow for minorities with money to govern and override the wishes, and perhaps, the welfare of the majority. The internet should remain a Public Utility as it serves the mass majority of the people, not only in the U.S., but throughout the whole world.
—Gael McCarthy, Beverly Hills, FL

Let the internet be free. Let it be a place of free expression, no discrimination and a place of no restrictions. Let the internet be less political and be more free. Let the internet be governed by the people not the greedy companies who want to restrict the internet for their gain, by charging money for what should be free. Let it be free of restrictions.
—Manjeet Singh, Elk Grove, CA

The internet is more a medium than a broadcast system. It should be accessible to all equally. Limiting speed for those who cannot afford to pay special fees is a way of limiting speech. As things are, this highly democratic medium allows all viewpoints and all enterprises a chance to reach the entire world. Creating a double standard will entrench those currently in power--who already have a leg up through search engines and the money to make their web sites easier to find etc. Don't take away the last bastion of totally free interaction. We need it. Desperately.
—Virginia DeMers, Bradenton, FL

The people will not tolerate a further seperation of classes! What you think is good for businesses, is not, and will not support the growth of out economy! Throw out these discriminating ideas and classify ISP'S as "COMMON CARRIERS".
—Kieve, maple heights, OH

A two-tiered internet will only exacerbate the growing problem of an increasingly two-tiered society. The internet has grown and flourished because of the radical egalitarianism it has always presupposed. Granting a pay-for-play fast lane will destroy exactly what has made the internet great. Bad legislation like this reveals a fundamental misunderstanding of the nature of the internet, and I suspect the backlash from its passage would be real. Please reconsider.
—Timothy Hayes, Austin, TX

FCC reclassify ISPs as common carriers and give us real net neutrality.
—Andrew D Betts, Muskegon, MI

Dear FCC, Net Neutrality is one of the corner-stones of the Internet. Please ensure that the Internet stays accessible and fast regardless of content and corporate interests. All data should be treated equally. And only then can free speech be guaranteed. Please classify the Internet as common carrier. Thank you for your consideration.
—Florian Höch, Stuttgart,

You know what the right thing is to do! Protect Net Neutrality!
—Michael Gaio, Oakland, CA

Dear Mr Wheeler, Throw out your unjust rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Thank you.
—Jesse Douglas, Montrose, NY

Net neutrality aligns with the tenets of a democratic and capitalist society, and with the principle of equal access to information.
—Hannah Thomason, Clovis, CA

Net neutrality is a critical part of our modern democracy and the continuing growth of entrepreneurial opportunity. Reclassifying ISPs as common carriers is a critical step in maintaining that neutrality. The last thing America needs is a federally-backed plutocracy on the Web.
—Bruno Joseph Povejsil, Arden Hills, MN

I am on fixed-income. We should all be able to access the internet at a reasonable cost and receive the same level of service equally.
—Thomas Walls, Glendale, CA

Net Neutrality is the reason why the Internet is the way it is today. If Americans can't get to their Internet the global economy will collapse and 20 years of progress will be cancelled out.
—Miles Krohn, Alpharetta, GA

the internet is for the people. not the corporations.
—Stuart Quang, Croydon,

Please protect Net Neutrality by reclassifying broadband as a telecommunications service. Doing so will give the FCC the power to reinstate the Net Neutrality protections taken away by Verizon. It's absolutely necessary to do this because net neutrality is the basis for what has made the Internet a place where what you know is more valuable than whom you know. Net Neutrality allows the free flow of ideas to shape our education. An open Internet provides one of the purest forms of democracy today, allowing everyone to access a limitless supply of information, for relatively low cost and with great ease. When those invaluable avenues for education and social interaction are threatened by entrenched corporations acting as gatekeepers in pursuit of profit, we all lose. We can't stand idly by while the Internet is sold to the highest bidder. Again, please reclassify broadband as a telecommunications service. Thank you.
—JA McSwain, Belmont, MA

Net Neutrality is what kept the internet the way it currently is, a great hub for information and for entertainment; with the new FCC internet rules, that Information and entertainment will be harder to get and will make less money for these companies in the long run by making people choose other providers who will not discriminate against websites and might even put the ISP's out of business altogether!
—Sean Mcelholm, Anonymous City,

Last I checked, we were the land of the free and the home of the brave, where the American dream is for everyone. This plan is wrong. It's discrimination against the average Joe. And a plan simply to help the rich get richer will never end well.
—Michaela, Newtown, CT

You will ruin the experience of the information highway. No doubt you will take no notice of peoples concerns. Anyhow no doubt there will always be a way around whatever you do.
—Rachel Edwards, Wirral,

ISP should be classified as a common carrier. This is the only way to protect the freedom that a readily accessible internet provides. Having a two-tiered system not only hurts the poor, but working and middle-class Americans as well. The social value of a low-cost broadly accessible internet far outweighs any right or monetary value that benefits only a few. Just Say No! It is that simple!
—Betsy Cunningham, Roseburg, OR

I am a Vet Nam Veteran I fought for this country, and I think these rules and/or bill is ridiculous/unconstitutional and un-american. Therefore stuff these rules and regulations, and keep our country free. I believe thats what I fought for...FREEDOM!!!!!
—Paul Wooton, Danville, VA

Tom Wheeler's plan is a farce. He knows it like all of us know it. His brains are located in his wallet like so many in government these days. We will not let our internet be sold out by a corrupted FCC. The ISP's should be classified as common carriers.
—Timothy Estes, New Smyrna Beach, FL

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Jeff Shenk, Battle Ground, WA

The choice of service I chose should be mine to make based on the service itself. Internet Access should be unmodified, unfiltered, and untampered with by the wire providers. Competition is good for consumers, but when that competition is manipulated by a 3rd party, the competition is unfair, and the ones that suffer for it are the end customers (us). Keep the Internet NEUTRAL. Don't succumb to cable lobbyists.. Do what's right for EVERYONE, not just them.
—David Petrie, Livonia, MI

Without a neutral net, small independent content providers have 0% chance of getting off the ground when their traffic can be prevented from be delivered equally. Imagine if I had a great idea for the nets next big site like ebay or facebook. With a nuetral net, I could host my content and compete fairly with anyone by providing a better product. Now if I was stuck in an internet slow lane, or my ISP decided my product was something they didn't want people to see, or that they could release a competing product, or would take business from one of their services. I could never have a chance without major financial backing. Please classify ISP's as common carriers and allow anyone with content they want to deliver, an equal chance to deliver it.
—Tim Sanderson, Portland, OR

Common Carrier Rules Work! Telecom's are extremely profitable, at the expense of the American customer. Common Carrier ensures we get what we pay for! Two tiered systems are fundamentally unfair.
—Mark Perino, San Diego, CA

Because it is in my right to remain anonymous and have my personal information protected.
—Maja Nordstrand, Karlstad,

It's the only free press left.
—Jilda Deline, new york, NY

Net neutrality is vitally important to our basic freedoms. Do not allow the internet, largely in existence due to taxpayer funded early research, to become another tool affordable only by large corporations. Ted wheeler has his head up his ass along with lots of money from the sorry likes of comcast, at&t and Verizon all of whom are utterly untrustworthy, provide globally inferior service and have shown their indifference time and again to their customer. This type of corporate behavior only occurs because you have already allowed these companies to become monopolies. Net neutrality is critical. Protect the consumer for once.
—Pam Raby, Albany, OR

As a small business woman, I depend on the internet to promote my business. I want to be able to play on the same field as everyone else, not be relegated to an internet where those who are bigger than me have the advantage. The internet is one of the few bastions of unfettered communication and to implement the proposed two-tier system is completely wrong-headed and frankly will stifle the free exchange of information and ideas. Large corporations, once again, will prevail and those that have great things to offer but are without the financial wherewithal to pay to play in the same amount will be choked out of the marketplace. Internet Service Providers charge for their services, and I get that, but giving preferential treatment can only hurt everyone in the long run. Classify internet service providers as common carriers now and dump the flawed plan for a segregated internet!
—Lisa Bloom, Applegate, CA

Because I'm poor.
—Bobbie Knight, Denver, CO

The current proposed internet rules by FCC Chairmen Tom Wheeler are completely absurd and unacceptable. This current plan would allow service providers to create a two-tier system of internet with a fast lane for those that can afford it. These companies would also be able to pick winner and loser websites and block out certain content they don't approve of. This plan is a violation of our Constitutional rights, and must be stopped.
—Michael Khalifeh, Mclean, VA

The Internet is an amazing thing. Nobody knew how much it changed our society into what it is today and not just here in America. It's brought together ways of interacting with friends and family who are so far away from each other like military members fighting for our country overseas. It also gave way to opening up new websites providing new information and content. It also presented new job opportunities in an expedited fashion. The Internet under Net Neutrality created the Information Age where knowledge became abundant. Pushing this plan would stunt the growth of the Internet as well as hurting new job opportunities when a rising competitor has to pay top dollar for the best possible service for his website. It would bring the end of the Information Age as well since ISPs would have the ability to discriminate against online content and applications. Isn't the idea of a Free Internet supposed to be just that? Free to speak your mind a lot like what the First Ammendment states in the Declaration of Independence that many good men paid in blood to defend?
—Kevin Jacoby, Sugar Land, TX

you need to read atlas shrugged its a prophecy that if you and your politicians do not stop you will watch rome fall just as history always repeats itself learn from the mistakes of our ancestors
—Jay, placent, CA

I believe that the internet should remain open and the entire world should have access to the same internet without restrictions as everyone else. In many countries this is not the case and I believe that America should be the bastion of light that all other countries should try to model their ways after. And with a truly free internet for all the American citizens would be a definite step in the right direction. So please let us keep Net Neutrality.
—James Cranston, Bussey, IA

Please keep the internet as a single-tier service for all websites. A multi-tiered approach will kill entrepreneurship for smaller websites and destroy the way ecommerce works. I strongly urge the FCC to factor in free speech or risk being known as the entity who destroyed free speech on the internet.
—Bharat Nain, Sayreville, NJ

With all other media outlets controlled by big money and big corporations, internet is the only way to preserve our democracy from the influence of money. So Net Neutrality is our last hope to counter the influence of money in politics. KEEP it that way!!!!!
—Tara Tabatabaie, Oklahoma City, OK

So much of our democracy has been co-opted by for profit interests. The internet is such a valuable free resource for the people of our country and it would be inappropriate for the FCC to end the Net Neutrality we have come to recognize and expect as a right or our democracy. No government should manipulate or sell in any way special access or rights on this people's information highway! We the people call upon the FCC to stand aside and proudly announce the end of any threat to the free and unfettered access and rights for net neutrality.
—Jon Mann, New York, NY

The amount of Internet and information I am able to access should not be dependant on the stretches of my pocketbook. These ISP companies have continued to raise their rates and prices of this basic 'essential' service and I find myself shelling out more and more each month for the same services. I remember when Internet cost $10/month instead of $50; and I'm only in my mid twenties. When will this madness end? Please keep the Net Neutral and allow access for everyone at equal and even speeds...these companies are monoliths that control the market already--please don't allow them to wield any additional power over such things.
—Michelle Belasco, Rocky River, OH

Net neutrality is essential in keeping the Internet as the infrastructure for access to information and communication. Please do what is best for our society - keep the Internet FREE! The ISPs should not be allowed to soak the public and corporations for every penny they can wring out of us.
—Diane Post, FAIRFAX STATION, VA

It impedes our ability to get information if we're required to pay for faster service. It's the equivalent of having long lines or high entry charges to get into a public library.
—Olivia King, Atlanta, GA

Stop trying to impose your awful ideas onto the internet...
—Angela Reyburn, Mira Loma, CA

Please protect net neutrality by reclassifying ISPs as common carriers.
—Crystal Lemire, Los Altos, CA

I suppose this comment won't matter. You've probably already decided to once again sell we the people out. We need Net Neutrality.
—Michael Fegan, Pomona, NY

Broadband access needs to be treated as a utility. It's 2014 and I don't even have access to basic DSL or cable Internet due to the local monopoly of Time Warner (who ironically provides us with cable TV but refuses to supply Internet access because it would require them to upgrade the local lines). I work in IT and will be forced to give up my inherited family home in order to relocate so I can have remote dial-in access required by many employers. Tom Wheeler, stop being a corporate servant and do your job and protect the rights of real Americans.
—Seth Day, Lancaster, OH

Net Neutrality is important to me and everyone around me. Internet access is being declared a basic human right all over the world. The internet is like cars now, they are no longer a convenience, they are a necessity, and to be forced to pay so much for such a necessary thing is simply a means of control and extortion. If we are to truly be free, then forcing more money out of people is not the way to go, there is no reason for it, and nobody will support this. I rely on my entire schooling through the internet, and to have to pay so much extra in order to access sites I need would put a strain on the financial budget in my home, since we already struggle to pay the bills and buy food on a weekly basis. If there is any sort of humanity in they who are reading this, know that Net Neutrality is important not just to me, but to millions of Americans who use the internet every day, and need to use the internet.
—Dudley Davis, abbottstown, PA

True net neutrality is important for the growth of society.
—Todd Herbert, Tauranga,

Hello, FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler, I currently went to collage for computer upgrade and repair and networking. I am working as a cook at a restaurant just to get by and I am a tax paying American Citizen. so for the FCC to push a bill like this is unreasonable. Now as an appointed official I understand that it is your God given right to take advantage of hard working american citizens and that you need to put the extra cash in your wallet that will only come from the working class. I get that so by all means continue what you are doing that will drive all of the small and local businesses under the table and make the economy worse for everyone except yourself. I think that would definitely be in the best interest for you, and no one else, so please continue what your are doing. You my friend are a outstanding american.
—Carl Fernstrom-Wooton, Danville, VA

Please review your organization's mission statement: 'To promote robust competition and innovation in the telecommunications marketplace...'
—Debra Barringer, Santa Barbara, CA

Without the net neutrality the internet, as we know it, would not exist. The internet is a major (I'd even say the biggest) vehicle for global trade and communication. It is because there has been no distinction in access and affordability for content delivery between players big and small alike that it was able to evolve to such degree that it changed the world in the past decade. I work for a cellular provider and I know that the speed with which network capacity is evolving warrants no such thing as dedicated lines of content delivery but rather mere upgrades to delivery infrastructure available currently to both wireless and cable providers.
—Andre Kozlovsky, Spokane, WA

Please pay attention. Future generations are counting on you and on us to make the world a better place. There has never been a tool so powerful as the internet to change the world. It must remain open and public (neutral), so all users are on equal footing to research and share information and to communicate. We ned you to protect Net Neutrality now, so that the internet remains free of price gouging and discrimination by profiteers and large controlling companies. Thanks for doing what's right for the world and the future!
—Seabrook Leaf, Big Bend, CA

Net neutrality provides the opportunity of equality in the USA. Tiering only creates class divides, which continues under capitalism until a radical change occurs. South Korea and Great Britain already have demonstrated the availability of open access.
—Richard Pope, Amherst, NY

Dear FCC I do not believe Chairman Wheeler's plan for a two-tiered internet would be fair to me or other individuals. Just the fact that Comcast is in favor of it is almost enough to fight it. My experience is only with Comcast, since they have me over a barrel - my only other alternative would be to go back to dial-up service for access to the internet and there is no alternative for television. I pay an exorbitant amount for Comcast's "package," more than I pay for electricity and water combined. And, of course, were I to decline parts of the "bundle" I would pay twice as much for any single service. It's true that the cable accessed internet is fast but only a little faster than DSL, which I can't get since I am more than the the required distance from a "station." I haven't tried satellite since I was discouraged from even trying to install a dish by the installer (my horizon is limited by trees which will continue to grow) So Comcast has me at any price they want to charge - now they want to create a two tiered internet which will allow them to set prices even more while deciding which sites I can access at what speeds. The FCC should simply reclassify ISPs as common carriers and force them to be neutral content providers. When hasn't industry warned of dire consequences if they don't get their way? And why is their way always towards monopoly capitalism which stifles competition? Elise Sokolay P.O. Box 403 Monte Rio, CA 95462
—Elise Sokolay, Occidental, CA

Look let's just get to it. You know what the right thing is to do. If you don't do the right thing then.....you're just another bought and paid for lackey.....a corporate whore. I hope you're not. But I have a lot of doubts.
—Brian R Wingrove, Streetsboro, OH

Please leave the internet alone. We need to have one free form of communication. An entire generation has grown up knowing no other way, and it would be anti American to end Net Neutrality. Thank you in advance for you careful consideration of this matter!! Its important to the American citizen.
—Catharine Tringali, ROCKWALL, TX

I cannot believe we are still talking about potentially putting the needs of greedy coroporate entities ahead of common americans. This proposal is a travesty and makes me ashamed as a citizen. Lets pinish the working tax paying people further by slowing down thier entatainment and productivity so that theycan waste more time being subjected to cable tv ads. TOTAL GARBAGE!
—My Info, grosse Ile, MI

Stopping net neutrality is a horrible idea. I am against it. I feel that this would diminish the internet as it is today, one of the last open and free channels of communication. It would allow giant companies that already operate in a monopolistic state a huge advantage. Companies like Comcast have already shown they're not above unfair treatment to large companies (netflix, data speeds), I can only imagine the small growing companies that would die without net neutrality. This is a bad idea and needs to be stopped
—Thom Hudelson, Discovery Bay, CA

ISPs must be classified as common carriers. Your current internet proposal will destroy essential fair use of the internet.
—David L. Gustner, Grayling, MI

Net neutrality allows anyone to discover new ideas from all corners of the earth. If we discriminate against these ideas then we risk becoming arrogant. When our fore fathers of this nation came to north America they sought after freedom. Even MLK Jr. Sought after it. The belief that everyone is created equal should apply to their ideas being expressed for everyone to see. Discrimination of data is the same as racism in color. Just because data can be located in hard to reach places, it should not mean that it should be treated differently. It should not be copied, or forced to be located somewhere else. It creates an imbalance, and a conflict of intrrest. Mistreatment of data is the same as the mistreatment of individuals. All voices should be heard instead of silencing them because of their location, and what avenues they have to choose from.
—Nick D Sisneros, Albuquerque, NM

I work for a small company and depend on a neutral internet. I also depend on the internet for social contact, news, and research. I don't need another shopping channel in my life. Leave the internet alone!
—Marlys Thoreen, Bend, OR

Dear FCC, Please 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. 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 ISPs as common carriers. Thank You, Mitch Mattson
—Mitch Mattson, New York, NY

Why are you destroying something that everyone has an equal opportunity to enjoy? Just so the most powerful corporations can take more money from the every day Joe!
—Hunter Wilmoth, North Fork, CA

Net Neutrality is important to me because, in the United States, we should be able to support up-and-coming business trying to get their start without having to pay companies like Verizon or Comcast large amounts of money to get traffic to their site. This is completely wrong, and I don't understand how Comcast can even exist in the United States legally anymore. It is the closest thing to a monopoly as you can get, especially considering the merger with Time Warner.
—Calvin Tuttle, Ypsilanti, MI

If you people at the FCC believe that you can steal away our right to free speach and a free internet then you are sadly mistaken. If you bow to the will of the evil banking elite then we will hunt you down and remove you from office. EXPECT US!
—Mr. Brad jskfjdhk, austin, TX

The United States is about opportunity for all. Net neutrality continues to provide opportunity for all at the same price, without channeling more profits to our largest corporations. Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Thank you, Tom
—Thomas Hamel, Medford, MA

As I recall, but please correct me if I am wrong, this is a government of the people, by the people and for the PEOPLE. Our founding documents do not afford corporations, or money, or power the same opportunity when it comes to government policy. Something completely lost on Congress and see how far that has got them? So sorry but it is the simplest of truths. The people have clearly spoken. I urge you to find 1 person who is in favor of what the cable companies are proposing who is not connected or related to said companies. I might also remind you, though this is more a loose affiliation, that our Country is founded on freedom of speech AND press. I wonder how what the cable companies are pushing would erode or otherwise affect that basic founding right as well? Please throw out the rules and instead reclassify ISP's as common carriers. In fact take it a step further and require all ISP's to provide bandwidth of 5MBPS at a fixed price of $15 per month for every American who wants it (or allow local Governments to provide said service, have access to cables and poles etc., at that price or lower) to make a point. Wouldn't it be amazing if your agency broke through the lobbying noise, said "enough!" and stood FOR the people. You would be heroes! Thank you
—Tobin Meyer, Bellingham, WA

The internet is the single biggest advancement in the last 50 years of human ingenuity and a massive driver for the American economy. Please do not destroy it by making it an un-level playing field.
—Mr. Justin Schmidt, St. Louis, MO

I would like the internet to become a public utility so the cable companies have some competition unlike my area with only one choice that is a monopolies.
—William miller, exeter, NH

Ending Net Neutrality would just be another example of how Big Business is helping one of the greatest nations of the world decline. Please do not end Net Neutrality.
—Lector Sullivan, San Bernardino, CA

I absolutely demand net neutrality. Our government created the net! It belongs to the people and it is OURS. Corporations are welcome to use it but it MUST be a level playing field! NO DEBATE!!!
—Joseph M Diana, Fort Collins, CO

Net Neutrality is the democratic way, where wealth and power have no special privilege, i.e. we are all entitled to equal speed and access through the various ISPs, until the final delivery.
—Richard S Fay, San Diego, CA

I do a great deal of online research as part of my job. Many of the sites I visit are very obscure and would not be part of the proposed "fast lane". Without net neutrality, my job would be next to impossible. Thanks for your consideration.
—Patricia Elaine Mason, Mill Valley, CA

I am a research computer scientist, which means that Net Neutrality is critical to me for two reasons. First, the internet is a critical tool for computer science research. It always has been, since the internet grew out of the original ARPA net. It is vital that researchers be able to efficiently share data and results over the internet, rather than having it be taken over to be nothing more than a new television broadcast medium. Second, the net neutral internet has been essential to the development of countless spinoff technologies. Forcing innovators to raise funds to pay off rent-collecting ISPs would choke off this flood of innovation, potentially driving it to other countries, our economic competitors. Worse, this would be a net flow of resources away from innovation and to rent-collectors, who if anything tend to stifle economic innovation and expansion.
—Robert P Goldman, Minneapolis, MN

The Internet is America's greatest resource, and competitive advantage, but only if free and neutral. Not everything in life is to be bought and sold. Some things belong to everyone, inalienable, like history, peace and quiet, the names of places, or access to water. The Internet has become one of these. It is time to treat it as a common carrier.
—Malcolm McCullough, Ann Arbor, MI

All free first world countries have net neutraliity. It is very important to me that we have it too here in the USA. This is a very important issue to consumers. It is about time that government do something for consumers, and stop cowtowing to rich corporate interests.
—Diana Cavanaugh, Lafayette, CA

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Protect real Net Neutrality.
—Abby Viszlay, Healdsburg, CA

Because it is a basic right to freedom, This idea will allow abuse of fair play to become possible.
—John Nash, maroochy river,

Your version of "net neutrality" is typical of how money rules this country (and you Mr. Wheeler). Shame on you!
—Charles A Ellwood, Bay Point, CA

Net Neutrality is important to me, because smaller websites deserve to have the same speed connectivity as larger, more expensive websites. It is a "free Internet", after all.
—Alkaya Massaly, Staten Island, NY

Net neutrality is important to me because it is now a huge part of millions upon millions of people's lives. To charge for a "fast lane" type of arrangement is discrimination against the vast majority of internet users. Imagine the millions of school children, college and university students, and small business unable to work efficiently because they are not "privileged" enough to afford extortionate fees for what was designed to be a service to bring people together. The fact that this plan is still being considered despite the massive public outcry is just a sign of how big corporations and their owners are more concerned with their own profit margins than the good of people. I find it disgusting that a few men can put their bank balances before the needs of billions of people.
—Anthony Maycock, Sheffield,

Please reconsider this 2 tiered system. I live in a rural area of SWMO Ozarks and am already suffering from 2nd class status as I can't get WIFI or cell service at my home YET. I see myself and my neighbors falling farther behind with this new proposal that jeopardizes full my access to the internet.
—Marlyss Simmons, Aurora, MO

Please realize the internet is one of human kind's greatest inventions, and will literally propel our development as a species into something neither you or I could possibly imagine. There was the agricultural revolution, the printing revolution, and the industrial revolution. We now right at the beginning of a new revolution, the information revolution. We have invented the Internet, human kind's greatest invention thus far. We have the capability to send large quantities of information/data around the world, to nearly every person, at the speed of light. We need to be treating the exchange, or transfer, of this information/data as a universal service, where people pay for whatever amount of data they are transferring using the infrastructure, with no discrimination of where the data is being sent to, or from. How the Internet is regulated, shaped, and perceived, through issues like net neutrality, will effect the future progress and potential of all human kind. All I ask is, when you make your decision, you will consider how this ruling on net neutrality will effect the future of human kind, and that you will choose the best decision for everyone. The best decision is clear to me, classify ISPs as common carriers and protect net neutrality for the good of human kind. If you can agree with me, I thank you for protecting our greatest invention. invention!
—Matt Sloper, Burlington,

Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Net Neutrality is necessary and the internet shouldn't be something that is censored or regulated by who has the most money.
—Jesse See Tai, louisville, KY

The internet has been a primary resource for obtaining scholarly journals, news articles, videos, and other sources of education for my current college career path. Outside of the academic setting, the internet provides a means of communication with anyone globally, and as a recreational tool. I have concerns that your two-tiered system might not only jeopardize my academic career by forcing schools to pay even higher fees for a reasonable internet speed, but might pave the way for the companies who can afford to buy into your system to dictate what websites are deemed acceptable and to create paywalls for the average american citizen to obtain the "privilege" of internet speeds that were previously considered universal. I hope that you will reconsider and strongly urge you to take a second look at your proposal and contemplate the potential implications this would have on a national, if not global level. Respectfully yours, Philip Michael Raychstock, CCV Undergrad.
—Philip Michael Raychstock, St. Albans, VT

The web is driven by people for people, there is no justification for your actions
—Isaac Thompson, Veedersburg, IN

Net neutrality is important to me because it's one of the few equalizers in our world today. Please don't take it away. We need it.
—Nicole Jordan, Irondale, AL

Throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Mary Ellen Sullivan, NewCastle, UT

Net neutrality is an important role in American innovation because the majority of American businesses depend on the internet. Innovation is the chief driver of American economic growth, which means that all Americans lose if the opportunity to innovate is curbed with the creation of two-tiered internet.
—Daniele Dohring, Los Angeles, CA

I don't think ISPs should be allowed to restrict my access to the internet. I pay for my internet access not so they can charge the sites I want to visit a premium for me to access them. Reclassify ISPs with common carrier status so that we can have a more open and friendly internet and better options and pricing. The status quo needs to shift!
—Jason Rivera, PONCA CITY, OK

Net Neutrality is very important to me! Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Alexandra Hoover, Sherman Oaks, CA

Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers. In today's society, internet is relied upon by basically every person, every day.
—Boris Semenok, Overland Park, KS

We shouldn't even need any internet service providers to connect up to a worldwide, open-structured network that is today's internet. However, since this is now a fact of life, please keep the internet open and neutral for all by retracting Tom Wheeler's new plan and keeping things the way they are now---and forever!
—Hubert Camargo Jr., Pasadena, CA

True freedom of speech depends on Net Neutrality
—Sergey Shevchuk, Staten Island, NY

The internet has allways been neutral when it comes to how it is delivered. DO NOT ALLOW companies such as, AT&T, Comcast and Verizon, that line your pockets to get this passed. Stop thinking of greed and start acting for the people which is what you swore to do in the 1st place. It is in no way fair to charge 2 fees for 1 service.
—Ian G Dumont, Spokane Valley, WA

Please don't let Internet service providers like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon create a two-tiered Internet. These companies would have the power to discriminate against online content. Is this really the America we want. I certainly do not.
—Shawn Greenleaf, Seattle, WA

Net Nutrality is important to me because I believe everyone should be equal in everything including the speed of the internet that we can access.
—Alex Buckley, Preston,

Net neutrality is necessary for this communication infrastructure to serve the people instead of big buisness. It will produce more central control of information.
—Daniel Sandin, Chicago, IL

Net neutrality is not just important for me. It is to everyone who ever go online. Without net neutrality you might as well censur the news media or take away the freedom to speak your mind. We wont be fooled. This is all about money. Money for the big companies be they net providers or companies who would like to ban certain content from the net like independent reviwers.
—Magne Johannsen, Oslo,

Dear Tom Wheeler.. I'm not sure who is lining your pockets, but the outcry for net neutrality is huge and you are acting against the wishes of the populace with your two tier plan. The internet highway must remain free and equal..not another avenue for big business to push their agenda on the American people. Two-tiered is censorship of the little guy. Two-tiered is discriminatory. Please throw out this plan and reclassify ISP's as common carriers. Keep the internet , knowledge and information accessible to all.
—Deborah Tutnauer, Crested Butte, CO

Freedom. period. for you and us. for the people. freedom. this is the new war. Whose side are you on?
—Patricia Wolter, Boulder, CO

I can't afford to buy the more expensive fast lane on the internet. Other countries have faster and completely free internet provided to all their citizens. It's time to quit gouging the American People. The internet is for the best interest of all and should be open to all, not just those who can afford it.
—Virjeana Brown, Belgrade, MT

Well, it has finally arrived - the plan to ruin the internet. We've seen it on the horizon for a while - the big, monopolistic cable providers have decided that it is time to charge more and deliver worse service by creating "fast" and "slow" lane internet access for content providers. Of course, the "fast" lane access that the major providers describe is only what other nations around the world enjoy as part of a public platform, but that is scarcely the worst of it. No, these content provider charges would place a brand-new barrier in the way of small businesses and start-ups everywhere by way of fees for access to the "fast" (see: normal) lane of internet access. The plain fact is that if the big ISPs get their way and start charging fees on both ends (and the fees they charge to customers are beginning to resemble mortgage payments) the United States will fall behind every other nation with internet access in commerce and content. You simply cannot beat a free and open internet - can't do it - and by introducing discrimination into the system we are guaranteed to lose. Can we afford this right now? Shouldn't we be doing everything to keep the U.S. competitive in the marketplace of innovation? Imagine what the internet would look like if the ISPs pulled this scheme in the early 90s. The U.S. presence would be a wasteland of failing forgotten retailers like Sears and the net would otherwise a foreign affair ruled by Korean, Japanese and German retailers and content providers. No Google. No Amazon. The ISPs are common carriers and should be classified as such. This is a no-brainer that any Federal administration should recognize, even in this cynical era.
—Charles Alan Logsdon, Duluth, MN

Please support freedom of speech with net neutrality by classifying ISP 's as common carriers
—Brien Zimmermann, Dover Plains, NY

The internet should remain and be a level playing field for all!
—Francis Molinary, Saint Paul,, VA

Because the internet is supposed to be a place that you can freely voice your opinion.
—Nick K., Corfu,

I have been a professional web engineer for the 10 years for small start up companies. The reason this industry is so vibrant is that anyone can rise up and challenge established corporations in the same playing field. Establishing fast and slow lanes creates a class system on the internet and makes it even harder for those with good idea's and ambition to succeed. Please don't kill the American Dream. Isaac Sloan
—Isaac Sloan, SAINT GEORGE, UT

Equal access for content providers, equal access for content users. Two-tiered internet service is an engine of discrimination and class warfare. It has no place in a democracy. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers now, and protect present and future generations from corporate control of the flow of information. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers now, to protect and promote technical and commercial innovation, and democracy for all.
—Deborah Brody Chen, Cheshire, CT

All men are created equal (and that includes corporations, if you define them as people), and if we're all equal, then we all ought to have the same access to the internet. We all deserve the same rights to use it. Please preserve equal access. This is supposed to be a democracy, right? Thank you!
—Katherine Cote, Milford, MA

Net Neutrality is integral to the growth and development of the internet as information technology, as a tool for business and commerce, and as a community.
—Elaine Betts, Muskegon, MI

Dear FCC, I am opposed to the current proposed revision of net neutrality rules. Consider this a vote for reclassifying ISPs as common carriers. The internet should be regulated as a utility, open to all and accessible to all. All data should be treated uniformly and no data should be "privileged" with faster speed or handling for monetary reasons. The proposal before the Commission would inevitably lead to system of "have" and "have nots" as far as free speech is concerned. The current "haves" are benefitting just fine from the current system and so are the "have nots" who have internet access. This new proposal would muffle the voices of the "have nots" and amplify the voices of the "haves." That is not the American way. Please do the right thing and cancel this proposal. -- Mike Catron, Marysville, Washington
—Mike Catron, Marysville, WA

This country has been based of equality for over 200 years. We should NOT allow the discrimination to start now with allowing different 'levels' on the internet based on what you are willing to pay. The internet is an area where EVERYONE should be on the same level playing field, not with the few 'rich' being allowed to wear stilts.
—Diane Lyon, Ames, IA

A burden on the middle class, more jewelry for the rich, tomfoolery for the poor, provided by the fast-lane in a woefully weakened world wide web, spun by the wiles of Wheeler, woven with bullshit, pure manure. No Thanks!!! Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—John Horner, Mansfield, OH

ISPs must be reclassified as common carriers. Don't change the best thing America has done in the last 50 years
—Gregory Hall, WRENTHAM, MA

All our lives are hard enough, just now, without having our primary medium for interpersonal communication disrupted by such self-interested moves as this. PLEASE do not allow this to happen.
—William Simmons, healdsburg, CA

I oppose the plan by FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler. We need to keep the internet neutral and not allow ISPs to create tiered priority to data lines. This would be detrimental to the internet and would change the world not for the better. Allowing this type of practice should be outlawed. Please please throw out the FCC proposal and keep Net Nutrality alive.
—Justin Izmirlian, Raleigh, NC

Net Neutrality ensures small online business owners are not ground into dust by wealthy corporations. Any attempt to take this away would be class-based discrimination.
—Alex Hill, Whitby,

Please protect real net neutrality!
—Nicole Hill, Portland, ME

The internet is the most powerful tool we have to help shrink the ever-widening gap between the haves and have-nots in our country. Entrepreneurs and small businesses can leverage the internet to learn, grow and bring about new industries to compete with large corporations, which is good for everyone (except maybe large corporations). Who is the FCC really here to protect after all? The two-tiered plan will have a stifling effect on small business creation and be a terrible blow to those who are fighting against a system that already favors the rich and powerful at the expense of the little guy.
—Nancy DeLugan, Seattle, WA

Net neutrality is not an option, a luxury or a matter of no importance. It has become a basic weapon in the fight against repressive political regimes and environmental and human rights abuses across the entire world. A two tiered system is a sure way of destroying all this.
—John Burke, Marmora,

The internet should be no different to any other communication method/medium. Why is the internet different to the telphone system?
—Christopher P Venner, Wrexham,

Giant corporations, especially COMCAST who is actually a monopoly at this point, already make it nearly impossible to afford Internet service ALONE. They should not have additional control over how fast our Internet service is and force us all to pay EVEN MORE than we already do. Please keep Net Neutrality intact! Please do not give these manipulative giants even more power! We, the people, implore you to see how terrible this would be for most of the population.
—Alicia McGehee, Seattle, WA

Please reclassify ISP's as common carriers. Net neutrality is important to me.
—Kenny Scipione, Sandown, NH

The only way to ensure that democracy will continue to exist in America is to reclassify ISP's as common carriers. In today's connected society, people are no longer turning to newspapers, radio, or television for their news. Instead, citizens are obtaining their news through the internet. This both gives them a voice in public discussion, as well as keeps them informed. If ISP's are not classified as common carriers, then ISP's will effectively turn into gatekeepers to the internet for their customers. They will be able to give unequal priority to some news and information, for a price. This will present end users with unequal access to information, and undermine the common citizens ability to participate effectively as an informed citizen in the great U.S. democratic process.
—John Page, Cary, NC

It seems once again in this dying republic ~Government (you fcc) tend to be ready to sell out the American people to big buisness. So if you have children and believe in the future then we must keep net neautrality.
—Ryan Lowe, Houston, TX

I am in strong opposition to Tom Wheeler's attempt to initiate a two tiered system on the internet. I am FOR Net Neutrality.
—Tom Bepler, felton, CA

Our American internet has changed the way we live, the ways we get news, network, have fun and participate in our democracy. Equal access to everything the internet offers has been a vital part of our renewed democratic way of life. In some countries like China the internet is censored; their citizens do not have access to important information. Large corporations such as the internet providers must not be able to choose for us what we should have access to or at what speed we should be able to receive information. Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers, so we might continue our equal access to all that the internet provides.
—Kristin Corinne Masri, san rafael, CA

The unprecedented economic boom that was driven by the USA's tech sector would never have happened without net neutrality. Don't neuter our future economic growth potential by ending net neutrality.
—Mike Schinkel, Atlanta, GA

We need net neutrality so my small business can compete fairly with the large ones.
—Brett Ellis, Watsontown, PA

Ask how to serve the many, not the few.
—Laurel Koerner, Hillsboro, KS

I work for Hudl (www.hudl.com), though I am not speaking on their behalf. Hudl streams petabytes of video to sports fans nation-wide. We started with very little money. We are only 8 years old and today are profitable. I believe if net neutrality is not protected, that one day companies like Hudl would be unable to get off the ground. We would be unable to compete with larger rivals whose pockets are deeper. With net neutrality small technology startups can win or lose on the value of their products and services.
—Jon Dokulil, Camarillo, CA

Please act to preserve net neutrality. Thank you.
—Ms. Elizabeth Anderson, Terre Haute, IN

So that "we" - all of the people of the United States may speak with one another as protected by our Constitutional rights. Please remember "We the People" when making this monumental decision which will affect all of our daily lives. Thank you and sincerely, Johanna Raphael
—Johanna Raphael, Montague, MA

Please save net neutrality for all.
—Bill Talbot, Seattle, WA

I support Net Neutrality and desire for a free and open Internet. I run a small business and never want to have to worry about peering agreements that stifle competition and growth. As a consumer, I do not believe in paying more to support forced peering agreements
—Steve Haviland, Wichita Falls, TX

Please explain to me how this tiered system would help my students? I teach in a low income district where we must do all we can to level the playing field for every student. The district stretches the budget as much as it can to make this happen. How/where will we find the money to pay for the "better" tier? Why should we have to? This is wrong on so many levels. It harkens back to the boycott of Nestle back in the 70s when it "helped" babies by providing them with formula, then required payment for said formula shortly thereafter so the company could profit from the situation, effectively preying on people who were already poorly off to begin with. Yeah, let's do that in our own country to our own kids, too. It makes no sense.
—Lisa Brewster-Cook, Arlington, MA

The ability for start up businesses to disrupt the marketplace will be lost if net neutrality vanishes. What start up could ever unseat Netflix or Amazon prime video as a new streaming service if they have to pay to compete with the same speeds that those companies will be able to afford under the new system? This is my biggest concern.
—Jon Kinney, De pere, WI

I'm on a fixed income and can not afford to pay more.
—Rickey Scott, Ypsilanti, MI

A lot of people cannot afford extra fees in these times. The FCC has no right to shove this plan into the hard working Americans.
—Caleb Graig, lafayette, GA

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or 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." The internet is a platform for communications, it should under the same protections and not manipulated by tiers or other elements that will shut out the ability for people to communicate because of lack of income. Setting up a system of tiered communication destroys the fabric of American freedoms, and furthers the divide between rich and poor. Have and Have not... Makes it so smaller start-ups never get seen on the internet due to slow load times. Protect Net Neutrality - Keep the internet free it is That Simple
—Sarah E Paulus, Chugiak, AK

Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers. They provide a public service, and should be regulated as such.
—F Joseph Frese IV, Cleveland, OH

The ISP's already have a monopoly in my area they do not need more power. If anything they need to be broken up to allow a free market. The USA has fallen behind other first world countries in the quality of internet and speed lets not take another step in the wrong direction. We need real net neutrality
—Chris Donoghue, Palatine, IL

Net neutrality is important to me because I want to see the Internet continue to be a place where access to all websites, web services, and information continues to be treated equally. Anyone should be able to start a website and/or service and have it be just as accessible to those with internet access as any other website and service. Without net neutrality, my ISP could arbitrarily discriminate against any website or service that it chooses. Or, worse, force me to pay extra to access a website or service. If there was actual competition between ISP's, this might not be a problem. But, today, there is extremely limited competition between ISP's in given areas. Actual competition is locked out due to pre-existing exclusivity agreements and/or regulations. Without competition, I am forced to take whatever my ISP chooses to give me... unless protected by rule of law. Right now, that rule is net neutrality. Please require Net Neutrality, enforce it, and work hard on eliminating last-mile restrictions and opening up competition between ISP's.
—Christian Anderson, Elk Grove, CA

A member of the public outcry against this two tiered system that further bolsters monopolies, and corporations, destroying any hope of competition. I am against this proposal to the internet, and will fight it to my dying breath. If there was something that would cause a rise to revolution from the American People, THIS IS THAT THING.
—Antonio Alberto II Lozano, Miami, FL

I have been involved in the "internet" since DARPA and ARPA and Bitnet, my university is a part of the Ineternet 2 consortium. I have also owned two Internet Service Providers. Neutrality is necessary, you will destroy innovation as the cable consolidation destroyed all the independent ISP's. Is that what you want? This makes sense for business, this makes sense for individuals and educational institutions -- why would you change this, unless it is to stifle innovation and create an even more uneven playing field for newcomers.
—David Barnhill, Lawrence, KS

What you 're doing is wrong! The only place we get peace if the internet!
—Anniyah Carr, Detroit, MI

Dear FCC, It is vital that net neutrality remain in place and further that ISPs be reclassified as common carriers. Thank you, Manda Heron
—Manda Heron, Livingston,, MT

Two tiered internet is not open nor equal. All need to get the same access whether company or private individual and the content doesn't matter. All is sent on the same lines --no faster or slower. All the same.
—Maryann Chiarello, Trenton, NJ

Net neutrality is important for small businesses. Splitting into two tiers lessens our chance of success and inhibits our growth, do not do this!!
—Kristine Aguilara, Fort pierce, FL

As a consumer I know that his two-tiered Internet will result in a reduction of access and curtail the innovation in online businesses that we have enjoyed since the internet was created. I would request that you classify the internet as a common carrier. We're lagging behind the rest of the developed world in terms of our infrastructure. When the internet was being piped in over the telephone lines it was common carrier but now that it is over the airwaves or through cable lines it no longer is? We already see the price gouging going on with just basic cable and cell service, empowering them in this area they'll simply do the same again with internet.
—Matt Higgins, McLean, VA

Please restore Net Neutrality by reclassifying ISP's as common carriers. Consumers need protection against a potentially multi-tiered system which will give only the affluent full internet access.
—Carol Tasset, Billings, MT

Please keep parity on the internet. Throw out the FCC rules. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Corporations are now legally "people". They can't have it both ways. Let everyone have access to the same speed on the internet at the same price. Net neutrality is the only fair way to operate and regulate.
—Eileen Stapp, Oregon City, OR

Ditch the proposed rules for this two tiered Internet Mr Wheeler - instead do the right thing for people like me (not those who can afford extra fees) and reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Get out of the pocket of big business please.
—Gillian Knebel, Plymouth,

Please ensure that Internet remains truly neutral. Slowing access to some content not only hurts our discourse as a democracy but the economic viability of start ups.
—Joey Schweigert, Asbury Park, NJ

The FCC simply must reclassify ISPs as common carriers. That is the only way to protect Net Neutrality. Why would this not be a good idea?
—Barbara Falkenberg, Columbus, OH

As a web designer I use the internet everyday to make my living - I currently work for a small company as well as work freelance on the side. It's tough to make a living as it is and to slowdown internet speeds for those who can not afford the cost of high speed would put me out of business as it would take me longer to do my job. Please keep the internet equal for everyone. It's not fair to discriminate to those who can not afford the extra fees nor exploit those who can.
—Jennifer Stevens, Northglenn, CO

Love the internet. Don't love money - it's not what we the citizens pay you for. I could be wrong, you could be getting your bread buttered in secret meetings. Don't make your Federal Commission a Business Commission, make it what you are - a Citizen's Commission. In the Gold Rush days, would you have built highways for business and footpaths for citizens? Oh, you would. And you'd do it again? Please, please don't.
—Beat Schindler, Bienne,

Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers and keep net neutrality real. The internet is a place of education and entertainment. Educational sites especially may not be able to pay the fees required to get their content out there, which in turn would be limiting people's access to quality information. You can't just say that you'd regulate .edu sites to not be included because there are plenty of quality magazines and smaller sites that are incredibly useful and educational. Limiting net neutrality could also hurt the economy, as it could hurt small businesses and other start ups that can't afford the fees. It is proven that if a site loads even a little bit slowly people leave the site. This could mean less customers and lead those companies struggling or failing. While struggling these people may be on government aide, so continue the struggling continue the money forked out by the government. The net is a huge power tool in business. The internet is a lot of people's lifeline to the outside world. Don't allow regulation of the net to mess up one of the biggest blessings that are available to almost everyone in the US. You'd be limiting and possibly ruining some people's access to education, money and joy.
—Laura Michaletz, Green Bay, WI

Reclassify the internet as common carriers--put t back the way it was under George Bush that it might be once again regulated appropriately. Do not sell out the American people and many other nations by ending net neutrality.
—Tamela Thomas, Seattle, WA

A free and open internet promotes fair competition online without favoring services provided by the ISP. ISPs would use a two tiered system to extract more money from the consumer for the same internet we are receiving now. Net Neutrality is pro consumer.
—Robert Keegan, Scranton, PA

Net neutrality can help small businesses that can one day become big enough to beat current businesses!! Which means it can create bribe money for the government in the future when current businesses have corrupted and ruined themselves!! Think about it!!! I'm just saying, if the government wants to think of the future, cuz senators/congressmen like, stay in those jobs forever, ya know, wouldn't it be a good thing to invest in future funding???
—Jessica DeLaZerda, west linn, OR

I implore you to not destroy the beauty of the Internet. Please support Net Neutrality.
—Mr. Aaron Thies, Santa Clara, CA

As Americans we deserve a free and unmolested Internet. Please do not take that from us.
—Scott w milliman, seattle, WA

Internet access is like phone or electric service. It is a public utility and should be available to all equally.
—Rosemary Hoffman, Ogden, UT

A tiered internet is blatant discrimination against the common small internet user. What we want is true internet neutrality. Lets make internet services a utility like phone or electric. That way everybody gets treated equally.
—Joseph Hueser, Longmont, CO

I am writing to oppose the proposed rules on Net Neutrality. These rules amount to the corporate takeover of the Internet and the death of Net Neutrality. Net Neutrality is important because the Internet is an essential service that I rely on to conduct my daily affairs: from banking, to staying informed, to conducting research, and to participating in my government at all levels. My right to communicate freely and be heard lies at the heart of my ability to participate equally in our democracy. Our Supreme Court has tilted control of our democracy into the hands of those with the most money. It has a corrupting influence on the laws our lawmakers pass. There once was a time when each vote counted once. Now unfortunately, some powerful people’s votes count for more. I do not want to see this influence of the powerful also corrupt the open internet. I firmly believe that each person or any artificial entity should have an equal opportunity to access the internet. It is not fair for those with money to be able to pay for faster access. Leo Immonen Wrentham, Massachusetts
—Leo Immonen, Wrentham, MA

I though America ran on the small businesses. We were built by them. Everyone starts small, but if this goes through, no one can pay to put their information online and loose out on both spreading the word about themselves, and customers. We need the Net to function as it has.
—Marie Moorman, Miami, FL

In many ways we already pay for the internet and should not be taxed for it aagain
—Leslie Gaskin, New Rochelle, NY

My Interbet is slow enough now, without you introducing two tier ISP Service whicg essentially means only Big Business will be able to afford the higher Fees which will be demanded by ISP's for the fastrer Service.. Making it unfeasible for Seniord like me. Which in turn means I may as well cancelj my contract with my ISP.,and I believe many people will do the same. In one misguided action you will have eliminated the very people who make the INTERNET worthwhile. IF you must introduce a Two Tier Internet, at lwast reclassify ISP's as Cummon Carriers
—Max Vere-Hollowat, Portugal Cove-St. Philips,

We pay for our internet bandwidth already. This is nothing more than telecoms grasping greedily for more in an age where internet access is becoming a necessity for education and employment. It needs to be classified as a public utility.
—Suzanna Grossman, KALAMAZOO, MI

I promise that if this passes, the FCC will be remembered as communication sabotagers. New rules on the Internet won't make anything safer for actual people. These moronic rules only protect BIG business and their lobbyest's jobs. Trying to inact this will only blow up in the FCC's face. Being honest is the only way out of this mess. Internet equality for all!!
—Richard Earl Spoors III, san bernardino, CA

Net Neutrality must be preserved. Companies like Verizon already utilize political and legal loop holes to exploit the Government and consumer by feigning they are a "common carrier" service provider to enable the installation of their networks. Once in place they reword the legal jargon to redefine the type of company they are in order to escape the obligations/promises as a "common carrier". As a former Verizon customer I have already experienced various fees associated with "common carriers"- Moreno Valley City Utility surcharge/fee as an example. Europe has already have laws coming into effect by the end of the year that will protect net neutrality. America is supposed to be at the forefront of protecting its citizens. Corporations like Verizon already have too much power as it is on account of the lack of competition in most areas. In most areas consumers are lucky if there are two internet providers in their area. This means the consumer will be forced to pay the providers rates if they want a better service, what then if everyone is paying for the "fast Lane" service? Does the provider get to impose a "faster lane"? How in turn does this affect our businesses or mom and pop websites who won't be able to afford the faster service? How would you stop providers from slicing the internet up into packages like cable television is already, customers paying for a package of hundreds of channels with only a handful they actually watch. These companies already exploit the market because they lack competition. Label Internet as a Utility, a common carrier service and prevent companies like Verizon from driving the consumer further under their thumb.
—Colby Welch, Moreno Valley, CA

The internet is the primary communications mode for the world. maintenance of open access at broadband rates is a public necessity and good.. it should be treated as a public utility.
—Claire Broome, Berkeley, CA

I don't like facism.
—Louie, Greenville, SC

Stop the greed!
—Mr. Jason Knopp, Vancouver, WA

There's nothing wrong with it, so don't try to fix it!
—Paul Hopkirk, Berlin,

Please throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Jan Jeffries, Albuquerque, NM

I support Net Neutrality! Please do not let the Net be a pay to play game. The Net should be an equal playing field. Please listen to the people and don't let big rich corporations pay to be in the Net 'fast lane' while those without the big dollars are left in the slow lane. Please vote to maintain Net Neutrality to do what is in the best interest of every individual. Please protect the American people from companies with huge lobbying budgets and motives that are not in the best interest of the American public.
—Margaret Ebner, Southampton, PA

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.
—Rachel Stringer, Loveland, OH

FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler , Your two-tiered Internet is misguided. This 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. Protect free speech online and reclassify Internet service providers as common carriers.
—Eileen Rohde, New Braunfels, TX

The internet should be free to all and no discrimination based on money, status, big or small. To preserve our freedome and democracy the interest MUST BE NEUTRAL. Harris Clemes
—Harris Clemes, Portland, OR

It's very important to me that the internet stay open and free - not privatized or compartmentalized. The web is joining the world together like never before. If the US believes in freedom for all, what a better way to show it, than promoting freedom on the web.
—Geoff, Nevada City, CA

I DEMAND that the FCC discard its rules and just re-classify ISPs as common carriers. The Internet must remain neutral!
—Mr. Rick Aiello, Bridgeport, CT

Mr. Wheeler, I oppose, I absolutely oppose the creation of a multi-tiered Internet as it appears you propose. The Internet was neutral in the past; is neutral now and must remain neutral in future. Period. I won't waste time telling you why. You already know why from the countless others who are saying the same thing. We oppose, absolutely oppose, the creation of a multi-tiered Internet. LEAVE IT NEUTRAL. Respectfully, Kurt Harper
—Kurt Harper, Shepherdstown, WV

I run multiple small websites and if I am unable to share my content in a fast and reasonable way then I wouldn't be able to maintain them. I want the power to share content in anyway that I see fit, I don't want to be limited by how fast a video, art or pdf can load for how far I can customize my sites.
—Nathan Warkentin, Riverton, UT

Please don't allow for-profit internet service providers dictate the speed and accessibility of internet services based on price. The internet is of value to everyone – we've moved beyond it being a nice-to-have option in our daily lives. It's a necessity. And limiting its speed for those who can least afford to pay is unfair and sets a dangerous precedent. Please, please do not let this happen.
—Bridget Butch, milwaukee, WI

The internet is quickly becoming a necessity and not a luxury. Every person should have equal access to the internet, the FULL internet, without a tiered system and preference given to those with the means to pay more.
—Todd Gilbert, Oakley, CA

No 'GARBAGE internet 'like your current tv garbage! Real net neutrality --unless you want a f'ing revolution! 'Gangster govt ' will go down and a new dawn of caring truth-seeking people will occur--whether you want to be part of it or not!Choice is yours , consequences are yours!
—Dave Cadway, san diego, CA

Dear FCC, The Internet is how I do my homework. It's how I stay connected with my family across the nation. It's how I get my news to stay informed. The Internet is something that myself, and many young people have grown up with and taking away Net Neutrality is just going to piss off every single individual who owns a computer. Instead of doing what big corporations want, please do what is right. Keeping the Internet just the way it is will promote connections between American citizens. Not just with each other, but with the world around them. There has been huge outcry against the plan. Please listen to the will of the people and continue Net Neutrality.
—Erin McElwee, Annapolis, MD

We need NN to educate and eventually end our revolving door political system. The same system that absurdly brought up the idea of ending NN in the first place.
—Jon P, Rockville, MD

Living in a rural area where driving to stores for food and supplies is a 60 mile round trip, I and my family need internet access to find sources to fill our needs at reasonable costs. We do not use the internet for business purposes because we are retired and can't live well with more costs or a slow internet.
—Michael J. Spadoni, Rail Road Flat, CA

It is critical that we don't create a "class" system on the Internet. It belongs to everyone, on equal footing. We all pay for access. We should all have equal access.
—Gwen Brake, Ocean Park, WA

The internet should be reclassified as a common carrier. Corporations should not be entitled or able to create a two-tiered system.
—Patti Good, Gig Harbor, WA

I don't want my ISP to make any decisions in regard to my ability to use internet resources.
—Gary S Braverman, Massapequa Park, NY

reclassify ISPs as common carriers/public utilities!!!
—Alicie Warren, Homestead, FL

I have been developing websites ever since I was 14 years old. I would have never been able to do this, start my career, and furthermore start my own company had the internet been segmented and tiered when it began. Tiering the internet will inevitably stifle the most amazing, open platform the world has every seen. It's wrong and greedy, plain and simple. Please don't.... please!
—Anthony Scherba, San Carlos, CA

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Steve Miller, Jacksonville, FL

I do not wish to loose my right to free speech on the internet. I use the internet every day and I do not want it to die.
—Cale Winwood, Dallas, TX

This is another move to provide giant companies to take greater control of the economy-- for their benefit.
—Mary I. Buchanan, San Andreas, CA

Net neutrality is important, you NEED reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Evan Obler, Plainsboro, NJ

The internet is the backbone of a small not for profit like us however we need the same speed and access like large corporations to create this two (2) tier system will almost guarantee that we will receive slow crippling service while organization who can afford it zoom by on the super highway. Remember, most of us can hardly afford the rates as it is. it is the job of the government to protect the people against big business not enable big business to walk all over the little people we you to say no to big business with this two tier situation.
—Harriet Williams, Frederiksted,

Innovation and growth on the Internet will not be possible without a level playing field. Large corporations will pay for high speed access, small innovators ain't be able to compete. Please help ensure our economic future.
—Frank A Harper, Long Beach, CA

Leave the people free to choose what they desire to do with the internet they pay for.
—Marty Gilbert, Nashville, TN

You don't own the internet, so don't make rules that affect the people who do.
—Corbin Stack, Reinheim,

We does have freedom of speech as guarenteed by the constitution !
—Raynera Mrotek, Ranchos deTaos, NM

Net Neutrality allows me greater access to knowledge of various subjects including News and current Political events and what laws are being made into effect. It also allows me to keep up with what The Government is doing and whether or not the Representatives in congress and the Senate are actually representing me and those like me in the law making process. However with Companies having power to change access and speed to internet access, that would change not just to me, but also everyone in the country, including the FCC, FBI, CIA, Department of Homeland Security, (The head of which has also stated that laws and other actions similar to this in that it changes how the internet functions(such as what Pipa and Sopa tried to do), is a high security risk) thus slowing down what they need to do. In fact if companies have more power over the internet than the government then that posses a huge security risk as now the companies have an upper hand and say on what information the government can get and when, plus not to mention what organizations or remnants of Anonymous could possibly spring up and attack both the companies and the government in response to this attack on Net Neutrality. The internet is like the private sector/ Free Market of the Economy, less government intervention/restrictions and it will prosper. If you let Companies control how fast people can access certain parts of the internet than you choke the life out of people trying to use the internet to create jobs and economic growth like what has happened on the internet already without this "Two Tiered system". Another metaphor to use for Net Neutrality is, that the Internet and it's flow of data are like roads and the companies stores on those roads. Now the companies asking to control all of the data is exactly like is one store were asking to have complete control of all the roads saying that their roads will be extra fast lanes as long as people pay a fee. That doesn't happen in the physical worlds, just like it shouldn't happen in the Data world for in the physical world, the store wouldn't really improve their own roads, merely keep their up to the current standard and let rot/ intentionally sabotage the roads of their competitors thus artificially creating "Fast Lanes" and ruining the economy. The companies wanting control of the Internet's "roadways" are wanting to do just that, and if they get that power the economic consequences will be tremendous as small businesses will be destroyed by the fees to keep their sites on the "Fast Lanes" or destroyed by no one going to because of it's slowed down traffic. It would also mean that government websites would have to pay these fees as well, meaning it will create extra avoidable expenses that the government must pay the companies. Don't ruin the internet with this artificial, manipulative, trash of a system and threat to economic growth. I truly fear the Hell raised if you go through with this foolish act.
—Noah Webster, Cave Springs, AR

Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Zach Booth, Plant City, FL

Big businesses will end up snuffing out the little guy in the end. People should be able to great fast internet speeds for a low affordable cost. We the people shouldn't suffer.
—Jessica McCoy, Iowa Park, TX

I am for net neutrality for a number of reasons. The internet continues to mature - in 10 years it will not have the same content it does today. It must have the neutrality to permit this maturity to develop as robustly as is feasible. In addition I see issues of fairness and possible abuse if net neutrality is ended. As one analogy we have only to look at the stock market where front end running on transactions due to transport speeds is grossly unfair to the average trader.
—Nicholas Yarnold, Woodstock, VA

The Internet is a utility. It is an important resource for accurate, unbiased information for those who know how to sesearch. Net neutrality would create a monopoly by large corporations, ratyher than a free forum for individuals.
—Russell Hallberg, Oregon City, OR

There is always someone (some corporation) that wants to take over what has been FREE and OPEN and turn it into a cash cow. We have fought censorship across the globe. Yet, here in our own country we are losing the battle against corporate greed and the takeover of all media. THIS MUST NOT BE ALLOWED TO HAPPEN. We and the world need an open and free internet. Stop giving away the entire store. The internet is/was a gift from scientists and the government for an OPEN FORUM where ALL ideas and thoughts were to be shared WITHOUT CENSORSHIP. If neutrality disappears, there goes another nail in our coffin of free speech. Corporations are not people. Money is not equal to votes. Removing neutrality is not freedom. STOP THE TAKEOVER. If something is not broken, do not try to fix it.
—Richard Sawransky, San Francisco, CA

Our nation needs a communications common carrier Without one, structural imbalances will distort and overwhelm our national interests. Please do you what can to ensure this. Thank you.
—Mr. Craig Wilson, Fairfield, CA

To protect free speech online, the FCC and the government must reclassify internet service providers as common carriers.
—Virginia Good, Saratoga, CA

Please keep Net neutrality. I am already metered by my phone and my sattelite internet provider. Thankfully my Internet provider does not charge me when I go over. I know they are not metering me correctly, but because they do not charge me, I let it go. You end net neutratily and we will not be able to afford internet. if I am in this boat an dI make clsoe to $100,000 a year, what is everyone else gonna do when you make us pay more?
—Joseph Baker, Sparta, WI

DO NOT let the lobbyists push the internet into "class" system. We should all be 1st class internet citizens. Keep the net neutral.
—Eric Olsen, Totowa, NJ

This is not fair! Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—John Johnson, coventry, RI

The internet is the last access to any type of real democratic power that citizens have over Big Money and Big Business. Keep the Net neutral!
—Patty Ringer, Redding, CA

We own the lines. It was our money that provided the profit that paid for lines, satellites..... so we can have a acessible internet. Business does not own every thing. They make enough profit. The internet is public utility.
—Larry Beaird, Woodstock, CT

The government serves the people, and while corporations may have this absurd legal status that recognizes them as individuals they are not what votes for this government, they are not who policy impacts, they are abusive, manipulative, and are taking advantage of free market to squash the average Joe and dominate the landscape. This has to stop. Net Neutrality is a policy that protects an open internet and levels the playing field for all people involved, it is not just for corporations, the internet is for all people of all walks of life, and major corporations should not be allowed to treat it as they please and play games with the users of these networks for personal gain.
—Andrew Wyant, Asheville, NC

It is obviously contrary to the values of America to create such economic divide between users of a service. There is nothing good for the average citizen to be gained from it, and much to lose.
—Miranda, Vancouver, WA

In order to preserve the American spirit and dream, net neutrality must be in place. Please consult an economic analyst/any college student of the consequences of the absence of net neutrality in our country. In short, the absence of net neutrality will hinder the efforts of start-up companies and in the long-run will push our economy to become a conglomerate-like state in which a few number of corporations have complete control of the economy. This scenario is a big-scale version of what FDR tried to protect us against with his anti-trust laws. If net neutrality ends, the bigger corporations will merge and merge until they control everything from prices, quality, and even our government. I urge you, to take a stand and change the letter of the law to follow the spirit of the law. Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers to protect the fundamental values of our great country.
—Caroline Park, Isla Vista, CA

PLEASE STOP TRYING TO REGULATE THE OPEN INTERNET. HUMANITY DESERVES OPEN ACCESS TO INFORMATION AND STARTUPS AND SMALL LLCs NEED EQUAL ACCESS TO BUILD THE FUTURE AND CREATE JOBS. THERE WOULD BE NO NETFLIX, NO YOUTUBE! IF THESE RULES WERE IN PLACE A DECADE AGO.
—Earl Co, Brooklyn, NY

Net neutrality is important because I want the option of finding the best information I can on the internet and not just what people with money want me to know.
—Robin Rutan, Manassa, CO

Chairman Wheeler, You're ignorant proposal is a misguided attempt to regulate something that scares politicians. Or is it simply a blatant money making scheme? You are leaning over the edge of a slippery slope which leads to total Big Brother territory. The wrong that you are doing by pushing this new set of rules you are literally telling internet users that their freedom and rights to services they pay for is a load of crap and that you don't actually care about services rendered; only the size of the cheque that you get at the end of the week as big companies pay for better internet. As we speak Google is working on giving wireless internet to countries that aren't even connected, and instead of backing them in order to fuel world progress you're actively hindering our own freedom of development and expression, as well as giving the finger to small business owners who work online. There are currently other countries who have internet, but it is so heavily censored and restricted that people can't even have email. And yet, here you are proposing a set of rules that would prevent many more people in your own country from accessing these same services easily, if at all in some areas probably. If these rules pass in the United States, then the chance sky-rockets for them to trickle into Canada, the UK and more of Europe. As a world power the US should be fostering fairness and neutrality, not policing the world to make a buck. Step up your game and get real. The internet will fight back.
—Kayla Reinhard, Peterborough,

Net neutrality is a pillar of our democracy. Everyone should have equal access.
—Dusan Todorovic, Brooklyn, NY

The internet can not be allowed to be controlled by "men in the middle" this would limit growth and businesses value for many years to come. The ISP business role is to provide access to not interfear with the internet based business and it's consumers relations.
—Jerker Emilsson, Stockholm,

net neutrality is the one thing that is going to save us and the planet.....period.
—Mr. Marcus de Vito, santa fe, NM

Your 2 tier system, is just another way of saying let the wealthy among us have high speed internet, and let the rest of us eat cake. Remember Marie? Wheeler, you are an idiot, and so is Obama for giving you this job.
—Michael Combs, Marietta, OH

The internet is the platform for real democracy in the 21st century. Don't be the one who destroys such an important vehicle for change!
—Todd Freeman, Sonoma, CA

This shouldn't even be a discussion! We already settled this debate eight years ago. Websites should have equal precedence - as they do now - and ISPs should NOT have this power over congress. Let's not relive the tragedy that happened to cable TV with something as important as global communication. Innovation in technology companies are one of the few things the U.S. truly has going for it today, and it would be tragic to see that squandered just so ISPs like Comcast can make more money.
—Michael Sanders, San Francisco, CA

I think this is absurd! The Internet should be open to all! And on the same broadband! It's a fantastic learning tool. It think picking and choosing who can use it is ridiculous! Sounds to me like an excuse to squeeze more money out of the people. What gives you the right to limit who can use it and for what? Do we not have the freedom of speech and the right to express ourselves freely? I guarantee you'll lose more people then you would gain.
—Nicholas P. Addonizio, Norman, OK

Internet is the last bastion of a classless society what we do here will be closely watched and monitored by other countries.
—Robert Wagner, Rosevile, MN

Why do we have a dingo watching the FCC hen house? (Props to John Oliver). Keep the big media giants from controlling the already crammed internet bandwidth. If they want speed, make them pay for a faster fiber-optic infrastructure that everyone can benefit from.
—Andrew Murray, Emeryvillle, CA

net neutrality is what makes the internet work. Don't fix something that isn't broken. You're a public servant, serve the public, not some corporation that want's to capitalize on the one good thing the public benefits from.
—Joe Finneman, Covington, LA

Infringing on net neutrality is a travesty against freedom. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers
—Matthew Stenzel, GASTONIA, NC

Preserve Net Neutrality now now.
—John H. Griffith, Signal Hill, CA

Tell the FCC to throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Marj Kutsche, Jefferson, WI

Dear Mr Wheeler, Please preserve Net Neutrality. You must reclassify ISP's as common carriers. You are the FCC Chairman and your position is to make sure you regulate in fairness to all that live in the USA and not those that think they can tell you how to do things so they can achieve their own goals. Please Mr Wheeler, we depend on you to watch out for all of us and to make decisions that are right and just. This is such an important decision you will be making please do not let us down sir! All my best to you and yours. Thank you.
—Mrs. K Gamarra, Hayward, CA

Throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality.
—Michael Walters, Myerstown, PA

Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers, your two-tiered internet proposal needs to be thrown out. ISPs already have too much control over the areas they provide to, don't give them a way to control the content we have access to as well.
—Erin C, Somerset, MA

The Internet is meant to be free. Any company who thinks otherwise are backstabber s to everyone else. No company should be given the capacity to destroy net neutrality for selfish gain..Ever.
—Carlos Felix, Valdosta, GA

To: Chairman Wheeler Please keep the internet, our last chance at true democracy net neutral. Classify ISP's as common carriers. DO NOT allow a fast and even faster lane of the internet highway but one super lane. If sub-divided the people with more money will have better access. It is undemocratic to have those who can afford it to those who can not when it comes to something as necessary as the internet. This is not a privledge, this is a necessity for all that live in this country. Thank you.
—Susan Stephenson, Fort Worth, TX

Net neutrality has allowed the internet to grow at a breakneck pace, creating new industries, technologies, and changing our way of life. Adopting fast lines will force out innovation and smaller companies, and that breakneck pace will slow to a crawl. Why are we giving a few companies so much power at the cost of thousands of smaller companies that could one day change the world?
—Bara Kathawa, Sterling Heights, MI

Please listen to the people and not telecom giants like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon.
—Jack Grebenor, mundelein, IL

Let us continue to have our freedom. We need healthy competition in the United States. Keep Net Neutrality. Thank you
—Marilyn Jennings, Louisville, KY

Net neutrality is vital to freedom of speech and democracy.
—Miguel Ridolfi, Boonville, CA

The internet is for the people!!! Not for corporations!
—Kerstin Milner-Stubbs, Homestead, FL

Protect REAL Net Neutrality. The FCC rules need to be tossed out and ISPs as common carriers. Anything short of that is more game playing. The beauty of the Net is that it belongs to EVERYONE, worldwide.
—Jill Borden, St. Ignatius, MT

Dear FCC Net Neutrality is an essential part of a free-market, DEMOCRATIC society. If we allow companies to own the communication mechanism they can control the economy and all political action. Without net neutrality I see a world without access to facts and information that is of a different perspective than that held by the telecoms - they will have the means to control and shape minds, thoughts and opinions. The USA will be no better than the 'oppressed' countries we look down on and invade to protect 'freedom'. Freedom starts at home and starts with freedom of communication channels = NET NEUTRALITY
—Marcelle Taylor, Oakland, CA

Our current non discriminatory internet system is not broke so there is absolutley no need to fix it, your duty is to serve the people not corporations and nobody wants this!
—Ethan Q. Armijo, San Dimas, CA

Please reclassify ISP as common carriers and secure net neutrality!
—Derrick Vanmeter, Rising Fawn, GA

Net neutrality is, basically, what makes the internet what it is - an incredibly, amazing, though sometimes anarchic, and, at times, downright outrageous place. It offers businesses an incredible opportunity to expand and gain popularity, and thus, more profit. The good part about it that EVERYONE - every company, every entrepreneur, every Joe Average with a hint of talent and a taste of business can profit and prosper through it. And those are just the profiteering groups. Millions of non-profit, honour-based or aiding groups also use the internet as form of media to reach out to people. And they usually don't make much profit from it, or at least, not for themselves. Creating a multi-tiered (or even just a dual-tiered) internet would basically break the very spine of the existing system, dividing and segregating it's users into to groups: the "haves" and the "have nots". Not only is this unfair to use on a system which basically lives and thrives on equal opportunity, but it also creates unnecessary tension between the two groups, which, on the long run, could easily be detrimental for the "haves", and thus, increasing the number of the "have nots", until only a small, elite group will be able to use the internet on it's full speed, while the rest will struggle behind, secretly plotting said elite's downfall. This is, of course, only a worst-case scenario, but I believe you understand the risk. Not to mention that since the proposal of this system, your organization has gathered some limelight, and an ill-made decision with negative consequences would also heavily effect your future work as well. It's for the sake of all of us, you and me included, that you leave the internet as it is: neutral, not differentiating between big and small. If those with more money want a faster service, they should instead invest in the invention of such methods that wouldn't require a change in law and service for everyone - after all, what an equal-opportunity, neutral internet promotes the most is innovation, which, by today, has gained the highest value on the market, and, unlike in the case of money, which's value fluctuates, the value of innovations never changes.
—András Fék, Budapest,

The internet need to be equal amongst everyone....no favorites that money can buy
—Bernard DeSander, Saginaw, MI

Throw out Wheeler's plan. 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.
—L Bakker, St. Joseph, MN

I am writing to plead for sanity in our government's operation. Because the internet IS a common carrier, please reclassify it AS a common carrier. Thank you.
—Ruth Zietlow, St. Paul, MN

Net neutrality is important for information. The US gov., it's agencies and the US mass media are so totally corrupt that they cannot be relied on to provide accurate information.
—Mr John Arthur Rehwinkle, Minneapolis, MN

Net Neutrality is necessary for the maintenance of a freely accessible internet open and unfettered by corporate or political censorship.
—Dr. Robert H. Greene, Missoula, MT

Please reclassify. The people who could gain the most--people like college students, abuse victims, small business owners--need internet access to be affordable and reasonably priced.
—Megan B, Corpus Christi, TX

Please keep the internet free. Work for the people, not personal greed. Monopoly is a board game, not the way business is done in America.
—Kelly Wavra, Arlington Heights, IL

Mr. Wheeler, if the net cannot be equally open to all people at all times, then you will cripple this country. AT&T, Verizon, Comcast, Time Warner and the like DO NOT have the interests of the American People at heart. They are only interested in their wallets and how much they can fill them up through discrimination against the users of the internet. If you allow them to push their way through, you will be guilty of more than mere treason by crippling the access of the People: Real People - to the internet. I implore you to rule against these ISP's and rule IN Favor Of the People of the United States of America. Thank you!
—Leigh R Sickler, Springville, PA

The FCC should reclassify the internet as a common carrier
—Freedom Ozog, Studio city, CA

Make the internet a public utility. Start working for the people - not the corporations.
—Mitchell Cripe, St. Louis, MO

Net neutrality is what brings the internet together. If we had a fast lane for high paying companies, monopolies would be made and would destroy Murica.
—Brock Johnson, Marysville, WA

Save the internet; protect net neutrality.
—Javan Owens, Alexandria, VA

I have Verizon and it is supposed to be very fast. I cannot view Netflix. I have called Verizon several times and they report that it is a Netflix problem after doing absolutely NO trouble shooting. I have a Roku box. I have called both Roku and Netflix for support and spent a good hour with each trouble shooting and optimizing all settings. There is nothing wrong with my hardware. After resetting everything a show will play for about 5 minutes then stop to load, and load, and load... after spending about 3 hours trying to watch a 1 hour program I give up. I have also tried viewing on a couple different computers and the best I can get with consistency is low definition, high definition fades in and out. Internet searches tell me that Verizon has a way to identify and throttle the traffic from Netflix. I pay a lot for a poor service and deeply regret ever entering into a contract with Verizon. This is Verizon's way of doing business, control content and deny they're doing it. Protect Net Neutrality!
—Peter Fish, Charlestown, RI

a mulch-tiered internet is simply discrimination. The internet should be regulated as a utility, not a profit center.
—Mr. Christopher Frey, Minneapolis, MN

Please keep the internet neutral and reclassify ISP's as common carriers, so small, sole proprietorships, like mine, can continue to have a chance in the marketplace against huge corporations. Thank you.
—Frank Kaupas, HOLLYWOOD, FL

You must protect real Net Neutrality! Without protections of consumer freedoms all will lose a vibrant and strong internet that promotes growth of business and freedom of expression. I urge you to ensure that a group of a few large companies don't create a tiered, throttled, limited internet that would divide our nation and our businesses at this critical economic time.
—Lee Morgan, Knoxville, TN

The internet requires Net Neutrality for innovation.
—Mohamed Sadeq Al Elew, San Jacinto, CA

The internet is not just a place to play. It's a place for people who will never meet in real life to make real changes together. It's a tool for schools. It's a place to learn how to do almost anything from origami to c++. The internet can by a wonderful place for change and freedom of speech. It deserves the respect real Net Neutrality will give it. Please do not let businesses determine who deserves good access and who doesn't.
—Katy Sorrels, Springfield, OR

A two-tiered caste system for the internet only serves the best interest of the largest providers and domains. The internet has always been a place to push the limits and foster innovation, but putting a price tag on speed like this will leave new opportunities behind. Regulations are not meant to serve the strong but to protect the weak. Please consider the future of the internet and the future of the US before making this decision.
—Matthew Adams, New York, NY

Dear Chairman Wheeler I am a mentor of High school inner city kids and our goal is to given them fighting chance by leveling the playing field in education including college and scholarship. The last thing we need is to divide the internet into the haves and the have nots. It is primordial to keep the internet neutral for all. As usual the small people can take a back seat to the voracious companies who live on inflated fees.
—Françoise Jeanpierre, New York, NY

net neutrality is the only true form of equality we still have left in the world. do not take it away
—George Brown, Pittsburgh, PA

Net Neutrality helps small businesses.
—Walter, Astoria, NY

Throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers!
—Adam Farkas, Chatsworth, CA

Net Neutrality keeps companies competitive, which encourages consumers to keep purchasing from these companies. Without it, a monopoly will form, and there will be little for us to do except either put up with their nonsense or find a better solution. And there will always be a better solution in less than five years. Youtube wouldn't have existed under the suggested plan. Facebook, Etsy, Wikipedia, Twitter, Tumblr, Amazon, and thousands more would've never come around. This plan would crush creativity into less than dust. And considering that the Internet is a worldwide product, it seems almost illegal, or immoral if nothing else, to punish people in other countries for something they're not even aware of.
—Ms. Danielle Marie Owen, Goose Creek, SC

Please reconsider what will create an internet slow lane and a money grab for the corporations who care so little about the flow of information. Turn your attention instead to the highly respected companys that support net neutrality. Take a moment to read this message from Eric Schmidt from Google https://www.google.com/help/ne tneutrality_letter.html
—Dustin Sedlacek, Bartlett, TN

The new FCC rules for the Internet are flawed and requires major impovement.
—Michael-Vincent Robinson, Topeka, KS

Dear FCC, please reclassify the internet service providers as common carriers. The internet is something we can all be proud of that we've built together on the principal of neutrality. Don't let corporate America or corporate UK take this awst from mankind. We'll never see anything like it again.
—David Swindells, chorley,

Preserve net neutrality. Equal access to varied information is critical for citizens to make informed decisions which impact all of us.
—Nat bender, Westfield, NJ

Don't allow for preferential treatmenton the internet of companies who can afford the exorbitant extortion fees from the likes of Comcast and Time Warner. So called fast lanes are precisely this with a nice name slapped on it.
—Travis Gray, East Windsor, NJ

Once again our system is making it so the big, rich guy can have the best of everything while the people who can't afford it have to make do with something inferior. It's disgusting. Do phone companies get to charge different prices for different qualities of phone calls? Pay this much and you get crystal clear sound quality, pay this lesser amount and you can still have a conversation but it's giving to tougher with all that static on the line but hey, you still get to make a call so what are you complaining about? STOP THIS MADNESS. For once can we PLEASE just have something that is equal across the board instead of tiers based on how much you can pay?
—Julie jones, Havelock, NC

Why is a former cable and telecommunications executive promoting new rules that would put a price tag on Internet access? No doubt in my mind this is about personal ego and greed. I am deeply offended by the idea that corporations will decide who rates faster or slower internet service. It IS outright discrimination – a way to create yet another class system to separate “worthy” from “unworthy”. It’s disgusting. It’s bad for America and a bad example for the rest of the world. Period.
—Laura Rogers, Greenville, NC

Without net neutrality small upstarts would never come to pass, you will have people rioting on the streets if the internet becomes a two tiered service. It inhibits our freedom
—Dray Schenker, Osceola, MO

the internet should be treated as a public service like electricity and natural gas. It is a public service, not some private rich corporations playground to make money.
—Elizabeth Kinney, Alamosa, CO

THE PROPOSED NET NEUTRALITY RULES BY THE FCC ARE THE COMPLETE OPPOSITE OF NEUTRAL. THESE RULES WILL GIVE POWER TO THE RICH AND TAKE POWER FROM THE POOR. THE GREATEST PART OF THE INTERNET IS THE SHARING OF INFORMATION. THESE RULES WILL LIMIT THE INFORMATION TO WHAT THE POWERFUL WANT TO BE SEEN. ONCE AGAIN THE FCC AND THE GOVERNMENT ARE LOOKING AT THE FINANCIAL GAIN INSTEAD OF THE RIGHTS OF AMERICANS.
—Joel Evans, SAN JOSE, CA

The internet needs to be re-classified as what it is, a utility, so the FCC can regulate it. This would make all users access speed the same and not allow bias.
—Karen Wilson, vallejo, CA

keep the net free. dont sell out to the corp.
—Tom Colopy, san francisco, CA

our internet connections and wifi signals are ALREADY vastly inferior to what is available to the public in other 1st world nations. i was in germany in 2005 and we STILL haven't caught up to what they had there 10 years ago. This plan to let the dollar even further hamper the American public's access to information is ridiculous, stupid, and backward.
—Lawrence Dimaio, newark, DE

The proposed FCC plan for the internet allows for discrimination online! Please reclassify broadband internet as a telecommunications service. Otherwise, we may end up with a very unfair situation where libraries, schools, students, small businesses, etc. will not get the same access to broadband internet.
—Ashley Hinson, Sherman Oaks, CA

This proposed plan reeks of a Totalitarianism. It reeks of Totalitarianism, because in this day and age, the internet is the voice of the people. So, to take away the Net Neutrality of the internet, and place it in the hands of a few greedy companies, would be to take away the voice of the people. And while I'm sure you don't care for the voice of the people, the people themselves surely do care. Americans have a long tradition of standing up for what they believe is right, and this plan promises you months, if not years of headaches from "those damn hippies!" Let us all save ourselves some headache- keep the net free.
—Mrs. Sara dsaf, Brooklyn, NY

Keeping the Internet fair is critical to survival of democracy.
—Jocelyn Saiki, Mountain view, CA

I thing carriers should block Porn sites and get user who want to use them pay an additional fee, just like tv service providers. I dont think ISP should be allowed to charge users to use high demand websites...
—Joel Vazquez, Miami, FL

Net Neutrality would ruin the internet and cause consumers to pay way more for the services we already get. ISP's already have a monopoly and this will only further their reach and make them even more powerful Please stop this
—Jared Hill, Freeport, PA

The net Has always been a Level playing field. Your Idea would give giant corporations the ability to pick winners and losers, instead of letting the market rule.
—Gary VanHaaften, RIGBY, ID

An open internet allows for the distributed model of innovation, which can be significantly more efficient, cost effective and democratic than the centralized innovation of large businesses. A tierd internet model threatens the open collaboration of small individual innovators, comprimising the advantage the distributed innovation model has over the centralized model. If we want a future that is more fair and democratic, we need to preserve the openness of the internet. The only way to do this is to avoid a tierd system, by reclassifying the iternet as a public utility.
—Benjamin cheng, San jose, CA

A free and open internet is so important. Each and every bit should have the freedom to get to us and no matter were it comes from!!
—Sy Kendo, Boise, ID

Equal access, including speed, to the internet is crucial for promoting learning and innovation on the personal level as well as on the commercial patent level.
—John Higginbotham, Courtenay,

The reason that I think for a free Internet is crucial to our economic growth for the country's stability
—Joshua Kendall, Leominster, MA

Do not allow Tom Wheeler and his cohorts to let internet service providers like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon create a two-tiered Internet! The FCC's complacency in this matter is not acceptable, you were established to protect this very thing from happening. Do the right thing! A free internet is the only true democracy.
—John Korkidis, San Francisco, CA

Please do not sell the internet to big business, America has enough of that already. Why not let us decide what WE want to do with our internet, and not allow conglomerate corporations control who gets to see what based on how deep their pockets are. All data across the internet should be treated equally, not pay to be faster than my competition. That is unfair business practices, and should not be allowed, ever. I urge you to reconsider and reclassify ISPs as a common carrier for the good of the people you were appointed to look out for.
—Troy, Milwaukee, WI

Free and open to access to information is the cornerstone of a good democracy. Without those, one can not assure that the democratic process is free from tampering with.
—Rafi Mankassarian, Ottawa,

Net Neutrality is the only way for the US to treat its people and businesses. Creating a market for higher payers and lower receivers is a terrible thing to do to our wonderful commodity of the internet. Please classify ISP's as common carriers.
—Brielle Deppe, McMinnville, OR

The little guy is just as important as the big one, if not more so. Internet has become a regular part of life, and these services are no longer a priviledge, but a necessity like phone lines, power, and water. Corporations should not in any way be allowed to cripple free speech and the worldwide exchange of ideas.
—Brian Stumpp, Stockton, CA

The government will be approving thievery and, ad. Hoc censorship
—Larry Lynch, Tamaqua, PA

Mr Wheeler former connections as a lobbyist for the cable companies deeply concern me. I do not feel his interests will reflect what is in the best intrest of the American public. Past history shows Mr Wheeler's connections and loyalities to big business
—Jeffrey Seborowski, Lake Orion, MI

I believe it is a slippery slope to create a tiered system for access to the internet. We need to keep the net equal for all that wish to use. We don't need winners and losers in speed and content.
—Ellen Gray, Forest Knolls, CA

The internet is far too important to free speech and association to let ISPs dictate winners and losers. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers!
—Matthew Cook, moore, OK

Please do not allow this to happen. This is a terrible idea and would ruin the open and accessible nature of the internet. It is not ethical to allow discrimination and this type of control to be had by ISPs.
—Amy Lyons, RALEIGH, NC

There need to be a place where people are free to express what ever they wish. People can choose for themselves what the wish to wrap their arms around or leave it alone. The minute the FCC gains any ground, more than they already have, will be the beginning of the end of Free Speech in this awesome country of ours.
—Donald Williamson, Kent, WA

Access to the internet that is equal to all is critical. Please do not create a two tier system
—Andrea Weinstein, Santa Rosa, CA

Please throw out your current rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Suzanne DeMarinis, Missoula, MT

KEEP THE INTERNET OPEN TO ALL.
—Rod Richmond, Elkhart, IN

The Internet should be equal for all. Actual Equality. Real, true neutrality. A two-tiered system will ruin the Internet. The Internet is amazing. It is the most important invention of our generation and MY lifetime. Please don't ruin it.
—Wyatt Kiedrowski, Lake Forest, CA

real net neutrality is our right ,do not put it in the market to the highest bidders . our taxes paid for the inovations!!!
—Loretta Horwitz, hollywood, FL

Net Neutrality is important to me because we do not need to charged extra for looking at out favorite websites our speed throttled on other web sites.
—Jeremy M Roe, MADISON, WI

Net Neutrality is important to me because the Internet does not care if you are rich or poor, white or black. The Internet is an important tool for expanding the mind and showing us what other cultures exist.
—Aaron Zacharkiw, Ironwood, MI

The FCC, Comcast and all corporations do not have the right to regulate the airways and internet for purposes of making more money for the few leaving us needing (again as always) needing to work more hours just to survive. Right now I am taking classes online so I can get a better job. Don't take that from me and millions of Americans. Stop being paid off by greed.
—Deb zwetsch, Bokeelia, FL

It is important to me that all US citizens of all economic levels have equal internet access.
—Pat Acheson, Westbrook, ME

Please don't allow discrimination online. This is a chance to truly exercise liberty and freedom in our laws. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Jason Vande Brake, LOS ANGELES, CA

The current rules made gave us Google, Amazon, Facebook and many many others. Ask Larry Page, Jeff Bezos and others who've made billions in our current system if the rules worked for them. If ain't broke don't fix it. Seems pretty simple.
—Lee Meade, Chicago, IL

Net Neutrality is the only way free speech is going to stay on the internet. What's there to stop corporations slowing down anyone who disagrees or speaks against the company? Nothing. The internet should be a free market, not a means to make even more money.
—Andrew Thomas, Alleman, IA

Do your job as a regulatory board and not as a servant of the corporations...
—Joel Hornsby, san francisco, CA

Net neutrality is a threat to our constitutional rights. Anti-constitutional companies such as comcast will begin censoring out our right to information, and others right to free speech. Ending net neutrality will create a blind, and miseducated america, and will put companies such as comcast in charge of the bulk of our education. You are making a stupid country, Mr. Wheeler.
—Joshua R, Cumming, GA

Leave the internet alone!!!! This plan will cut off information to those who need it most while lining the pockets of the wealthy.
—Ronald Starkey, Republic, WA

To discard net neutrality would not only weaken our economy and stifle freedom of speech. It would bring us ever closer to disorder in our society, and distrust towards our government. It would bring us down to China's level of internet regulations. It would be absolutely foolish to discard net neutrality. I urge you to reclassify ISPs as common carriers as soon as possible.
—Brandon Rodriguez, lancaster, CA

It's so frustrating that once the internet was free. Now we've sold all the broadband to for (HUGE) profit corporations and now they want to consolidate and grow their monopolies. It is time and perhaps our last chance to say no to Big ISP's. If anything is fair, they should be treated as just another utility and subject to regulation, taxation, and regulation. Net neutrality is at stake and in deed, personal choice and freedom of people to access an internet that is almost necessary to ALL individuals to keep up in a fast moving world. This should not be a privilege of those able to pay more for an already expensive/overpriced product. Chairman Wheeler I beg you to do the right thing and stand up for all Americans and support net neutrality 100%.
—Byron Barnes, Lake Forest Park, WA

This proposal is ridiculous. It only benefits "big business". Tom Wheeler should be put in jail for even proposing this.
—Mr. Derek Innarelli, APO, CA

Please- the "News" is anything but neutral, pbs strives for it...the net is, can & should always be, neutral. I explore you, let us keep One means of gleaning information Neutral, and not bought & paid for.
—Alexandra Hall, Wrentham, MA

Net neutrality allows all data on the Internet to be treated the same. I can watch a video from some small website and Netflix and they will work the same. It means websites Comcast doesn't like won't be throttled and run slow. It means I get the speed I pay for for all sites. It mean the little guys can play alongside the big guys because the little guys won't get shut out of getting their fair share of the bandwidth.
—Jon Wolf, Roslindale, MA

RE: Net Neutrality Equal Access for All! Before we know it, Internet Service Providers will be pulling credit scores to determine who can afford the extra fees for faster service and slow service for those whose credit scores are low. (Never have been able to figure out how insurance companies got away with that one. People either paid their bill or they didn't ... if they didn't, they got canceled.) There is enough discrimination without creating a platform for more discrimination against content and apps. Respectfully submitted, Char Morris
—Charlene E Morris, Lapeer, MI

Information cannot be withheld from the masses for a profit
—Scott Bachelder, Fremont, CA

This is very important to me, my family and my community.
—Lisa Sabath, New York, NY

PLEASE DO NOT PASS NET NEUTRALITY! Reclassify ISPs as common carriers. We want a un governed internet!
—Dustin Silver, howell, MI

The Internet should be for everyone, not the fastest and best only for the wealthy. Be ashamed.
—Carly Williams, Lake Village, AR

Stop trying to mess with the internet and it's users. It's the greatest and closest thing to freedom this world has. Stop FUCKING with it. I'm sick of this goddamn debate. Do your job and keep this stupid shit from happening instead of actually proposing this disgusting, unfathomable bullshit. The United States is already behind more than a few countries and you want to drag the country even further down the list instead of further up it. Villages in Europe have better internet than this country does anywhere. You will be stifling other businesses and innovations of the future. Quit it, it's embarrassing and beyond infuriating.
—Gregory W, Sterling, VA

The FCC's proposed Internet rules are unacceptable since they would mean the end of Net Neutrality. The two tiered proposal would mean that large companies would have the power to pick winners and losers online and discriminate against online content. Please throw out the FACC rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Ted Novakowski, Middleton, MA

Maintain Net Neutrality. No person, corporation, industry, business, group should have an advantage or control of the use and speed of the internet. To create a system where providers determine who gets the fast lane and who doesn't clearly takes away the idea that the Net is for everyone. Such a decision may help those who are already established but the innovation of new start-ups and new companies and the work of individuals could be easily stifled. The only way to ensure true Neutrality is to make and treat the net as any utility. It should never belong to one or two large groups. Thank you for your time.
—Mitchell G Travis, Elizabeth, CO

I am unalterably opposed to the two tiered Internet system the FCC is considering. This country needs to preserve a free and open road for ordinary citizens on the net. Just about everything these days is weighted on behalf of those who are powerful and wealthy. I'm a retired middle class citizen who believes our democracy is at terrible risk. Do your part to help preserve free and equal communication for all on the Internet, FCC. Thank you.
—Sharon Hill, Santa Barbara, CA

You need to stop this outrageous plan now!
—Jeremy L Rossman, Woolrich, PA

Freedom of Speech, covers all modes of medium. AS A Democratic Republic, Net Neutrality is vital for both information and objectivity and truth .. thank you
—Angelo Sturino, park ridge, IL

We need net neutrality. Democracy requires truly free speech, which is aided by net neutrality. Democracy requires well-informed, educated citizens. As an educator, I rely on information being available, not just that information deemed to be of commercial value. Modern technology is based on science. Science depends on the open flow of information. As a scientist, I routinely use the internet to move and share large data sets. Net neutrality makes this possible; without, my work will be handicapped in favor of whatever movie service can pay the highest rates.
—Nathaniel Tagg, Westerville, OH

I ask to avoid four things: 1. No fast lane. 2. No preferential treatment. 3. No blocking sites. 4. No corporate sway of how the internet is used or perceived. Please come up with new Neutrality rules and allow public comment on them. Thank you!
—Peter G. Salathe, Indianapolis, IN

You have no business changing laws that affect countries beyond your borders. I rely on net neutrality for my job. Without it my sources would be slow, unreachable or even shut down. Stop sucking the giant corporate dick in your mouth and do WHAT IS BEST FOR THE PEOPLE. Reclassify ISP's as common carriers and maintain fair exchange of information.
—Bernard Green, Wellington,

Internet Service Providers should be classed as "common carriers." The internet has become basic to the lives of virtually every citizen and to the fortunes of our country. Rather than limiting access and speed according to corporative demands, the FCC should be working to open up the internet to provide the fastest possible service and the broadest possible access for everyone. Development of the internet and its infrastructure was funded with tax dollars. This is a citizen's utility; it is not a stockholder cash cow. I urge you to protect Net Neutrality and abandon the plan proposed by Chairman Wheeler.
—Felix F. Billingsley, Gig Harbor, WA

Dear Chairman Wheeler, For the Love of God, why are you trying to destroy net neutrality? The internet wasn't developed by Comcast and AT&T. They don't own it! So why do you feel that the proposed FCC rules should cater to them, instead of millions of Americans? Are you in their pocket? I ask because it would seem so. Can you make a decision based on what is good for all of us, instead of one based in greed for a few companies who want to destroy net neutrality? And for what? Profits. Profits before people. With these proposed rules you should consider resigning your position, rather than shoving your profit before people ideas down our throats. The FCC's proposed Internet rules are terrible. This is the worst thing imaginable for the Internet. DO NOT DO THIS! KEEP NET NEUTRALITY!!!! I already pay a high cost for my internet services. These proposed rules would make the internet unaffordable not only to me but to thousands of people, forcing us to use slower lanes that will not allow us to fully utilize the internet as it is today. This would paramount to censorship for those unable to pay exorbitant rates. And that is simply WRONG!!!!
—Rebeca Davis, San Antonio, TX

The free flow of ideas is crucial in a democracy. A two- tiered system will privilege a few voices at the expense of the many. The internet must stay open and uncorrupted by monied interests.
—Maureen Murray, Accokeek, MD

We don't want internet providers to become as corrupt and monopolistic as big oil companies now do we? But above all, the internet is not owned by anyone (or at least shouldn't be). It's a NETWORK, and belongs to the people that it is comprised of. Sure we need providers to give us access to these other people, and sure we are at their mercy, but rather than give them all the power they want, it should be the government's job to make sure provider companies don't run rampant at their own will for their own interest. I know President Wheeler, and probably a good chunk of the rest of you fellas used to work with and for these companies, but please find it within yourself to do what's right. I know you are capable of doing so. You also probably know that true "Net Neutrality" IS indeed the right thing to do. Now, I'm not going to bash any of you for being greedy, as most of us would probably think the same way. After all, what's better than personal gain right? But please, just let this one go. You can get plenty of money and all that good stuff elsewhere, I have no doubt there are plenty of other opportunities! I never, ever do these sorts of things, but this one is kind of a big deal. Just this one time, do the right thing, please. Charge me a bit more on taxes or something, just leave the net open for us all. Thank you, from the bottom of my heart.
—Keller Chambers, Sherman oaks, CA

We must save The Internet!!! It is the last place left to the people of this world that is TRULY equal. If we allow this "fast lane" decision to happen, we are dooming ALL future generations to a world run by whomever has the deepest pockets.
—Chris Urb, mt prospect, IL

Allowing any company to purchase it's way into a "higher tier" of internet bandwidth is simply a bad idea. It will essentially create a culture of "corporate discrimination." Too many businesses rely solely on the internet for their sales, and many cannot afford to compete with larger companies who will essentially be able to "buy-out" the playing field. Please do not let this happen. The internet must remain free ground. Allowing anyone to restrict, control, and direct the flow of internet traffic will only hamper the free market economy created by it, as well as infringe upon the free exchange of information which should be regarded as a civil right.
—Mike Locke-Paddon, Watsonville, CA

Need to have uncensored news in America.
—Dorothy Buchanan, la puente, CA

As an educator, I believe the internet is essential for our schools and universities in providing first class public education. We need an internet that is equally accessible to everyone. A multi-tiered system will only limit our students, our research, and our potential. Please make our internet a fair place to teach and learn.
—Chad Garcia, Lakeland, FL

mr. Wheeler, PLEASE let our internet be netural. WE the PEOPLE need to have our FREEDOM and the internet gives us this ! we want you to throw out the rules and instead of reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This the only way to protect real net netrality. THANK YOU !!! ms. Connie Williamson
—Connie Williamkson, payson, AZ

The internet was developed and paid for by my tax dollars. This means I am a part owner and I resent that although you are working for me and being paid by my tax dollars, you act like you are working for other people that don't pay any taxes at all. If I could, I would fire you for breach of contract. There may be other legal options to remove you. Give me a reason not to pursue those options. Represent the American people as group not just a few who can afford lackeys, who you appear to be one of. Please prove me wrong.
—Jason Gorski, Saint Paul, MN

Net neutrality in a free republic is a no brainer except for the oligarchy that is intent on controlling the united states of America as well as the rest of the world. This cartel, cabal, gang of gangsters believes that it is their right to dictate everything for all the residents of this planet, including what kind of food they are to eat, water to drink, literature they may read, what vehicle they may drive, what criminal leader they must accept in their community, as well put up with the idea that these criminals consider us "inferiors" to them. This "elite" also murders constantly and with impunity and controlling the net the way they would like to would only make their criminal behavior that much easier to practice. Depriving free State Citizens of information that would expose these criminals and their crimes is just one more attempt to impose the totalitarian state they seek. NET NEUTRALITY. Don't forget that this horde of hoodlums considers you and your underlings to be just bureaucratic tools to be used and then discarded just like the rest of us! Wake up and see what is happening before your eyes! a
—Randy Gleason, Penn Yan, NY

I'm a middle-class cituzen who uses thd internet hourly. Sometimes I struggle to pay my internet bill. But now you are going to use that to make my internet slower? I have a gaming competition in a few weeks and I might not be able to join them without net neutrality.
—Josh Foreman, Corrimal, CA

Common carrier status is one way - another is to keep the majors out of the private meetings to determine policy. Keep equality and neutrality.
—Bernard Wolsieffer, durango, CO

Please consider how giving all of the power to internet providers to regulate the content and speed based on who has the most available money will effect the content for everyone. This is just not right. Please keep the internet free from discrimination.
—Catherine Bachelder, Fremont,, CA

The internet is a public utility. It was built by the public, with public monies. Declare the internet free from corporate fascism, vote to declare it a public utility. Keep it out of the hands of the corporatists, the one per cent!
—Charles Cox, Eureka, CA

This is a simple Q & A deal. The question being, when did the voice of a handful outrank and control the voice of millions. If a two-tiered internet comes into place even against the wishes of the people of the United States of America, it not only means slower internet for the majority, but it is also clear evidence that we are no longer a democracy. We have become an oligarchy. If the wishes of one or a few men outweigh the citizens of the United States of America, their power cannot be controlled and the oppression will not end here. Keep the internet neutral.
—Quinn Marron, Des Moines, IA

FCC Chairman Wheeler, A two-tiered internet would create an undemocratic and unfair internet. Don't destroy an even-playing field for the majority of us. Bitterness and loss of hope in America would result.
—Mael & Sophia Melvin, santa barbara, CA

I have been using the Internet since 1986 and have witnessed many changes. I use it for personal finances, email, research, shopping, education, social interaction, entertainment and so much more. Please allow these many activities to continue for everyone, no matter what their income and political influence may be. There are so many positive reasons to continue open access for all.
—Rita Winn, Mount Vernon, WA

The American people need and demand a free and open internet. It is about time we put consumers ahead of corporation greed. We live in the information age and to let a few corporations control the flow of information screams corruption. It is a crime. We talk to our families over the internet, pay bills over the internet, and start business from the internet. This is a requirement in our daily life. Please, do not let a handful of companies have a free pass to discriminate by making a two-tiered internet. Chairman Wheeler if you really care about the American consumer you would reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Jeffrey Usher, Brooklyn, NY

Freedom is not free, but you shouldn't leave the price tag hanging off. Why, in this wonderful new frontier of information, when so much good could be done, are we still catering to corporations that only wish to curtail that information for their own gain? An educated populace is a free one.
—Amanda Alexander, DUNCAN, OK

Net neutrality is a crucial element in the fight for our constitutional rights, particularly to ensure the rule of one citizen-one vote! ... Your actions will be judged by history as a part of a conspiracy against "We the People" The veil that covers power and corruption will eventually be lifted and I am sure that you, those in a position of authority on this matter, would be exposed. Corruption has many forms and you may be indicted by generations to come, for having sided with the few who through their oppressive weight against the millions that work everyday just earn a living for ourselves and our children.
—Francisco Di Blasi, New York, NY

We are entitled to a Free and Open Internet. Without the Internet, this world would be nothing.
—Josef Luftman, Livingston, NJ

Net Neutrality is keeping the internet how it always has been - free, indescriminate, accessible to everyone, and free of fast lanes. Don't reclassify the internet, restore what it was. No one should be allowed to pay to get ahead in the game.
—Nikki Fier, Homewood, IL

I do not want a fast lane and a slow lane for internet access! Those in the fast lane will pay more. The internet should have equal access for everyone! Keep the internet open!
—Ms. Terry terry, New Rochelle, NY

The internet should be an open forum for all to express their views.
—Brian Weiss, Farmington, MN

The internet is the last place where everyone can be equal. If net neutrality isn't protected it'll be like having free dial up when everyone else is using fiber optic cable.
—Teresa Halsted, Los Angeles, CA

Net Neutrality has allowed so many new innovative and beneficial ideas come to fruition in our society. We wouldn't have such great things as YouTube, Hulu, Netflix, Facebook, Wikipedia and other various achievements in connecting humans and resources without a free, neutral internet. I am very adamantly against a two-tiered internet. DO NOT CHANGE THE INTERNET! It's the last truly fair and equal voice for all humans. Just the thought of a two-tiered internet benefitting AT&T, Comcast, and Verizon angers me. So much anger and hatred for those companies if they want to limit our freedom. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Matthew Miller, Austin, TX

Cable companies will be able to force a monopoly by forcing smaller but better companies out of business.
—Casey Strunk, Glenside, PA

With power mergers happening, there is nothing that will prevent big ISPs from throttling the Internet traffic which will end up harming end users.
—Ethan Doh, Fresh Meadows, NY

I rely on the internet for news and information from sources which I choose and trust, not sources which were chosen for me.
—Sean Dorsey, E Taunton, MA

I urge you to protect net neutrality and to reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Please do not let corporations like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon discriminate against us because we don't have money to spend on something that should be free and open for everyone to use and connect with others. the only way we can make a change in this world is if we connect with others across the world, both wealthy and not so wealthy, and a lot of the time the only way to achieve that is by the internet. so please help make the world a better place and reclassify ISPs as common carriers
—Nicole, Seattle, WA

I don't see how it far for me to pay for the Internet then have to rely on the business to pay there end to be a part of it. So let's say Netflix can't compete with Hulu enough to pay the cost for the higher speed. The Netflix customers like myself are going to suffer from the slower speeds just because one company can't quite keep up. I pay for my use by the speed how is it far I should be restricted by the people I pay to deliver when someone else will not pay. It begs the question why should I pay for the higher speed of 18 maps if the sites I use can't reach those speeds. Not to mention in the end the bigger sites can afford more which will end in the big company's controlling everything we see. For example Facebook has put out a study they have spent the last two years experimenting with thier customers emotions and found they can make people happy or sad based on the posts they allow the people on the other side to read. Do we really want the big Internet companies to have this power? If I'm willing to pay for 18 megabytes a second it should not be restricted on where I'm going be it; Netflix, Facebook, MySpace, or DigitalKore I should get what I am paying for not what someone else is willing to pay for me to pay for. In the end if I'm paying for my "high speed" Internet am I really getting it or am I just getting what people are paying for me to get? Please don't hurt my Internet then call it progress the only winners here are the people with money to spend.
—David, Cleveland, OH

The Internet IS a public utility IN THIS WORLD. Make it so, in YOUR world (please). No economic discrimination is useful for a viable, forward looking functioning. Please think beyond short term, first quarter mentality... the economics of it will astound you!
—Mr. Henry Peters, Ewen, MI

Equal access to what should be a public property is immensely important.
—Ben hulsey, seattle, WA

You need to support net neutrality - or are you too captured by big business?
—David rowe, Andover, MA

Dear FCC Chairman Wheeler, I have been following the Net Neutrality debate closely since you shared your two-tiered proposal. I'm afraid I just can't share the same optimism you espouse when you speak to the equitable practices service providers have said they will follow if your proposal becomes reality. Millions of Americans disagree with your proposal, corporate interests have expressed concern, and elected leaders have urged you to recant your proposal. The voice is overwhelming, and you must listen. The possibility of service providers throttling would-be companies is too great a threat to the economy and too great a threat to the freedom of information to change an already acceptable (though improvable) arrangement. Please withdraw your proposal, and leave the internet neutral. Thank You, Alejandro Pena
—Alejandro Pena, Bainbridge Island, WA

As an unemployed professional currently living way below the poverty line while job-hunting, I cannot even afford to be online at home; like millions of people, I must go to the library or a public place with free Wi-Fi just to use my laptop. Without net neutrality, many many people - especially those with lower incomes - be at a huge disadvantage as far as being able to access all of the internet. Creating a two tier systems whereby only those with a certain income level will be able to access the entire internet is a slap in the face to American.ideals of equality for ALL.
—Rachel Bernhardt, Silver Spring, MD

Give back the net to the open market the people of earth!
—Trevor Rump, Ortonville, MI

The Net is a Wild Wild West, a purveyor of beauty and of creativity. Changing, masking, or even making the internet less accessible will have astounding affects on the beauty and freedom of the Net. We should keep the Net how it is - available to anyone and everyone, open, and free from boundaries, for our future depends on it.
—Kate, Austin, TX

It is important because it makes me feel like a child, an innocent child exploring everything at my disposal to the infinite. I you, the FCC, disturb this child and add obstacles to make me go slower than usual, I will call mom and dad. Mom and dad have been specialized into threatening anyone who dares to stop me, they are called, the hackers. We need an innocent child to grow and learn more, but not a crippled child to learn nothing before hitting the adult stage. The internet is currently a fair place and you do not need to disturb it. Adding another lane beside the current one will only search for more problems because of the unfairness of having obstacles in the first lane. What I really need is the fastest lane for everyone! No hyper lane, fast lane, but the FASTEST lane. Yes, the ONLY FASTEST LANE! Long live equality. We have the power to change, we will get what we want. It is our decision and you must respect it. We, as innocent children, do not need any wheelchair now. We are not crippled, and we will never be. Leave us alone and we will not disturb anyone.
—Johnny Lin, Montreal,

discrimination of freedom of speech on the highest level
—Heidi Hilliard, Madison, WI

Keep the internet neutral and preserve our right to freely communicate on-line.
—Ms. Regina Simpson, Chico, CA

We need Net Neutrality for a truly democratic society. Hello, how can you not get this?
—Kevin Coleman, San Francisco, CA

Please reclassify ISP's as common carriers, and force them to keep the net neutral. We're all already paying them for service, they need to keep their end of the bargain and give us the service they are billing us for.
—Mike Whitney, Austin, TX

Dear FCC- Absolute neutrality NOW. No fast lanes, no preferential treatment. TOTAL NEUTRALITY.
—Joseph A Crawford, Medford, OR

In the past, we've faced SOPA, PIPA, TPP, and now they're passing laws for people to pay high prices for high internet speed? My answer: fuck to the no. There are various internet companies with a lot of customers that would be willing to purchase high-speed internet at a very reasonable price. We don't need a third-party to ruin that for all of us using crazy-high prices that people would not afford to pay.
—Ariel Kelly, York, PA

Internet speed should be the same for everyone. stop capitalizing and serve the people. you should be ashamed of yourself, Tom Wheeler
—Taylor, st paul,

Internet access should be made into a public utility !!!
—Paul Kulick, Portage, PA

To Mr Wheeler and the FCC: I strongly urge you to reconsider pushing your current plan to allow a "fast lane" for companies that can afford the extra fees and what can only be described as a pothole-pocked dirt road for start-ups and the rest. Our country has flourished using a capitalist system. Rules such as the ones proposed violate the rights of the individual to the freedom of the open internet and, by extension, small businesses trying to foster healthy competition. Please consider reclassifying ISPs as common carriers in order to protect Net Neutrality.
—Helen Franck, Blacksburg, VA

Hi, Please don't push forward with your proposed rules that would allow internet providers to create two-tiered internet. Internet prices are absurd here in the United States, and competition that usually benefits consumers is slim. We only receive two internet providers in a major city like Atlanta, and now your going to further restrict service to free people by allowing companies like AT&T and Comcast to further restrict access? Your efforts are going to further diminish access to the internet by allowing the large businesses who can offer more money to access faster internet connections than those who can't afford it. Thanks for reading.
—David Campbell, Tucker, GA

Dear FCC, The plans to make a two-tiered internet is essentially creating a monopoly for three companies, which is illegal for most of America. The rest of the world is watching this, and trust me, many of them are very prepared to take action against the FCC, to which I have seen that it is not prepared to counter. Do NOT make them mad and attack us. Discrimination is also against the law. This act will only seriously aggravate real-life discrimination, and cause people to come marching up to YOUR door, and I highly doubt you'd like to be woken up to very angry protesters outside your home, fully armed and ready to go nuts. They already know where you live, and the outcry I've seen is only the tip of the iceberg. I've foreseen this, and urge you to kill this plan you're pushing. Throw out the rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Lacey Clark, West Melbourne, FL

What the heck is going on in this. "The land of the free", etc., etc. Corporations are people ? ? ?. . . Meaning money from multi-billion dollar corps can pay to swing our government in directions counter to the welfare of the vast majority. Now vested interests of big corporations will be awarded advantages unavailable to the rest of us. Net Neutrality must not be sacrificed to a two level internet that gives special privilege to those already empowered because of their huge access to money, money, money. When is too much too much!
—Perry Ragouzis, Fort Collins, CO

Monopolistic internet providers such Verizon and Comcast are common carriers and need to be reclassified as such. Has the FCC no shame?
—Ed Cowardin`, Richmond, VA

The internet needs to remain a neutral and balanced communitation system to maintain innovation on the community level, to keep small business's in business and to avoid corporate monopolies. Please uphold the United States's core value of equality.
—Aaron, Sacramento, CA

The time is now, to keep Net Neutrality. If you changes it now, it will never be reversed,and that's a crime in of itself. We need to keep the Net Neutral. Freedom of speech should be world wide. Not just in the USA. Companies should not be given any means to throttle the capacity of any users speed or content. Schools are even using the internet more and more. Do we discontinue that use also, for the sake of Comcast's bottom line?
—Tad Wahlen, Lakewood, WA

This is completely unpatriotic and takes away the rights of citizens in SO MANY ways. I am trying to run a non profit started from the ground meant to help the public gain awareness on homelessness and ultimately have them be responsible for homelessness. This law kills my chances at getting this seen and limits the way people all over the world communicate. Though that may be the point of this law, we cannot keep catering to large corporations and ignore the rights of the people. The people are becoming angry and this limitation will only add to the fire. Please do not allow large corporations (or anyone) to have quicker access to their sites.
—Althea Johnston, new york, NY

The internet is my library. Please do not destroy this.
—Paul Archer, Garden Valley, CA

I don't want Big Biz to take over the internet and make it unafordable to the average person!!!!!!!!!!!!!
—Anita Cartwright, New Castle, PA

Creating a two-tiered Internet would totally defeat the whole point of having the Internet in the first place! If such a thing did get implemented, I might as well just stop going online altogether and just watch TV. The thing that makes the whole Internet so awesome is that it serves as a great equalizer for humanity. In other words, some nobody Joe Schmoe has just as much say as, say, somebody who is a multi-billionaire corporate CEO. Please stop your drive to create a two-tiered Internet! Tell the FCC to throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers!
—Lester E. Rees, Mott, ND

I am a network engineer by trade and I CANNOT support the current administration's view of Net Neutrality. In my professional opinion a "two-tiered Internet" would have a negative impact on Americana economy and on the Internet as a whole. The only true "Net Neutrality" would be to reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Christopher James Collins, Lexington, SC

True net neutrality is essential to advancing the united states economy and the quality of life Americans enjoy in general. Setting up fast lanes and slow lanes for the internet is not the way to do this in fact this may very well cripple the internet in America for generations to come as others nations such as South Korea continue to advance and utilize a neutral net to the fullest. As things are we pay almost 5 times as much for our internet than our European counterparts and out internet quality is worse. Implementing this plan will only make this old issue worse in America.
—Sterling Beauchamp, Rancho Cucamonga, CA

The world and America are at a tipping point. Any further action by the government to limit our freedom and ability to communicate through the Internet will be met with retaliation. It's time to make way for a new generation who cares about the planet we live on and the people we share it with.
—Mike Simson, San Diego, CA

Net Neutrality is very important. Internet should be available to everyone at the same speeds and same prices. People shouldn't need to pay a fee to gain faster access they should already have fast access to. Please for the love of sanity see reason and don't go through with this.
—James Nicoll, Wellington,

ISPs 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.
—Lorita A Leighton, Ketchikan, AK

Keep the internet open and free; not controlled by corporations !!!
—Kathy Rock, Santa Cruz, CA

One of the questions on the children's intelligence tests I give is: Why do we need a free press in a democracy? In the 21st century, access to different websites through our internet providers are the free press. If the FCC does not follow-through and categorize the internet service providers as common carriers or essentially broadcast media, then we will be taking steps away from a democratic government in the United States. It really does not require significant intelligence, I ask you Mr. Wheeler, follow through with what is right - reclassify ISP's as common carriers. Sincerely, Dr. Keyes.
—James Keyes, Shoreline, WA

The internet empowers entrepreneurs, students, disabled people, stay at home moms, job seekers, artists, journalists, political activists, etc, etc. we all need equal access!
—Edward LoBello, Blacksburg, VA

The internet is a public entity, and should remain a level playing field for everyone who uses it. Removing net neutrality would give a very small number of private companies a death grip on access to the internet. Private companies historically don't have the best interests of users in mind. What motivates them? Money. Faster lanes will not be created as they have no interest or incentive for doing so as they can instead charge extra for existing lanes. Competition won't change this as the few ISPs have practically a monopoly on the internet infrastructure. There's no way for a small startup company to try and compete with the bigger companies. If net neutrality ends, the internet as we know it today will be dead. I hope you will do what's right for the people of the United States and save net neutrality. Prove that the United States government still has the guts to do what's right for its people.
—Kip Nicol, Cupertino, CA

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 fasterservice. Please stand up for all Internet users and our right to communicate.
—Eric Matamoros, Merrick, NY

Commit to REAL net neutrality. Stop ignoring the American People. Stop obeying the companies that line your pockets with money. A two tier system will not work, stop trying to force it on us!
—Mike Michael Chaney, Acton, MA

Because freedom is every thing.,..
—Thomas R Duff, PORT ORANGE, FL

We need real and true net neutrality. The major ISPs, CLECs, ILECs, and other communication providers should not be allowed to double dip by creating fictitious fast lanes. If they are capable of providing better and faster lanes, they should be doing this to earn my business. Communication providers have a poor track record of providing access to state of the art communications, have not expanded their networks as they once said they would, and are not incentivized to do so. Real competition and innovation will happen with real net neutrality protection.
—John Beatrice, Holland, OH

Leaving the internet free for all to enjoy, no one has the rite to stop it, slow it down or limit the way in which we use it. I demand that you leave it the way it is for all to enjoy.
—Dennis M Knapp, Poughkeepsie, NY

Please reclassify ISP's as common carriers this can't become another monopolized privately controlled discriminated service that is important to all people the way a phone service is.
—Richard Dungan, Valparaiso, IN

Please throw out your proposed rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Nothing less is acceptable!
—Shawn Peters, New Braunfels, TX

With Internet access being a household standard now, the ISP companies needed to be subjected to the same restrictions as utility companies, especially since there are few companies operating in the industry and share the infrastructure that is in place. Maintaing Net Neutrality reinforces American values as it provides an equal system that all people can use.
—Wesley Shall, CLARKSTON, MI

Without the freedom to express OUR needs to any and all no manner of free speach should or shall be infringed.
—Reginald Zenkewich, Tuolumne, CA

Reclassify internet service providers as common carriers... this is the only solution!
—T Truthe, Calgary,

One of those situations where "hands off" works a whole lot better. There's no charge for the air we breathe - same for the internet. Not everything is established as a profit center.
—Maury Siegel, Stamford, CT

The internet is my window to the world. I cannot afford to make rich people richer. I am barely hanging on, and the internet is my lifeline.
—Nancy Standley, Billings, MT

The FCC is captured by the cable industry.How is a former Cable Lobbyist allowed to run the FCC. Is this the change we were promised. Its disgusting. We demand net neutrality NOW!
—Keith Jakober, Centerville, MN

I think it is absurd that abolishing Net neutrality is even being considered in our nation.
—Chris Postma, Blaine, MN

I know that this is the last day for public comment. I want to add that you have within your hands a moment that could reshape the future or destroy it. Corporate America only thinks about one thing - money. They think about the year end bonus instead of the long term goals. In contrast, people of the Internet have done considerable things with it that have reshaped our future for the better. The future may not matter to you as some believe that it is better to live like a king now because we will all be the same when we die. But the future matters to many of us even though we won't live to see it. Allow me to explain why I feel net neutrality is important. Net neutrality is the First Amendment of the Internet, the principle that Internet service providers (ISPs) treat all data equally. As an Internet user, net neutrality is vitally important to me. The FCC should use its Title II authority to protect it. Net Neutrality is a promise to all who log onto the Internet. That promise is that whoever you are it'll be up to you and to you alone to decide how you should use the Internet. No one will tell you differently. If you give corporate america any power or any say in this matter then you will take away that promise, and you will allow corporate america to decide how the Internet should be used. Most Americans have only one choice for truly high speed Internet: their local cable company. This is a political failure, and it is an embarrassment. America deserves competition and choice. Allowing corporate america to run the Internet will destroy competition as no one will want to spend money to go up against any corporate giant. Without net neutrality, a bad situation gets even worse. These ISPs will now be able to manipulate our Internet experience by speeding up some services and slowing down others. That kills choice, diversity, and quality. Again, this goes back to what I had said earlier. By allowing them to manipulate our Internet services they will dictate how we as individuals will use the Internet. They not us will have the power to shape the Internet and that is something that goes against the core principles of the Internet itself. It also causes tremendous economic harm. If ISPs can speed up favored services and slow others, new businesses will no longer be able to rely on a level playing field. When ISPs can slow your site and destroy your business at will, how can any startup attract investors? History has shown how disastrous monopolies or gate keepers can be. It is bad for the company and it is bad for the economy. My friends, family, and I use the Internet for conversation and fun, but also for work and business. When you let ISPs mess with our Internet experience, you are attacking our social lives, our entertainment, and our economic well being. We won't stand for it. ISPs are opposing Title II so that they can destroy the FCC's net neutrality rules in court. This is the same trick they pulled last time. Please, let's not be fooled again. Title II is the strong, legally sound way to enforce net neutrality. Use it. Sincerely, Lonard Tilford
—Lonard Tilford, Seymour, IN

Allowing companies like Verizon and Comcast to charge websites for faster speeds will kill innovation and creativity on the Internet, and it will lead to worse overall service from them. It would effectively reward the huge telecoms for providing terrible service and allow them to make money by extorting websites instead of by actually upgrading their infrastructure. This in turn would prevent new web start-ups from taking hold in the market because they would be unable to afford the new fees being charged by Verizon/Comcast for high speed. Please uphold Net Neutrality.
—Daniel Lamoureaux, PITTSBURGH, PA

A two tier system won't work... Net Neutrality and reclassification are the only way to protect free speech and freedom of information.
—R Litke, Hanna,

Don't mess with our internet. The American people are fed up with corporations bullying the people and buying the politicians. The internet is our only free speech and unedited source of news left. Take that away and the can of worms that will be opened will not be able to have a lid put back on it.
—Tabitha, morganfield, KY

The FCC has a former cable employee working them. Whose interest does he really have? Not ours please,please,please keep the internet free so we continue thrive.
—John diaz, Bronx, NY

I thought monopolies were bad. Who runs this country...? It's of the people, by the people, for the people, right? CORPORATIONS ARE NOT PEOPLE. And stuff like this is why America is no longer a democracy. Oh, no. It's an oligarchy and a plutocracy and it needs to stop.
—Heather Curtiss, Elyria, OH

Dear FCC, Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers and do not allow rules that would favor parties who already have an extreme advantage over everyone else. At some point in this unending growth of power on the part of some, it feels that we are heading for a tipping point when those without power will be virtually extinguished. This may sound funny, but just today I saw an example of this trend (for lack of a better word). I was in a restaurant and the self-serve soda dispenser was a small machine with one dispenser. You chose the type of soda you wanted from an array of electronic 'buttons' with different soda logos on them. This means that the company (which happened to be Coca Cola) used their vast resources and access to cutting edge technology to acquire this lean machine which eliminated the usual multitude of dispensers and altogether used much less plastic and other materials in its construction. They did this, of course, to spend less on self-serve soda machines and thereby increase profits. In the course of doing so, they eliminated manufacturing jobs. I am not suggesting that jobs should be kept solely for the sake of keeping them, as a sort of 'make work' program. But, I am asserting that we live in a system where a very few players make decisions based on what is best for them with no consideration to the larger group, all of whom are participating in the system, actively and in good faith. This desperately needs to change. Please don't do anything that would increase the power of the most powerful. Thank you so much for your thoughtful consideration of this note. ~ Mona Kool-Harrington
—Mona Kool-Harrington, Phoenix, OR

There is no meaningful competition in this industry. Regulatory capture is killing the internet economy and must be stopped. Reclassify it as a title II common carrier. Thank you.
—Jonathan Mills, Charleston, SC

The net was developed by DARPA using American tax dollars. Therefore, we the people already own it, and it should not be controlled by a few corporations for their own benefits. It belongs to us all, and should be classified a public utility.
—A Cherier, Kelseyville, CA

To lose net neutrality would be a horrifying precedent to set for the future, completely unethical. Please please please act in the interest of humanity instead of money on this one.
—Rose, lone rock, WI

It is important that ISPs be reclassified as common carriers, which they are, to protect the freedom of speech and information, on the internet.
—Brandon MacDonald, Friendswood, TX

Do not impose rules...reclassify ISPs as common carriers.. we want net neutrality.
—Hector Hernandez, granite city, IL

Please keep the internet truly neutral... Reclassify! Jobs like mine rely on the neutral internet.
—Nicholas Woodbury, San Francisco, CA

We have seen what these companies do when they have a monopoly. Now you want to give them another monopoly. How can you seriously even consider this?
—Susan Davis, Burlington, NC

This is one of the most ridiculous things I've heard in a very long time. Wheeler needs to be taken out of the FCC for biased actions!
—Matthew Gunnison, Harvard, IL

I'm a small business owner that sells exclusively on the internet. My profits are small and a huge part of my expenditures to make my business run are my web services. With these new rules in place I can expect my outlay for internet to double or more. Eventually this will put me out of business.
—Lin A. Hendrix, Austin, TX

The internet is our opportunity to embody democracy. We must protect it from the power-hungry, monied interests.
—Jane Harlan-Simmons, Bloomington, IN

An open and free internet is essential to the maintenance of our democracy. Our government is already under assault by the Super-Rich and extremely powerful. This would be another nail in the coffin. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Terry Grace, Oak Park, IL

Please do not end Net Neutrality and reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Protect the average citizen from higher fees by not allowing the Internet providers to create a two tiered Internet. Thank you. Judith L. Goldsmith Charleston, SC
—Judith Goldsmith, Charleston, SC

The internet should be neutral to all individuals. People without a lot of money should have the same access as those who have plenty. No preferential treatment should ever be allowed.
—P Paulson, San Marcos, CA

Net Neutrality is important to me is because it protects my privacy and provides myself and others fair and objective access to the internet.
—Don Remy, Miami, FL

All of us use the 'Net on a daily basis, and at the end of the day WE, the citizens and taxpayers, fund the backbone that providers tap into. The Internet is part of our infrastructure, and not a commodity to be industrially controlled. 'Net neutrality' is key to our national values!
—Paul Drowns, Saco, ME

All I ask is that you do not follow in the footsteps of the corrupt ones in control of our country. Please, do what's right in your heart.
—Kenton Owen III, Indianapolis, IN

Don't let AT&T, Comcast, Verizon, and other service providers create a 2 tiered Internet, with more wealthy groups and individuals able to afford faster loading time while those groups and individuals who could change the world be punted aside to slow speeds. Not everyone has interests mainstream enough the providers could afford it. Accommodate for everyone.
—David Vaughn, Wallingford, CT

Please preserve the level playing field that has always been the main distinguishing aspect of the internet. Without net neutrality, much of the positive impact of this technology will be lost.
—Harold Flusche, Midlothian, TX

Net Neutrality is important to me because it is the essence of what the internet is and should be. With ISPs taking advantage of situations and loop holes like this to take advantage of the consumer. Net neutrality is important to me because it shows that you, the FCC are actually doing your job. If this does get enacted I dearly hope that the general public will wake up and destroy this rampant corruption, and hopefully the FCC as well because they clearly don't have their priorities straight.
—Joseph Merusi, Sanford, ME

What you are considering is not only unfair it is un-American this will result in discrimination at it's finest
—Jerry Steele, Apopka, FL

Real net neutrality is crucial for the future of our country. Allowing big companies to pay for a faster pipe would stifle competition and be extremely detrimental to innovation and competition. ISPs should probably be reclassified as common carriers, but at the least we need strong net neutrality policies. Thank you.
—David Ragsdale, WIlmington, MA

If we don't keep Net Neutrality, it will be the end of the internet as we know it. It will give Corporate America just one more huge monopoly so they can flex their corporate greed muscle and once again screw over the American consumer! This will make the internet a rich mans tool, and the Hell with the rest of us! Mr. Wheeler, do you want us to be the next North Korea?
—Thomas White, Spokane Valley, WA

I am disabled and poor. The internet is my primary (often only) social connection, source of information, and means of entertainment.
—Jordan P Bassett, Kennewick, WA

Net neutrality is important for not only continued online growth in all sectors of business. But also for the common person the people who are paying for this service. Your proposal hinders all of these in the hopes of stopping something impossible. I DEMAND a free net. One where I can make my choices of speech and information unhindered the way it was meant to be. The way our second ammendment calls for.
—Austin Russum, Kaukauna, WI

you suck
—Warner R Heston III, Winston Salem, NC

If I'm paying for Internet access I should get whatever I want at full bandwidth. It shouldn't be tiered based on another arrangement between the ISP and my content provider.
—Belphanior Zardoz, Washington, DC

Don't sell us out for corporate interests.
—Carolyn Anderson, Boxford, MA

Net neutrality is critical to keeping a free flow of information that isn't tiered on the basis of money. The airwaves belong to the PUBLIC not to the hightest bidder.
—Thomas E. Tracy, Houston, TX

In this day and age the internet has become a necessity. There are countless statics that show that countries with internet do better economically and have access to more information. Much like the electricity which not needed for survival, the internet has become a standard of life. This "fast lane" system is solving a problem that does not exists. The internet has grown to what it is now because everyone is on and equal playing field. Please do not change that now.
—Navon, Deerfield Beach, FL

The internet needs to be left alone. Equal for all. Without power struggles because money always wins.Net Neutrality is extremely important!
—Ben Benjamin Powell, Leadville, CO

Net Neutrality is important because the internet makes information boundary-less and without time limits. People need information to make decisions and improve their lives. Americans in the middle and lower economic classes are already at a disadvantage to their more financially comfortable peers. With the internet, they have equal access to information needed for school and work. People need this information to work with and make a better life for themselves and their children.
—Emily Galas, Omaha, NE

Creativity, free thinking and group collaboration are the forerunners of positive Internet happenings. Another is the sharing of information in fast time vs slow yesteryear. Social media has made the world a smaller place...hence Twitter's blockbuster tweeting record with yesterday's Brazil v Germany soccer match. To let big business and the wealthy overtake better bandwidth and all the other negatives associated with it, is not allowing the underdog or the little guy dabble with the big boys...we might as well be China or the Middle East, where expression by the masses is squelched and forbidden.
—John Keiser, Buena Park, CA

WE NEED NET NEUTRALITY. Without it everything we know about the internet will go down the drain.
—Scott Jones, Sicklerville, NJ

Please keep free speech on the internet. Preserve net neutrality. Thank you.
—Regina Galat-Skey, Winchendon, MA

Don't be a dingo! Net Neutrality is essential for encouraging entrepreneurialism. An open Internet is essential for free speech and free commerce.
—Dan Lybarger, Overland Park, KS

Corporation should not be able to control the internet. The internet should be accessible for all at the same fast quality. It is not fair to have a two tiered system or let corporations control what we want to see, research and access. I live in a rural community and have enough trouble already accessing the internet for my work and personal use.
—Amy Levin, North Bend, OR

Aren't they making enough already?!?! No, no, no! I pay $175 per month for cable and internet already, and that is with only two cable boxes for four TVs... All I see is back door deals and bribery. They caused this... Expensive cable bills have people going to the internet to get obtain cheaper media, causing their "issue" with bandwidth. I make good money and am now considering other alternatives (hdhomerunprime to reduce my per cable box fee in the house). The real problem is that they will be able to arbitrarily discriminate/throttle your content, and in turn determine what/who is deemed as "pay for"? Come on now. Only bad can come from this. Aren't they a CASH COW already??? CORPORATE GREED at its best.
—Gavin Scott, Tampa, FL

Data PACKETS do not know how much they cost !
—Frank Krentzman, Venice, CA

Please continue the net neutrality rules. The internet is meant to be equal!
—Tiara blue, Milburn, OK

To protect free speech online reclassify Internet service providers as common carriers. Please keep the Internet equal for all, the rich and the poor.
—Don Lafond, Jacksonville, FL

As a small software company we won't be able to compete in a tiered internet. We provide audio and web conferencing and our customers require a competitive internet connection. In a tiered system, there's no doubt that the "big" competitors (Cisco) will eat our lunch. Please reconsider!
—Carl Goodale, Reading, MA

The internet is the leveling ground for businesses. Businesses should succeed on the merit of their products and services, not by laws meant to give them a monopoly.
—Bob Shelline, Provo, UT

Stop the madness and Greed.
—George, Wellington,

what improvements have internet co made for consumers, in the last 15 years, price s are going up for the same services 1 Net Neutrality keeps things fair for all providers 2 Net Neutrality promotes freedom of choice 3 Net Neutrality has worked for the good of the internet this should not be decided for by big money big power
—Brennan J Baranska, TAMPA, FL

The Internet is a resource for all Americans. Not Corporations, not the wealthy. All Americans. J. Ritchie, Lincoln, MA.
—James Ritchie, Lincoln, MA

I can't see how this two tiered system will benefit anyone except the companies who already enjoy a monopoly for providing internet services. Now you want to give them more power to censor speech on the internet according to the ability to pay? The internet has provided a wonderful leveling against mainstream media, who bow down to the highest bidder, and it is important to prevent the same thing from happening with the internet.
—Janey Campbell, Las Cruces, NM

Keep our internet away from the corporate mobsters. Keep it free for the people. Free for our children.
—Nicholas Demakas, Windsor, CA

The free, open exchange of ideas is what keeps our democracy. No single entity or group should have control.
—Joey Hachtman, Point Pleasant Beach, NJ

Chairman Wheeler, The two tiered plan is ignoring the wishes of most of the people who use the internet. It is undemocratic and puts the corporations in control of our speedy and free access to information. It is of utmost importance that you reclassify internet service providers as common carriers.
—Sandy Neumann, Corte Madera, CA

I run a small web development startup and rely on having access to the same "internet" as those big tech companies whose services I am working on challenging. The loss of net neutrality would stiffle new tech entrepreneurs' ability to compete. Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Don't destroy the internet.
—Balz Kaufmann, Brooklyn, NY

Be a man, Wheeler, and do what you know is right. Reclassify the internet as a utility so we can remain culturally relevant.
—Brandon Green, Houston, TX

Bruh, y u do dis?
—Alex Pricola, Gay, NJ

"Net neutrality" ought to be a given and never be monitorized so that its flow of information can be influenced by any bartering or controlling source of any kind, private or governmental, using any justification. It's very simple: there is no and can be no justification of any sort at all.
—George C. O'Connor, Revere, MA

Everyone should be able to have the same access to information, without impediment based on socio-economic structures. Real net neutrality allows this.
—Jenna Belding, Birch Hills,

Private industry and its owners have already benefitted with inordinate profits from technological developments that have been primarily funded by the public whether directly (NSF, NIH, DOD, DOE, etc) or indirectly (publicly educated scientists, infrastructure, etc.). It's time that we rebalance the heavily socialized risk taken by the US tax payers and give US citizens more of the profits. By having real net neutrality, we pay back the citizens for years of risky investments---with potentially society-changing outcomes---that cowardly and short sighted private interest never could have realized. And, how do they pay us back? Send jobs over seas. Seek off-shore tax shelters. Billion dollar companies with fewer than 50 employees?---as if that value came from a few measly people. Wake up. These companies are putting the keystone (if that much) on society's great technological constructions and trying to claim that they built it! Bologna.
—Jarrett Barber, Mesa, AZ

Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers. As a consumer, I want equal access to all content.
—Vanessa Wang, San Francisco, CA

The Internet is a commons for the people of the USA! The people can and will handle the Internet in what is a true and fair voice of choice. We DO NOT want any government agency acting upon it. It has been doing just fine without your intervention / interference and will continue to.
—Renee Doyle, Riverside, CA

My Life is "saturated with an overabundance of "OLIGARCHY"
—Kenneth Fincher, Spring Valley, NY

I am in complete agreement with Tim Berners-Lee the 'Father of the Internet' who said as well as anyone as concerns Net Neutrality: 'Freedom of connection with any application to any party is the fundamental social basis of the Internet. And now, is the basis of the society built on the Internet.' To tamper with the Internet by the methods suggested is to remove the freedom that was the intent in creating the Internet. Can you imagine an Internet without freedom of connection? I can and it's Orwellian to say the least. Please do not destroy this freedom!
—James Gideon, Reno, NV

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—Deborah D'Amico, Reno, NV

The internet, should be kept open and free for all, regardless of abitity to pay. We should all be allowe to travel at the same. This is a great equalizer, it allows us all to have the find the same information and the service should be available to all. Our country is falling behind other European countries regarding speed and price as it is. There are two few large companies offering us this service as it is.
—Eve botelho, Rochester, NY

Don't let money take over the internet.
—Katharine, Brooklyn, NY

We must have Network neutrality so all data on the internet is treated equally by the cellular, cable, or phone internet access service providers. Treat all websites and access to Internet services the same. I know that the big companies like AT&T, Verizon, and Comcast want to treat them differently so they can charge me more depending on what (content) I use. What these ISP are proposing would regulate who has access to what! This would be a slap in the face of American free enterprise and will impede innovation. We have to be skeptical of large businesses having this type of control, which could potentially censor our free speech rights. The key to American society is that we are not afraid of public enlightenment, and the internet has taken the information and given it to the masses for the cost of access at a single rate. Age, race, socioeconomic status — it does not matter, the internet is my gateway to information. It is more than just a world of data; it is a completely new universe at my fingertips. Site discrimination will result if a provider disagrees with a site's overall message, like supporting gun rights, or women's rights or promoting gay marriage, the provider could theoretically cut it off. This may mean blocking the site or slowing access down to the point that the consumer just gets frustrated and quits. As the FCC debates legislation to define limits for internet service providers (ISPs) you must keep the internet open and prevent these ISPs/providers from putting in place a monopolistic system that plays favorites under their control allowing them to discriminate against certain pages/web sites/content/information & data.
—N Wasserman, New Milford, NJ

Money shouldn't be the deciding factor to information access.
—H Case, Spring water, NY

I use to live on a dirt road. It wasn't nice at all. With a two-tiered internet, I would be moving back to that dirt road. The FCC needs to throw out it's rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This would be the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality
—Chad Benoit, Iowa, LA

Dear FCC Chairman Wheeler and committee, I am an Australian and you do not have a mandate to make far-reaching decisions which threaten my freedom of access to the Internet or any part thereof, and I think I speak on behalf of the majority of the free world here. Your efforts to control my freedom are misguided in the extreme, and I ask you to please stop pushing this highly discriminatory "plan".
—Roma Guerin, Alexandra,

Chairman Wheeler, Please DO NOT implement a two-tiered (or multi-tiered) internet. Allow the free market to prevail and refrain from laying down for the telecom providers. As much as "we the people" are fed up with the aristocracy that the government has become, this issue will incite the masses to rise up should you rule in favor of a pay-per class of service. Going to a two-tiered system will stifle innovation and set a horrible example by showing the rest of the world that corporations can buy ANY government official or policy in the United States. Although Judge Greene is no longer with us, there are plenty of judges happy to fill his shoes to overrule any ruling against net-neutrality.
—Tom Stumpf, Plano, TX

Please reclassify ISP's as common carriers; it's critical to keeping the internet open and democratic.
—Kim Soskin, alameda, CA

The FCC's proposal will completely change the internet for the worse. The creation of internet fast lanes will only help internet companies make more money without providing benefits to the user. The new rules will result in paying for direct access which will create a fast and a slow internet, not "one internet" as we have now. It is unrealistic to think the FCC's proposal will keep providers from slowing down content from non-paying internet companies. The FCC's proposal gives an unfair advantage to companies that can afford to pay-for-priority and makes it a lot harder for startup or smaller internet content companies. The internet should be classified under Title II, which would treat the internet as a utility, keeping the internet open and neutral. Rules should be put in place that stop broadband providers from trying to limit Internet openness.
—Cullen Mumley, Orlando, FL

Please do not allow the proposed "fast lane" to be approved. All this will do is raise the barrier of entry for new technologies and make for less choice for the consumers. True net neutrality is the only way to ensure an open market and allow for consumers to have the most choice.
—Bryan Beeley, PIONEER, CA

My team and I have been trying for years to develop a scalable online business and we've finally built a product that our customers love. If this passes, our hard work, and that of many other entrepreneurs across the nation would have been for nothing. We would not be able to compete with big giants and would never be able to successfully stand next to does same giants...let's not forget about the revenue that would have been collected by the government.
—Adalberto Contreras, New York, NY

The internet needs to remain neutral and not taken over by big corporations.
—Josephine Fassari, Brooklyn, NY

Countries around the world have manged to develop or at least encourage broadband internet without relying on multiple tiers. In the free market, multiple tiers would only guarantee that the lower tiers will get lesser service, FOREVER. Please do not do this. Reclassify internet providers as Common Carriers and correct the errors made in the early years of the internet in North America! Please!
—Daniel Bragg, Armstrong,

What the hell is wrong with you, FCC? Stop being such dicks about personal freedom and our internet. If you think we as a people won't fight you, on our laptops on our your doorstep. We are not going to stand for this.
—Tamara Cherewan, Winnnipeg,

It is important that Americans stop putting corporations in charge of everything in out lives. Internet was intended to be available to all.
—Victoria McGrady, San Antonio, TX

All views should be allowed to exist on the internet. This is so important if we are to safeguard the truth. We need to be strong enough to handle so called hate speech and simply remind those who are offended not to go to a website that is considered hateful, people do have a choice. This is common sense.
—David Hall, Brookfield, IL

The Internet must be reclassified as a utility rather than as a service. Huge Internet Service Providers (ISPs) have done very little to increase bandwidth which would improve American internet service and increase internet speed to put our country on parity with other mature economies. If they are allowed to differentiate between two different "speeds" (or "lanes") they will have no incentive to improve. This will have a negative effect on American competitiveness worldwide.
—Keith Said, New York, NY

If you think the internet needs more corporate interference, you've got it dead wrong. You need to go back to the drawing board, reclassify ISPs as common carriers, and keep the internet neutral and accessible for all citizens instead of creating an internet caste system like we have in so many other areas of our lives (based on money, of course--always the have's and have-nots).
—Ellen A Patterson, Calistoga, CA

Please don't approve rules that spell the end of net neutrality. I don't like big business get a faster internet tier for higher pay. A vote against net neutrality is a vote against the common man. It is a vote against healthy competition. Net Neutrality FOREVER. Down with the two tier Internet.
—Pete Myers, Memphis, TN

We want the internet to remain the same and not be turned into a money machine for YOUR friends.
—Bill Scoggins, Augusta, GA

We have only a few major cable providers in this country. There is very little competition to keep down cost. This will allow the few cable companies we only have in the USA to price out many businesses who need the internet to stay alive in this age of the internet. What we need is a public utilities commission to set the prices fairly, equitable, and affordable for faster access to Internet users and prevent major internet providers from price gouging all of the American businesses. So as not to price out the many businesses that are surviving, thanks to easy access to the internet. Just like here in California that we have an PUC that set electrical and natural gas prices, so as not to put our public and businesses in jeopardy, as well as an insurance commission that open up a lot more auto insurance companies that has keep auto insurance rates at affordable rates for all Californians. Do this for the American public and the major internet providers and it will protect our economy from an inflationary disaster.
—Robert Maldonado, South San Francisco, CA

Every individual deserves equal access to knowledge and information.
—Francine Joy Allen, Northville, MI

Don't you hate waiting for downloads? Well you shouldn't have to wait frustrating amounts of time to watch films, and download files from small and moderate websites. You see, the lack of centralization on the web allows average people to make great things. Amazing websites like YouTube and Flickr would have never formed if there was a pay for speed rule in place, as they wouldn't have the funds to pay it. These rules will destroy websites before they have even formed; websites that need speed but don't have enough money to pay for it It will destroy countless educational, not for profit podcasts and educational resources that require speed The internet is our only utopia. Don't destroy all these wonderful things on the internet. Do what You know is right.
—Luke, Adelaide,

To the FCC, ISP's need to be designated as Common Carriers, licensed as such and required to serve, and prove service in the public interest... not just profiteering. The internet is not a liuxury it is a necessity in todays world, a vital communication highway. A multi-tierd internet that allows discriminatory access is certainly not in the public interest. A non-discriminatory internet is an absolute must. Support real Net Neutrality...
—Richard E Smith Sr., Palmdale, CA

The future of business and entrepreneurship in our country requires equal access to everyone. Relate it, for a second, to roads. Could you imagine a country where the freeways were all toll roads and in pristine condition, but all other surface streets went unattended? The roads on the surface streets would become unusable. The only stipulation on ISPs right now in the current proposal means that they never have to touch or upgrade the existing speeds. A far more accurate description would be if you allowed power and utility companies to deliver less power or resources to a home unless they were using specific high priced light bulbs that they manufactured. If a home draws more power than someone else, the power company makes sure to upgrade their own equipment to handle the load on the grid. The ISPs now reduce the power to those that draw more than others and they want to charge other businesses to do the same now. It's very akin to a protection racket, except that the people that will end up footing the bill are the customers. My ISP may not charge me more, but all the services I use online will charge me more to offset the cost that the ISP has placed on them. If you truly want to change the classification of ISPs, classify them as not-for-profit utility companies. Please enforce true net neutrality.
—J Alexander Kahoun, Gilbert, AZ

In the current INTERNET business environment, anything SHORT of REAL NET NEUTRALITY is simply PAY TO PLAY for the MEGA-INTERNET powerhouses and the equivalent of 3rd world nation entities which cannot afford to compete at the levels of COMCAST, GOOGLE, MICROSOFT, etc. such that entrepreneurial innovation from "startups" (the innovators) will be suppressed (prevented) from "sinking or swimming" on an EQUAL playing field. Furthermore, MEGA-ISPs such as COMCAST can further escalate end-user service fees due to a "near monopoly" on high-speed internet access in "captured markets" such that no real price/performance competition exist in COMCAST's marketplace. Thus, the performance/cost ratio of COMCAST high-speed internet services deteriorate even further relative to SUPERIOR high-speed internet services available in other Western European countries and even highly competitive Asian countries (e.g.: Korea, China, Japan, etc.). Any significant changes to the current "net neutrality" of the US government regarding the internet will result in the FURTHER DEGRADATION of COMPETITIVE HIGH-SPEED INTERNET services/access in the USA and the preservation of "equal access" of alternative information sources and dissemination of ideas.
—George R. Frank, Tomball, TX

I am against a two-tiered internet. i am appalled our FCC would consider this. I can't believe someone like Tom Wheeler can be paid with taxpayer money and support something that I believe will take away so much of what is valuable about the internet and gives America its best shot at a good future. People can make this country great, not economics. We are capable of so much, like making the internet as innovative as it is, don't hamstring us and our future.
—Karen Dahmer, Royal Oak, MI

The FCC's plan will stifle innovation. It will also add to the expenses of everyday people who have come to depend on the Internet for day to day tasks.
—Gord Tomlin, Scarborough,

I'd prefer you not put small businesses to a slowed connection speed because they can't afford to serve customers and you at the same time.
—Matthew Reynolds, Brighton, NY

Quit selling out to corporate control of public airways! Save yourselves from a date with Mr. Guillotine! The public has had enough of this oligarchy.
—Miles C Kara, Grand Junction, CO

I believe that multi-tiered internet access is counter to the neutrality of the internet. I believe that the best solution is to reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Matthew E. Brandt, Stafford, VA

I don't have a lot of extra money to go out to dinner or dancing or movies. My only enjoyment I can count on is the sites I visit on the internet. If the Internet service providers create a two-tiered internet, I will most likely lose my only entertainment.
—Elizabeth Jones, Roanoke, VA

Net Neutrality is the only way forward. Chairman Wheeler's proposal is a self-serving decision aimed at appeasing his previous industry bosses and, most probably, paving his way back into a cushy industry job. Let's stop pretending that his proposal in any way favors the American people. All the benefits will go to a handful of large corporations that will use it to make additional money that they won't pay taxes on. Enough is enough.
—Evan J Caliento, Chicago, IL

Economic discrimination online is as bad as 'in the real world' so don't let corporate greed get in the way of public access & innovation.
—D Z, Arcosanti, AZ

Net neutrality is incredibly important! If smaller businesses / organisations are unable to compete with big corporate entities then a lot of the information that makes this world a better place will be compromised. We will also see a reduction in innovation as smaller innovators will just not be able to compete. Please keep a free and open internet by reclassifying the big telcos!!
—David Gardner, Bentleigh East,

The internet should be even across the board. It has become a way of life to most and it should be a public service in my opinion.
—Daniel Schmitter, Las Vegas, NV

The internet is becoming a necessary part of every day life. Please don't allow profit minded corporations to once again make differences in service by pricing out people who need the access. Please put the needs of people first.
—Stacy Harris, Norman, OK

Dear FCC, I ask that you reject Tom Wheeler's plan. The freedom of the internet is integral to our ability as citizens to access information. Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Sincerely, Alexander Weinstein
—Alexander Weinstein, Ann Arbor, MI

We the people demand net neutrality!
—Meade McElroy, Muskogee, OK

FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler, Please protect us. Disney has Porn in childrens shows! Subliminal Messages of KILL flash on our TV's & (see youtube)! We the People Paid the Gov & Military for Internet & they gave it to Corporate Cronies & sell it back to us!? Corporate Grabs NOT Tolerated! Enough threats to citizens! Full Net Neutrality! Threatening Americans w Corporate Censorship Games! Keep the Corporate Grabbers away! This is OUR INTERNET, we already paid for its development. The Citizens Internet.. NOT Corporate internet. It is ours. We paid for it & keep paying for it. THANK YOU!
—Marilyn Fournet, New Orleans, LA

True Net Neutrality ensures an even playing field in a world built to keep you beaten and down. It gives voice to those without, and is the one place not yet raped by corporate greed. Leave behind a legacy your children will be proud of. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers, and keep the internet truly neutral.
—Stephen Loyola Junior, Delano, CA

STOP MESSING WITH EVERYONE'S INTERNET!!! This is not a two tier system! Stop wheeling and dealing with something that belongs to the people, Wheeler!
—Glenn Andoos, Oceanside, NY

I want small startup companies to have the same access to a fast internet as big companies.
—Elizabeth Hill, Decatur, GA

Paid preferential treatment creates a class system. It kills innovation and gives an unfair advantage to the established industry. Further, this is an econ killing policy. If people can't get to customers or run at an optimal speed, they can't keep the tech sector relevant in the world.
—Chris Larson, Provo, UT

Because being able to start your own business is the American Dream, a dream that anyone would be allowed to have no matter how much money they have. Please don't take this away from us when business as we know it thrives on the internet.
—Alexandria Perel, Memphis, TN

Net neutrality is important for the average working person who cannot afford to pay as much as large corporations such as AT&T. Consider people who must work from home because they can't afford daycare or how about college students who can hardly afford groceries much less higher internet fees. Fast service is equally important to the average working class citizen as it is to the more prominent. Thank you.
—Latonya Jones, memphis, TN

We as all individuals, should want Net Neutrality for the most obvious of reasons. Especially, I would think, congress people. As you are just a person, and in the end will still be that when your term is up! Be on the RIGHT side of history, be our hero.
—Sasha Breitag, Vancouver, WA

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers. I mean anything else is just RIDICULOUS. PERIOD.
—Mr. Mark Latronica, North Olmsted, OH

Don't dictate what we see on the internet. This is a free country that should not be run by the industry companies with deep pockets. Everyone has a voice- don't take that away from us.
—Joy Walsh, Blue Island, IL

We must have free flow of information and equality from this important utility in order to have a free society and equal playing field in all areas of on line interaction. Don't let this world move ever more toward the slave and master society. Technology can enslave us or set us free.
—Sherri Edeen, Mount Ida, AR

In a democracy it is important all are treated equally and fairly. The Internet must be classified as a common carrier. No fast lane, no two-tiered system, no discrimination will work for all citizens.
—Corrine Cole, Markleeville, CA

Please reclassify Internet service providers as common carriers. Having a two tiered internet with a "fast" lane would be detrimental to the future of our country.
—Brian Tracy, San Marcos, TX

Please reclassify isp's as common carrier's.
—Jeremy, oshkosh, WI

As a user who already suffers slow internet due to geography and income, I say that keeping the internet an equal opportunity environment is essential to the proliferation of the thing itself. If some users benefit from a change that causes many to suffer then it is a step in the wrong direction. It would be easy to say that this proposal is a shameless grab for wealth and power, but I choose to say what is difficult: there is a critical moment coming; one that will be of vital importance to the human race for all time to come, and there are individuals in a position to raise up humanity to a height inconceivable. However, those individuals are also in a position to drive a wedge between themselves and the remainder of humanity permanently, not unlike the morlocks of Wells' dystopia. Choose the righteous path. Choose the path that leads to a strong, unified humankind. Thank you.
—TC Ferrell, Banks, AL

The internet has been a place of real "democracy" for most of the world. To now make it into a capitalistic preference system would be to turn the whole world into an inhumane oligarchy. Civilized free speech for all should be the guiding principle of the world wide web. Thank You !
—Hollis B Toal, Tucson, AZ

It's clear that in order to guarantee continued evolution of the Internet and businesses using the Internet that Internet providers need to be classified as providing a basic telecommunications service. Please reclassify Internet providers the same as phone companies so that we can be sure we'll have and keep Net Neutrality.
—John Lemon, Santa Clara, CA

Because it violates free market.
—Isabella Pedreira Souza, Salvador,

Net Neutrality is a necessity for today's rapidly growing tech world. Enabling a two-tiered system is far from a viable solution, and opens the door for Verizon, Comcast, and TIme Warner to charge more money for less service. I implore you to reconsider your plan of action, and implement real net neutrality rules which will preserve an open, free internet.
—James Ficaretta, Bowie, MD

it underlies the creative power of the internet
—Etann Markus, west hartford, CT

The world has bigger problems.
—Quentin Moore, Orangeburg, SC

If you can't stay away from messing up the T.V. watching experience and getting news and other things freely, then stay off the internet. That's what I use it for - to get the truth instead of being hand-fed all the info-tainment you allow to air.
—Leticia Callela-Austin, Los Angeles, CA

We want to keep our constitution, Our legal rights to our privacy keep the internet private!!
—Tracy Swenson, nibley, UT

At a time when it seem as though so many of our freedoms are being sold to the highest bidder, you have a chance to do something differently. You have a chance to keep the internet open and free to all, not controlled by the deepest pockets. You know what the right thing is. Please do it.
—Kathy DeWispelare, Omaha, NE

the internet, without regulation, has flourished. the internet, with regulation, will suffer.
—Rnbrewer Brewer, greenville, TX

.....Dear Mr. Wheeler, everyone needs Net Neutrality...reclassify..... .....
—Benson McCloud, boulder, CO

Dear FCC, I would like the internet to be have as much freedom as possible from ISP's
—Ben Bode, Smithtown, NY

Equality for all is the fairest way.
—Rich Guillen, Poughkeepsie, NY

Net neutrality is important for our democracy. It is important for our economy and it matters because it is simply the right thing to do to keep the internet open. Do the right thing and end the deception. Do the right thing and keep the net wide open. Do the right thing. People, not corporations! Kari Allen-Hammer
—Kari Allen-Hammer, West Sacramento, CA

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers; keep the NET free and neutral
—Barbara Walls, Bothell, WA

The internet should be classified and protected as a public utility.
—Bill Kingston, New castle, NH

Those who can pay should not be provided faster service than those who do not have this wealth. This trend of giving a "fast lane" on public projects to the "haves" is undemocratic.
—Julie Duncan, Athens, GA

Information should be free and available to all. With the corporate takeover of most mainstream media by just a few corporations, unbiased access to information is limited. In addition, the potential for education and enlightenment is more freely accessible with an open and free internet. We need this to maintain our constitutional rights as people in the USA.
—Terri McKinnon, Jackson, MI

The internet has become critical infrastructure for our whole society and the ability of some to buy better access to information or faster processing would give them an unfair advantage. Money is already giving too much power to entrenched interests and stifling innovation.
—Diana Smith, Denver, CO

The free and equitably restricted information network of the internet is possibly the greatest achievement of modern societies of the world. Through it, almost anyone can have access to the single largest resource to upward mobility, positive behavior change, and self-empowerment; information. Please uphold your duty to the citizens of our nation and protect the beneficent nature of this resource. Keep the internet free of discrimination to content and application.
—Rob Mahoney, Cincinnati, OH

According to FCC's enabling act as it relates to broadband, the FCC's "Regulatory policies must promote technological neutrality, competition, investment, and innovation to ensure that broadband service providers have sufficient incentives to develop and offer such products and services" (Wikipedia). The act doesn't say anything about keeping Tom Wheeler as chairman. The committee can either keep Wheeler or do its job.
—Hugh McGivern, Aldgate,

As a small business owners, my husband and I rely on the Net torun our business. A two tiered Internet would be like a two tiered electrical grid. This would be an unfair burden and result in a further blow to our economy as many businesses would fail due to being only able to afford the bottom tier fees, to say nothing of the increase of the so called digital divide among consumers. However, if your aim is to create a second class internet, then by all means continue with the current plan.
—Ceredwyn Alexander, ripton, VT

Having Network Neutrality makes certain that companies are not able to 'favor' others that pay extra for the additional speed to reach customers. It also makes certain they cannot stop you from going to competitors. If we want faster speeds...add more bandwidth. Competition is the basis of our economy, and while having an edge is one thing, tilting entirely into the favor of those with a massive amount of monetary power is another. I do not want a tiered system. I want to go anywhere online without being unnecessarily slowed down, or forced to pay more as a business in order to reach customers. They can and they already ARE doing this, forcing businesses to pay more in order to get better access to their customers. You would be fooling yourself to believe otherwise. The internet is no longer a luxury, it is a necessity. In my job, without access to the internet, we would not be able to do business. It needs to be treated as a utility. As time goes on, balanced access to the internet is going to become even more important.
—Jared Brokaw, Moline, IL

The only way — and we mean the only way — to protect free speech online is to reclassify Internet service providers as common carriers.
—Sarah Bakal, Maple grove, MN

Preserve access to the Internet - Net Neutrality is important to those who are middle class and cannot afford the cost of high monthly cost Internet services to receive decent speeds
—Christine BredenKoetter, Florissant, MO

I believe that the Internet is a common good and therefore should be equally accessible to everyone, without any paywalls or taxes. Its development was funded and performed by governmental organizations, and it's governed by noncommercial ones, which in my opinion is the right way to manage it. On the other hand, commercial organizations already extract profit by using the Internet in a user-neutral way, and no additional financial incentives should be necessary.
—Dmitry Erastov, College Park, MD

Reclassify internet providers so that net neutrality can be actually enforced. It is a logical step to protect American consumers. Verizon already gets enough of my monthly income..
—Allen, Petersburg, VA

Mr. Wheeler, (or more likely those who shift through the various comments); Please consider how important an unrestricted, and equal internet is to the development of our future. This medium has the potential to positively shape the entire world into something that benefits the everyday man as well as the business of the future. I urge you, do not sacrifice this future for temporary profit. It is not good for either of us.
—Spencer Littlejohn, Mulvane, KS

Net neutrality is the core, the heart and soul - - - the guts - - - of an Internet that serves as the peoples' medium. Without it, the Internet loses its capacity to serve as a tool to enhance human potential, creativity and freedom. PRESERVE NET NEUTRALITY BY RECLASSIFYING INTERNET SRVICE PROVIDERS AS COMMON CARRIERS.
—Kofi Opantiri, Los Angeles, CA

It is critical that the net remain neutral. It is difficult enough for small online businesses to compete and this 2 tier approach will result in many small companies being driven to the brink and/ or losing their businesses all together. Please support small business - keep the web neutral. Thank you!
—Debra McMillan, Columbia, SC

I'll use Tom Wheeler's own words: "“I believe one of the reasons the Internet is so essential is because of all the diverse voices. It's not the media of the 20th century,” he said “All we have to do is look at all the voices on the Internet today. That's why we're moving forward with open Internet.”
—Mary Jane Gage, Albuquerque, NM

Net neutrality is key to keeping communication and access to information democratic. We can't have a healthy democracy without the free and open flow of ideas and knowledge. And we can't have a free and open flow of ideas and knowledge without true net neutrality. Allowing giant corporations to discriminate amongst online content and users on a financial basis would destroy net neutrality. Protect net neutrality: reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Karen Newman, San Luis Obispo, CA

Discrimination among Internet users is not needed or desired by us, the end users. Myself, I am for reclassification of the ISPs as common carriers.
—Romeo Lungu, Sallanches,

Net neutrality allows for start-up companies to get a foot in the door. Without it only larger established company are reasonably available. That is not good for America's economy, nor is it good for it's citizens.
—Ruth Prohaska, Shoreline, WA

FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler's proposal to create a two-tiered Internet is discriminatory and misguided. I stand with other concerned citizens to demand you protect Net Neutrality. Throw out your rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Laura Babbitt, Redwood City, CA

I support Net Neutrality because I believe it is important for innovation to thrive among small makers and creators, and it seems that classifying ISP as common carriers may be the only way to ensure the internet is free and equally accessible.
—Jim Lesch, Saint Paul, MN

Please do NOT create paid "fast lanes" for the internet. This will stifle innovation over the internet and choke the free flow of information that is so very important in our society. The internet was the greatest invention of my lifetime and you're going to ruin it for the sake of corporations' bottom lines.
—Jay Thierauf, CHICAGO, IL

This is preposterous, must we charge extra money for something that is fine the way it is?
—Matthew James, Mastic Shirley, NY

Because the internet is a free place, and all should be allowed to have their opinions, ideas, and communities shared on equal footing.
—Elizabeth Bajjalieh, Palatine, IL

Mr. Wheeler, I am asking you to stand by your words. This is what you emailed me on May 16 this year. "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" or are you just another bought off liar? ...like any other lying politician?
—Jason Hayes, Creswell, OR

I prefer to know that when I search for what I want online that I have access to any and all information I choose.
—Danielle Harrity, Bensenville, IL

I most certainly am against any intrusion by the federal government into discrimination on the internet. The internet must remain as now with Net Neutrality and ISPs need to be reclassified as common carriers
—Bruce E. Staffeld, Michigan City, IN

Mr. Wheeler. Look, it's become obvious to everyone that you are Verizon's Butmonkey. But it doesn't have to be that way. You don't have to be Verizon's Butmonkey. Prove to everyone that you aren't Verizon's Butmonkey. Show us all that you have America's interests at heart. And not some shill passing off "fast & hyperfast" PR B.S thought up by industry lie junkies. You can do it. For your reputation. For the future. For your fellow Americans!
—Patrick Mastrobuono, New Haven, CT

Deer FCC, I support net neutrality.
—Karen, Tulsa, OK

Please honor your duty to the citizens of this county and promote fair access to information through the best medium we have-- the internet. We must all share the burden of this pursuit equally. Speedier access for some vs others would impede such an ideal. Please take this plea to heart. Thank you.
—Nigel Philip, Springfield Gdns, NY

Dear FCC, The internet is for the people. It should be for everyone equally. It is too powerful. Please support net neutrality. You will never be able to un-due this.
—Ms. Claire Burns, St. Petersburg, FL

Please do not try to regulate the internet. It is fine the way it is!
—Trevor King, Lakewood, CA

To prevent online discrimination. Last bastion of free speech being sold to the highest bidder!
—Mehrzad Maghsoudlou, Sacramento, CA

Australia is still one of the worlds fastest adopters of new communications technology even though the roll out of that new technology is inhibited by geography. The Australian government has understood this for 150 years, and to this very day, no one in Australia shall be out of reach of the communications network. This very basic regulatory requirement is etched into every Australian. The Australian Government is right now rolling out a National Broadband Network - fiber optics. We don't let corporations control the basic needs of our citizens nor should you. Two tiered internet is not for the citizens benefit but the wholesalers profits. By allowing a 2 tiered internet, you damage the world, and endorse hidden internet spying on network traffic to designate which "lane" to traffic data along. Americans fought against the 2 tier British rule, 2 tier racial class slavery and now you're ignoring all that history to implement a 2 tier communications network???
—Dean Goddard, Winmalee,

Stand up for the people, not the mega corporations. Standup for the ideals which inspired Tim Berners-Lee when he created the world-wide web. Stand up for the citizens of the world. Enshrine net neutrality into inviolable law!
—Nancy Belmore, Victoria, BC

The internet belongs to everyone. If you start to allow these big corporations the create a two-tiered Internet, we may as well go back to slow dial-up. Because the winners would get the higher speeds and that would be controlled by who has the most dollars to spend. Corporations would dictate the speed of our internet, the content and applications. This CANNOT be allowed. Be a government agency that does right for the people. DO not rule for the big corporations. Throw out the rules (they are made to be broken and changed anyway) and reclassify ISP's as Common Carriers. Protect real Net Neutrality - we don't want a two-tiered super highway.
—Lisa Kelley, Wyoming, MN

Friends, we live at a beautiful time. With the widespread implementation of networks and the creative minds that utilize them, we have seen incredible advancements in the education of curious minds. The requirements of education have been lifted as students of all ages migrate to the Internet to quench their thirst for knowledge. Money no longer throttles the speed at which the people are exposed to ideas. It is because of this incredible innovation in how we discover information that we can provide services to almost anyone, anywhere. I write this letter because I love this community of debates and agreements, controversies and pastimes. We have created this network not with the intention of undermining the poor, but to include them in discussions they may otherwise not be involved in. It is because anyone can use the Internet freely and unhindered that I ask we move forward with an open community in mind, and not the financial margins of well-off companies. We ought to be concerned with how we can hear each other's voice, rather than ignoring citizens less fortunate. The Internet is beautiful now, and to forfeit this great community now is to take steps back of progress. Thank you,
—Kyle Sandstrom, Marysville, OH

Net neutrality must be preserved at all cost. The internet has thrived based on the fact that anyone with a good idea can put up a website and get the attention of anyone. It's the ultimate free market and needs to stay that way. I'm disgusted by the way the FCC has catered to the interest of telecommunications companies instead of making decisions in the best interest of consumers and maintaining a healthy economy. Please make it clear to telecom companies that the internet must maintain content and source neutral.
—James Hood, Renton, WA

Throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Everyone should be treated equally on the internet. By imposing tiers, you will change the quality (speed) of the internet. This will create a huge competitive advantage to companies that can afford the better internet connectivity. It will significantly increase the start up costs of anybody that wants to conduct business on the internet. There is no benefit to the public. The only ones who benefit are established companies and those wealthy enough to afford the better internet. Please don't mess this up for everybody else.
—Eric Chmielewski, Rochester Hills, MI

Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—David Brill, Los Angeles, CA

Dear FCC You must find a way to disallow broadband providers from blocking lawful content or discriminating against lawful content. You had it right the first time. Please do not allow these providers to monetise freedom. Regards Stephen Wilkinson
—Stephen Wilkinson, Concord West,

Internet providers are already bending over the American public and screwing them. When was the last time an internet bill went down? Oh wait, never! now the companies and services that are free or we already pay for will now go up. thus decreasing the populations discretionary income. internet providers should.be considered as common service as these days it is practically a need for a household. especially for those of us who.work from home.for a living. Where would itstop, would my company be charged when I VPN in and then and my salary will decrease?
—Scott Waxman, Hillsboro, OR

The Internet was created to be free for a reason. The prosperity, the exchange of information, the betterment of peoples lives via the internet has occurred because of Net Neutrality, and I, along with millions of other Americans, continue to support Net Neutrality and ask that the FCC reclassify ISPs as common carriers. To FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler, I know you won't understand any of this. As you are someone who is a former lobbyist for cable companies, I don't expect you to realize the fundamental rightness of protecting net neutrality. I don't expect you to turn over a new leaf and care about Doing the Right Thing for millions of Americans. But I do expect you to care about the majority opinion because that's how this country works--by democracy--and I'm not the only one sending comments your way. You are obligated and bound by the constructs of our democracy to not only listen, but take our opinion into consideration and listen to the majority opinion on this issue, which I am confident in saying rests firmly on the side of Net Neutrality. Without listening to and following the wishes of millions of Americans, you are nothing more than a tyrant. To the FCC employee obligated to read my comment: Never doubt that you can make a difference, never doubt that you can be the one to save net neutrality, who can stand up and push for a difference (in this case to reclassify ISPs and common carriers). Change comes from outside (people like me), and inside (people like you). I'm not saying it won't be easy, and sure, it'll take time, effort, and support from others in your office (and some savvy maneuvering), but as a fellow American citizen, the kind of citizen you're supposed to be helping, I'm asking you to try. Be a leader, especially if you think you're not. Help save net neutrality. Thanks.
—Leeann Sinpatanasakul, Arlington, VA

Please do what is good for the many and not the few large internet service provides, like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon, which is Net Neutrality. Our cost for Internet access continues to rise as consumers. Teaser rates that quickly escalate in price after they reel you in. If you have a limit on the amount of internet traffic you can generate in a month then it only makes sense when you use less than you are paying for that you be allowed to bank the difference but in most cases if you don't use it you lose it and you will start fresh the next month. It does not work that way when you go to the grocery store. If you pay you can consume at your leisure. No refund or credit in site from the ISPs when you don't consumer what you are paying for. Maybe we should be able to sell our leftover usage back to the ISPs. I wonder how they would like having to credit us back each month for our under usage instead of just charging others for their over usage. Seems to be a little hypocritical don't you think. Seems to me if you are limited on your use at a given price you should not be capped the next month if you go over. Seems you pay for the privilege of internet whether you consume your allotment or not. Now if a two-tiered system is implemented you not only lose if you don't use but your actual internet access can be degraded without your consent even though you are paying for equal access. ISPs should be common carriers for the good of the many and not allowed to discriminate on who gets better service and who does not. Just makes common sense with the importance of the internet that everyone has an even playing field. After all we consumers are the ones paying for the so called new innovations that the ISPs provide us access to each month. Regulators should be protecting the end consumer and not give in to the pressure of the ISPs. Big does not mean RIGHT. Enough said.
—James Burney, Saltillo, MS

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Kevin Ibarra, Cathedral City, CA

An essential component of our democracy is freedom of the press. Sadly, neutral media sources are increasingly hard to find. For example, major TV stations would not air shows that honored our war dead (by reading each name aloud) during the Bush administration because their conservative owners feared it would help liberals. The Internet has always been a place where all voices could be heard. Don't let a few wealthy corporations control what the rest of us can see on the Internet.
—Nita Graham, Fairview Heights, IL

The Internet is no longer a university-based experiment. It's a utility. And the worst thing for it would be to allow telecoms, already having proven they're happy to overcharge for service, to determine what content is served faster or more reliably. Please don't allow that.
—Sara Flemming, Seattle, WA

Dear Mr. Wheeler Please do not allow a multi tier Internet. The public needs the Internet for a vast number of reasons education and acceptance for each being chief among them. It's time to stop doing your previous job of cable lobbyist and start working for the public. Also try not to be such a fuck head while you're at it.
—Sam Coulter, Evansville, IN

Mr. Wheeler doesn't seem to understand the importance of Net Neutrality. Net Neutrality allows all data to be treated equally without "expedited" traffic or "slowed down" traffic. If you allow this to pass, startups will cease to exist as we know them. People will only want to go to sites that are fast, since large corporations will probably cave and pay for their customers to get to their site faster. This is detrimental to future jobs, which startups create. I believe this will have affects that Mr. Wheeler did not expect.
—Ryan Satterfield, Camarillo, CA

The internet was meant to be free and open. What you propose is a pay to play scheme that will stifle innovation and in the end free speech. Please keep the internet free and equal for all.
—Matthew Padgett, Pittsfield, MA

Not only do I deeply resent facing back-of-the-bus status for choosing to use the internet for anything other than mainstream pablum but can you blockheads not see that two tiered structure will mean your economy will be driving with the brakes on. Open and neutral internet is the most important economic driver vis a vis asian and european economies and their higher standard of education and innovation. If currying favour to corporate interests and their desire for short term profits means keeping many small websites out of the fast lane you had better understand that you are shooting yourself in the foot.
—Richard Fahlman, Gillies Bay,

This is in particular response to the new proposals in FCC 14-61, which does not have an ECFS page. "Net Neutrality" or "Open Internet" means that all data and communications traveling on the Internet backbone are treated equally. There is to be no discrimination by user, content, site, platform, application, type of attached equipment, and modes of communication. Packets must be transmitted on the Internet in the order received, and there are to be no closed broadband networks, and no tiered pricing for priority transmission, and no blocking. The Internet's backbone must not be privatized. The Internet was developed at the public's expense, and it should serve the public, allowing start-up businesses, education, government services, and personal communication to flourish. The first step in protecting the public is to revert to the original classification of broadband as "telecommunication". The current classification of broadband as "information service" allows for private networks, precludes regulation, and allows for a few predatory monopolies to control pricing and content. The classification of broadband as "information service" was the basis for the DC Appeals Court ruling (Verizon vs. FCC) that struck down the FCC's Open Internet Order, FCC 10-201. In the broadband era, "information" and "telecommunication" are one and the same. Phones, computers, cable TVs, all use the Internet. The crux of the matter lies in Paragraph 149 in the proposed new rules, FCC 14-61, whether the Commission should revisit its 2002 decision that "classified broadband Internet access service offered over cable modem, DSL and other wireline facilities, wireless facilities, and power lines as an information service, which is not subject to Title II and cannot be regulated as common carrier service." Absolutely yes! These services send packets down the same Internet as "commercial mobile services," which are classified as "telecommunication" and are regulated as common carriers. Reclassifying all ISP as telecommunications is the only way to preserve an Open Internet. All of the other proposals – for example, Par. 96, 97, 101, could be struck down in rulings like the 2014 DC Appeals Court ruling. Simililarly in Par. 147, the FCC has no legal authority to regulate all broadband Internet Service Providers (ISPs). The FCC must change the Federal codes so that all broadband – mobile and stationary end users – is classified as a telecommunications service.
—Antonie K Churg, Torrance, CA

Net neutrality is a basic requirement if we are to remain a democratic society. By abolishing net neutrality, you are essentially causing class distinctions between "haves" and "have nots" based on whether people can afford the faster lane of service. Say NO to Cox, AT&T, Verizon, Time Warner, and Comcast's demands, and make Internet Service Providers into common carriers.
—Judy Frankel, Rancho Palos Verdes, CA

If you and your cronies refuse to reclassify ISPs as common carriers, so help me god, you and all of us will suffer in the long run from the strangulation of every new and innovative idea that comes out of someone's garage-- innovation that may become vital in the years ahead. Basically, you'd be screwing yourself out of a future.
—Maryann I Rogers, KENT, WA

The reason many people come to America is many freedoms other counties don't have. Why would you start changing things people ran away from?
—Eddy Flores, Everett, MA

The Open and unhindered internet is as common and ubiquitous as the telephones lines have always been. I support equal access to internet and ISP services for all and am PROUD to support Net Neutrality. Not even the biggest army can stop an idea whose time has come.
—Kevin, memphis, TN

pls. protect net neutrality thank you very much
—Felipe O Torre, Litchfield Park, AZ

Everyone should have access to affordable internet connectivity. A two-tiered system of fast vs slow speeds would only make the internet divide greater and grant monopolistic ISPs more power. Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers and keep the internet neutral!
—Leslie Riibe, SEATTLE, WA

If our government still represents the people, then you must support net neutralality.
—Julie DonCarlos, Denver, CO

Without it, my website would be on the 'slow lane'. How can I provide service to my clients, at the speed I paid for, if my content is on the slow lane? The internet is a Utility. This is basically you talking heads for corporations trying to make it look like you're trying to hear both sides but if you rule in favor of the Carriers you're nothing but puppets. Puppets that are a cancer to our country and everything we originally held dear when this country was founded.
—Mr. Chris Hulford, Napa, CA

Compromising net neutrality would be disastrous for anyone that's not a cable company, which I'm sure you already know, but it'd be great if you started acting like it.
—Doug Schrashun, Brooklyn, NY

I guess it really doesn't matter, with the likes of the NSA, there is no freedom anymore. Planet just got too small.
—Rich Shanahan, Carmichael, CA

I use the internet constantly, to keep in touch with family, network with friends and stay on top of current events. Explain to me why would anyone, especially my government, want to limit my access?
—Pat Sarotte, Berkley, MI

Because this country is being dragged down by companies who, though they may be legal persons, do not act as people could or should. Let all users be given the same access at the same speed to the vital lifeline that is the internet.
—Susan Conforti, Irvine, CA

Dear FCC Chairman, Net Neutrality is important to me because the internet is essential to everyday life in this modern age and should therefore be treated as a pubic utility. As a disabled individual, i use the internet for everything from paying my bills to buying clothes to watching podcast of services from my church to accessing free unbiased news sources. I know that even in the current conditions my slower internet connection gets pushed out of the way by those with faster connections. In addition, being on a very low fixed income, I'll never be able to afford a decent internet speed if this "fast lane" plan happens, and neither will the multitudes of small press organizations and church's out there --like the ones I get unbiased news from, or get my church podcast from. So, basically what I'm saying is that the internet is an essential utility in our technological society, and you need to treat it that way; doing otherwise is intrinsically discriminatory and highly detrimental to a large segment of our society. In great hope, I thank you in advance for protecting the Internet's neutrality and usability for all. Sincerely, Janet Gehlhausen
—Janet Gehlhausen, Houston, TX

Net Neutrality is important to me because if America passes this ludicrous law then soon it will spread into Australia. The whole world thinks that American politicians are both useless and stupid and by breaking down net neutrality you are just proving it.
—Matthew Catterall, Melbourne,

Don’t kill the Internet
—Jeff Trently, levittown, PA

In the absence of a true competitive marketplace, real net neutrality is the last bastion to protect consumers and keep the Internet a true competitive landscape. A two-tiered internet flies in the face of this. Don't allow this.
—Thomas Tillman, El Segundo, CA

It is of the utmost importance thatbthe net be open and accessible to all on an equal basis. I use it many many times daily to research items of interest, to earn money and for entertainment..it is important that I have high speed and frees access to information.
—Val Cole, Ava, MO

Net neutrality is important because it's at the core of why the internet is great. Taking it away hurts our right to freely assemble. Turn down charter and end the merger.
—Brandon Mark Sternburg, Manlius, NY

Protect Net neutrality, your proposed rules are conducive to discrimation
—Rosanne Trottier, Bangkok, NY

This would create even more of a monopolized internet industry for larger companies such as Comcast and Cable One
—Andrew, Boise, ID

equality is equality!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! " Mr. David J. Medina Jr."
—David Medina, Las cruces, NM

Net neutrality is the thing that makes the internet the equal habitat that it always has been.
—Bryan Salazar, norcross, GA

Dear FCC, I have spent my career designing and developing the hardware that makes the internet possible. We believed we were creating a network that served all users equally and such a network would drive unprecedented innovation at the edges of that network - we were right. That is why I oppose the current FCC proposed rules to create fast lanes for some. We should be classifying ISP's as common carriers.
—Mark Newhouse, Denver, CO

Net Neutrality allows me to be able to do the things that are needed in my life and for my sanity. If it goes away, then I lose my ability to cope with things.
—Amanda Thobois, Yakima, WA

The internet is probably the last bastion of free speech and expression. Handing over the right of humans to communicate freely to corporations who already have too much unaccountable power in their hands should not be the priority of a body set up to "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." What the USA does also sets a worldwide precedent and the FCC needs to understand the scale and scope of implications of their short-sighted intentions.
—Sudheer M, Bangalore,

Net Neutrality is the only fair way to keep the net affordable for everyone.
—Michael Croiter, New York, NY

THIS IS TOTAL BULLSHIT. It's TOTALLY fucked up to allow the RICH motherfuckers have even MORE power. I do NOT want my choices of what I can & can't view online dictated by some assholes just because they have more money to control one MORE Goddamned thing in this country. I am TIRED of this shit. It's one more Goddamned monopoly on what fucking conservatives want vs. what everyone else SHOULD be allowed to have for the same fucking price. FUCK THIS SHIT.
—Liz Spar, Las Vegas, NV

The media is already driven by corporate interests. The internet should be free of corporate influence and provide unbiased information accessible to all. The internet should not be hijacked by corporate agendas.
—Chrisa Hotchkiss, Victoria,

I made my success by starting a business on a shoestring and growing it into a successful chain. I made a positive contribution to the US economy and created many jobs for Americans in America. I could never have done it without net neutrality. The bigger, existing corporations with little ingenuity and terrible customer service would have made it impossible for customers to find me. Losing net neutrality will stifle Yankee Ingenuity and cause the USA to further lose ground economically in the world.
—Virginia Wisdom, Naperville, IL

Discrimination of content or views by allowing tiered access speed levels is a form of commercial censorship imposed on the public, which is a threat to constitutional freedom of speech. Please re-classify internet providers as Common Carriers. Chairman Wheeler, you may owe a debt to your former employers, but you owe an even greater debt of honor to the American public.
—Roger T. Imai, Franklin, TN

Net neutrality is clearly something that serves all people equally, anything but is discrimination.
—Michael Euzent, Sunnyvale, CA

Please don't give corporaitons any more power over us. They are doing fine the way they are, corporate profits are already skyrocketing, they don't need one of our only chances at an even playing field.
—Virginia Ramirez, Boca Raton, FL

There are so much potential and ideas can develop into something wonderful when people can interact and communicate, and this would be a total waste of all that potential that net neutrality offers.
—Paul Widegren, Oslo,

This is the worst thing imaginable for the Internet
—Christopher Torres, Marysville, CA

I don't want to pay A ton of money for, say, Netflix, because Comcast doesn't like them. It just doesn't make sense and promotes monopolies.
—Willie Barcott, Bainbridge Island, WA

The internet is not broken and I believe it's unfair to have a fast and slow lane for the internet where companies can charge the end user and the content provider. I feel that the first time in this world where everyone has just as much of a chance to produce a app or product the required open and true internet with out someone interfering or paying more to gain a upper hand. The end user if paying for service, bandwith and speed, stop the madness. If the end user needs more bandwidth than make the end user pay for it. Funny how in most cities there is only one broadband provider. The internet is a utility it should be regulated as such. And isn't it strange that a cable guy is regulating the cable companies? To close to be fair. Keep the internet open as a common carrier.
—Allan K Chapman, Toledo, OH

Bring on real net neutrality even if it requires regulation to make these companies like the phone companies of the past. There has to be some accountability and a pay for speed system will just stiffle smaller companies that can't afford it.
—Rui Fernandes, Silver Spring, MD

Please protect and ensure an even playing field for small and large companies using the internet A two tiered system is un democratic. Please FCC, do the right thing for America, not just special interests.
—Kerry Beane, Davis, CA

Internet providers need to be classified as common carriers, plain and simple. The proposed tiered system would not be in the interest of the internet nor the people that use it. Period.
—Evan holbeet, Moscow, ID

Make all internet traffic equal.
—Erik Schmitt, white plains, NY

Freedom of expression without surveillance
—J Brazie'r, San Mateo, CA

Net Neutrality is critical for the internet. The internet was founded on a basis of equal access, was legislated on the basis of equal access, and should continue to operate on a basis of equal access. Don't let these greedy internet providers ruin the internet as we know it.
—Robert Lord, Piedmont, CA

We need more freedom not less.
—Carl T. Wilkinson, Cape Coral, FL

Allowing mega-corporations to decide internet speeds is like allowing water utilities to decide your water pressure.
—Jan Rempt, san dimas, CA

Net neutrality must be protected. Allowing telecommunications companies to create a "fast lane" service essentially benefits, virtually no one except the telecommunications companies. The American people already pay too much. Let's not make a grave mistake and change the paradigm of internet service, which really ought to be free to begin with.
—Justin S Yee, Pittsburgh, PA

Net neutrality is important to me because of all the thousands of people that are earning their living online via something like Youtube of Twitch. If it means that you wont be able to watch Youtube with a decent speed anymore alot of people will stop going there and because of that alot of people will lose their current job. Don't go through with this you are hurting the community more then what you're actually trying to hurt.
—Henny van Duuren, Spanbroek,

internet service providers should not be allowed to discriminate amongst online content at their discretion.
—Aparna Modi, Henderson, NV

Please do not do a 2 tier system. We want real net neutrality with only one tier. Please reclassify instead.
—Shirley, Menlo Park, CA

Please do not do a 2 tier system. We want real net neutrality with only one tier. Please reclassify instead.
—Jenn, Menlo Park, CA

We want true neutrality. Please do not do a 2 tier system. We want real net neutrality with only one tier. Please reclassify instead.
—Gordon, Menlo Park, CA

We want true neutrality. Please do not do a 2 tier system. We want real net neutrality with only one tier for all people and companies. Please reclassify instead.
—Zhang, Menlo Park, CA

It's beyond time ISPs should be declared common-carriers. The state/speed of broadband in the US is embarrassing already, allowing a two-tiered system will only benefit huge corporate interests and make things worse. Seriously, get with the program.
—Ronn Williams, Sioux Falls, SD

Net neutrality is key to preserving our 1st amendment right to free speech. Do not allow companies to discriminate. ISPs need to be reclassified as common carriers.
—Donna Chralowicz, San Diego, CA

Look, the internet is no longer some commodity that people enjoy for fun. It has become the livelihood in some form or another for the entirety of the United States. ISP's HAVE to be reclassified as common carriers, in order for all Americans to have equal opportunities on the internet. Otherwise people who have brilliant ideas or talents in, artwork, music, science, math, business and so on would never be able to make a living or better the world and would be suffocated online by the slower tier. The next big thing would be quickly snuffed out simply because the tier system favors the rich for speed.
—Jason Tenney, Kentwood, MI

I do not agree with ceasing or changing the concept of net neutrality. I do not think that the a company should be the determining factor of what I am allowed to view online. This would be an infringement on our rights! Once an ISP has control over content this could be a downward spiral into having the media controlled and therefore we are not being allowed to see all the info that is available in order to make our own decisions. People with less money and schools could also suffer if they can not afford to upgrade ISP service. Net neutrality needs to stay!!!
—Billie Sprouse, SEattle, WA

Keep the playing field level
—Charles Lee Jennings, Suffolk, VA

The influence of corporations on our media channels is profound. Loss of Net Neutrality would further this control. The internet is the last free bastion of expression relatively unfettered by commercial distortions. Allowing the metering of traffic would inevitably result in some kind of censorship. Inevitably. The technology allows massive bandwidth for all - the argument by the cable companies that it is impossible to build the infrastructure to support Net Neutrality is false.
—Paul Hubenig, San Diego, CA

Do the right thing for all of humanity not just profits for the rich.
—Ron Ridenour, køge,

Regardless of how pure the intent behind a two-tiered system is, the implementation of that system is going to turn into crippling, slow internet speeds for "everybody else"--those who can't afford it. I'll take slow Netflix. Really, it's ok. I understand it's a lot of data. Let's not turn most of the internet into a massive underclass so I can watch movies faster, please. We need to reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Thank you.
—Steve Hughes, Pasadena, CA

Please keep the internet as it is, with smaller web sites allowed to compete with larger web sites exactly as it is now with no extra fees and no favoritism based on who is paying more. Changing things could make it even more difficult than it already is to find the more interesting non commercial web sites.
—John Frick, Cumberland, MD

The internet is one of the driving engines of our economic competitiveness. If telcos can offer tiered pricing or charge websites for fast access, this will deal a fatal blow to future internet startups. Don't kill innovation. Keep the internet free.
—Hampton Myers, New Orleans, LA

The internet is how I met my wife, who lived 5000 miles away. The internet is how I run my business and my wife runs her business. It allows us freedom and opportunity for growth. The internet is how I learn a second language. It is how I broaden my mind and learn about other cultures, how I answer all of the questions that occur to me throughout the day and make me a better and more knowledgeable person. Of course, you know all of this. We all know all of this. The internet embodies positive change in the world. It enables power and freedom and knowledge. Such a valuable thing is certainly worth quite a bit more than money can ever buy. It is means equality and it is something we have to protect like the beacon of truth and freedom that it can be. Do not put that at risk for the sake of mollifying big business. This is bigger than money. Save the internet.
—Alan Truly, Golden Valley, AZ

I don't want my access to the Internet to be slowed down, or cost more. Internet expenses are too high already, and there isn't enough competition. I don't want smaller companies to be shut out by larger companies who can afford to pay more for a speed advantage.
—Ms. Melissa Hathaway, Gresham, OR

Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Nick Herbert, Caernarfon,

The internet is no longer a luxury, it is a service universally required by Americans, just like electricity. We need to reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Thaddeus R McRae, Cutler Bay, FL

Net neutrality is extremely important, I don't want to live in a world where I'm tracked online every day and the services available to me are limited by the whim of the government and standard bodies at the time. I want free expression and privacy. Reclassify and don't let Wheeler's private interests left over from the NCTA dictate FCC policy.
—Mattsi Jansky, Cambridge,

Mr. Wheeler, Your proposal is unacceptable and is clearly lacking any vision for the state of the Internet. After all these messages from the population, I believe you have the mental ability to understand that this change is not wanted nor warranted. Please do the needful and start working for the people, instead of your employers. Good luck! PS: If money is an issues, I'm sure you can call out to the public to pay your salary.
—Zan Radu, Bucharest,

I strongly object to a tiered internet service. It is discriminatory. The disimination of information should be equally available to all and not favor those who pay a fee to receive information at a higher speed. The foundation of our republic depends on an educated populace. Do not put that democratic principle at risk.
—Sue Johnson, St Petersburg, FL

Its a democratic issue. Its very dangerous if companies/organization can buy the right to communicate (and others can't). Netneutrality we need.
—Lars bengtsson, Stockholm,

The freedom of the system is what has made the internet so great. It is not right to let a few big corporations decide what will be seen by whom online. Do the right thing. Maintain net neutrality.
—Molly Moench, Seattle, WA

The one place we had left where everyone was equal was the Internet! Please do what you know is right and leave corporate pressure where it belongs - outside!
—Orna Robinson, La Nucía,

Corporations should have less influence on the NET not more. We need neutrality.
—Anna Harpley, Sydney,

We need true equality within the Internet. No wealth separation etc.
—Pekka Parviainen, Kauniainen,

A multiple tiered internet system is not in the interest of the American people. It clearly serves large corporate interests and would stifle innovation from smaller companies. Keep the internet free and clear of artificial slowdowns and fast lanes.
—Thomas Coldwell, Bothell, WA

I pay AT&T their max rate and still they only deliver about 60% of their promised speed. What will happen if internet lanes are divided further? This ruling will make internet speeds essentially auction-able to the highest bidder. Given inequality in America this essentially will render most ordinary Americans net-less at home.
—Victor Tang, Cupertino, CA

We have spent hundreds of years working for equal rights for humans all over the world. It is very important for me to keep these principles online as well, since the internet is the basis for world wide communication.
—Markus Torpvret, Stockholm,

Internet is source of knowledge. You can not put a price tag on that.
—Samo Blatnik, Žužemberk,

I want a competitive - high speed inter web world.
—Victoria Vastagh, Memphis, TN

The United States of America must preserve Net Neutrality. It is as essential as Free Speech, a Free Press, et. al. The FCC should not be selling America's freedoms down the river in the manner of a fascist dictatorship.
—Keith C. Schnip, Warrrenton, OR

The internet is a major method of communication and knowledge. It should be treated as a utility.
—Katherine J. Russell, Los Angeles, CA

Please throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Milagrosa Conol, Hilo, HI

Net neutrality is essential to maintain equal and fair access to basic communication and information on the Internet. The US is already failing to provide competition in the delivery of fast Internet services at the affordable cost that most European countries do. The monopolistic control of Comcast and Time Warner is preventing this access and is jeopardizing America's ability to compete on equal footing with the rest of the globe. Support your citizenry and competition! The Internet should be a protected public utility!! James E. Baker 2344 Chilcombe Avenue St.Paul, Mn 55108
—James E Baker, St.Paul, MN

Preserve equity and reduce discrimination in the future of the Internet
—Duncan Pedersen, Hudson, DC

Net neutrality is important for small commerce and for individual projects--it is important as a way to communicate--it is important as a global connector. It is important to reclassify ISPs as common carriers.-don't let the big companies take over our net!
—Ann R Meders, Ashland, OR

Seriously guys???? The world is unfair enough already, and some people companies have a huge advantage. Why make this worse? Why divide even more between the rich and the poor? KEEP THIS ONE THING FREE AND FAIR FOR EVERYONE!
—Conner Corwin, Lenoir City, TN

Dear chairman Wheeler Don't end net neutrality Thanks very much, Max P.S. It's a Haiku! Isn't that fun? ^.^
—Maximilian Rideout Reilly-McDowell, Olympia, WA

The internet is probably the most revolutionary communications tool since the advent of the printing press, and its success has always been based on the principle of net neutrality. Although Tom Wheeler claims that the proposed new rules are not a threat to the principle of net neutrality, we all know that they are, and by undermining net neutrality you are threating the very viability of the internet as we know it. Do not undermine net neutrality, do not allow paid-preference, do not enable the telecoms giants to establish a two-tiered internet. Do not ruin the internet.
—Nathaniel Parry, Arlington, VA

My access to information should not be limited by others. This is the land of the free and the web should share in that!
—Mr. Christopher Koolmees, Lakewood, CA

Filtering of a media that should be open to all, and equally open to all, is tantamount to censorship of thought..those with more money get their agendas exposed with ease. This is a totalitarian step.
—Gloria Shand, Brooklyn, NY

Data is neutral, we already pay for access to the internet as do those who make content available. There is no need for a third layer of costs. Two-tiered internet services are an inherently bad idea. It would stiffle innovation and new start-ups as the costs of joining the 'fast-lane' would be prohibitively high.
—Neil Shephard, Sheffield,

It's the last hope for human freedom, freedom of information. Freedom to think for yourself. Censure the internet and we'll all be mindless slaves..
—Thijs Haverkamp, Dieren,

Public funds paid for the creation of the Internet and we all own it. It's time to classify ISPs as common carriers, which is the reality. If the FCC approves its current proposed rules, the opposite will happen: The industry giants will seize the Internet as a license to print money for themselves. Don't let that happen, please.
—Robert Campbell, Sun City Center, FL

The Internet should be the same for all. That's how it started and that's how it grew to be as popular as it is. It's the defining invention of our time and it shouldn't be that only the elite can truly enjoy it.
—Brian Licari, Davie, FL

From an entrepreneurial stand point, it increases the gap between the "haves" and "have nots" beach use it provides an unnecessary advantage to the "haves" and makes it harder for the "have nots" to reach any success in the Internet world.
—Giorgi, Auckland,

If there is no net neutrality then internet access will be based on haves and have nots. Additionally, entire industries that have been built on net neutrality could be irreparably damaged, which in turn would effect our national, if not global, economy.
—Grant Goodman, Raleigh, NC

Net neutrality is a fundamental cornerstone of our democracy..protect us !
—Jenny Bell, Vashon, WA

Net Neutrality and NON-corporate intervention means maintenance of the American idea of Freedom of Speech, creative collaboration and world wide conversations which could lead us to a better way of living.
—Sharon Hayes, Carlisle, PA

Please reclassify ISP as common carriers. There is an over abundance of government intrusion in our lives without the FCC getting more involved. The Internet should be available at the same fee to everyone. The big companies are already making a more than fair profit.
—Jay Lose, Charleston, SC

The growing ubiquity and information sharing that the internet is, has raised it stature to that of a birth right. This is the method by which we all will participate in politics, arts, humanities, and maybe most importantly news gathering and sharing. No companies, granted the use of the public airways should control that spectrum with tariffs in order to abuse their privilege or to gain inordinate profits. The FCC should act in the best interest of the citizenry of the United States. The FCC needs to reclassify internet service providers as common carriers.
—John king, West Hartford, CT

Dear FCC: It is imperative that ISPs be reclassified as common carriers (long past time). The existing rules must be abolished and be written for the realities of today. To allow companies such as AT&T, Comcast, etc to dictate a two or three tiered system is anathema to the very fundamentals of the Internet. NO to the existing rules. Ensure Net Neutrality.
—Mary Morgan, Houston, TX

The internet is the portal to the world for my business. If it is not a level playing field, I will not be able to compete, even though my products and services are better. Net Neutrality is vital for the public good! Reclassify ISPs as common carriers!
—Judy Rodman, Nashville, TN

Mr. Wheeler, listen to we the people on whose behalf you are supposed to working. Reclassify ISP's as common carriers. you have the authority in law to do that. Net neutrality is essential for the internet to function as intended
—Jacob Rajan, Shrewsbury, MA

Net neutrality is important because the internet is one of the few places where users have equal access and use of applications. If the proposed regulations are approved and administered, corporations and those who can afford higher fees will have an unfair advantage over other users. This will result in the same corruption that has become rampant due to the influence of money in politics.
—Eric Ferreira, Sacramento, CA

My tax dollars were used to initially create the internet. Now, as with most things in the US, it has for the most part been turned over to private companies, who each have near monopolies in certain areas. I can tell you that my bundled cable/phone/internet bill is $172 per month; if I were to get internet alone it would be $55. Cable companies make immense profits, and if what is proposed is allowed, we would have the choice of paying even more for current access, or settle for less content and slower access. The internet is a wonderful thing; the cable companies make PLENTY of money, and I don't think it's fair to cut the majority of citizens out of the current freedom of the internet. PLEASE RECLASSIFY ISPs AS COMMON CARRIERS.
—Nancy Eddy, Houston, TX

This is important for me, because I believe that internet should be free to everyone and in the same way. That means not divided into two sectors - the slow and the fast. Please, reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Martin Šmíra, Frýdlant nad Ostravicí,

ridiculous=CONSIDERATION of anything OTHER than ISPs as common carriers.
—Linda Milo, LIC, NY

Dear FCC, I don't think you understand the gravity of the situation. In an effort to do what federal regulators do best, which is benefit big monopolies and screw over the rest of the world, you're meaning to put rules into place which will denature de essence of the internet forever. I have a suggestion: don't. Leave the internet alone and everything will be fine. Why must you guys keep caving in to the millions of dollars of lobbying efforts by the big three ISPs? They can make more money if only they actually compete against each other in a FREE MARKET with competition and innovation? Have you seen Comcast's receivers? They've been the same for over a decade! You call that innovation? Nope, they just want to make money the easy way, without having to lift a finger. Pretty much, they're asking you to do all the work for them so they can go and make millions more without actually having to earn it. They want you to act against capitalistic principles and damn the freedom of the internet, just because they don't feel like actually getting off their high horses and getting some real work done. You want to do the right thing FCC? Tell them lobbyists to go shove their proposals up their asses, and tell them that they're not allowed to parcel out the country as if they were drug cartels. Enforce competition between the different providers, and persecute market monopolies. You know, do your job and protect the American people, and by extent, the world. Thank you for your attention. Yours truly, Miguel Galaz
—Miguel Galaz, Lisbon,

The whole point of the internet is net neutrality. Without the free and equal flow of information, the net becomes yet another media outlet controlled by the few without representing the voices of the many.
—Stephen Gutierrez, Ann Arbor, MI

When you take away the 'power of the pen' -- you take away FREEDOM and subject a people to ignorance and propaganda. This 'power' is now in the hands of the Internet. Snail mail is almost a thing of the past and a welcome sight in a mailbox. The Internet provides Social Interaction as well as information. If you decide to permit a dual system, monetarily, you have divided the country -- and the world -- into the 'haves and the have nots'. Faster Internet has been proven to be an advantage to scholars, as well as children searching for information to assist their educational requirements and goals. There is NOTHING quite so frustrating to a young mind than having to wait an interminable amount of time for downloads of schoolwork and/or transfers to their zip drives. We are already at a disadvantage, academically, in the World Stage of Education. This would be the 'icing on the cake' of a dismal state of affairs, as our children face those of other Nations with the handicap of the 'dumbing down' of our educational system. Once a powerful and enviable aide to our future, our abysmal system stymies kids that are searching for answers -- this would be more than a detriment -- it would be a total catastrophe. Do Not Let Big Business take over yet one more sector of our everyday lives and expectations for excellence. We are fast becoming a third world country. Please do not continue to add to the destruction that has already occurred. Thank you.
—Michele Heidt, Waleska, GA

This proposal is the exact opposite of what Americans want. The only way for real net neutrality to survive would be to reclassify ISPs under title two common carriers.
—Kort Lindblad, Fridley, MN

I'm a researcher at the Imaging Research Center at UMBC. We explore new forms of storytelling and image-making made possible with emerging technologies. A major goal of our efforts is finding ways our society can do a better job engaging people in valuable ideas and information to serve health, education, and other democratic needs. The Internet has been a real breakthrough for us. When broadcasting alone ruled the day, such social aims were essentially locked out of commercially controlled television. Still creating information-oriented, prosocial media is always tough because it has to do more than attract and sustain attention. We are now confronting an issue that among other things, could leave us, and many others, with both hands tied behind our backs. At issue is the shifting of economic control of the Internet from consumers to those with the most wealth. The Internet Service Providers (ISPs) we pay to connect our homes and business to the Internet and broker content, now want also to charge the content companies like Netflix according to the bandwidth their media require to deliver. This will allow ISPs to pull revenue from both ends. This is similar to what happened when cable TV providers (what the ISPs used to be) slowly started putting ads back in programming after selling their service as ad-free. You might wonder what is wrong with that. Wouldn't it save end users from paying those costs? Maybe, but we lose something much larger. It would open a Pandora's Box of ways to turn new media into the kind of restrictive tool of money and power TV was because it shifts power away from consumers (citizens) toward those with the power to manipulate the media landscape. The end game will inevitably be that instead of you choosing what you're interested in, no matter how obscure or marginal, and having that choice honored with the same quality delivery a mainstream choice would get, your service will vary to privilege the content companies who can pay the most. The result will ghettoize smaller operations and constrict innovation and entrepreneurship. And by effectively reducing the diversity of voices and efforts we can see, hear and interact with, it can't help but diminish culture, and consequently, democracy itself. So the stakes are very high. We know how private control works because we've been there. Television was originally envisioned as having broad social application. For a time, news was less overtly commercial mission than it is now. There were moments of risk-taking when challenging programming appeared on the air waves (within much tighter limits than is the case now with the Internet). For example, All in the Family and Roots were two 70's shows, produced by Norman Lear. They took on traditional notions of race and history to become the most watched shows in history when they were broadcast. Then, the network pulled back from controversial programming. The result was that Lear, couldn't get other shows made. In the culture of business, even if some degree of controversy sells for a period, "social good" can't easily be a factor for a public company serving stockholders. Not long ago, when our lab pitched a promising web start up idea with both commercial and social potential (a "dual bottom line" idea) to venture capitalists, they said social component turned them off regardless of commercial potential. It just didn't match the culture of business. While social aims can seem ambiguous, the ability of media to save lives is not. Few Americans are aware that outside the US, media has proven a very effective tool in public health. When South Africa was in the deepest throws of an HIV epidemic and desperately needed to shift norms around men's condom use, they successfully used media. Instead of merely dropping 30-second public service ads into off-hour programming (as we would have in the US) South African officials hired top writers and producers to create a primetime dramatic series that used superb, culturally-aware storytelling to challenge attitudes about gender, sex and responsibility. Because they had access, they put it on the air in prime time. Soul City became the number one show, expanded to radio and print, and then, saved millions of lives—a change that we in the US struggle even to imagine. Having our own public air waves structured instead as a business tool ultimately led to Johns Hopkins University's Center for Communication Programs (part of the Bloomberg School of Public Health—perhaps the most respected institution of its kind in the world) to all but end its media efforts in the US. According to Ben Lozare, a JHU researcher at the time, the last straw was when PBS would not allow an HIV-positive character on Sesame street as other nations had. The cost of private sector control of media, if measured in lives and lost resources, would likely be more than Americans would accept. Now that the medical community is acknowledging that the biggest factor in people's health is the choices they make, the potential of media to shift the norms that affect those choices has enormous, but largely untapped potential. The Internet was invented with taxpayer money—public money. But instead of building out the infrastructure of the Internet with public money, we've relied on, or allowed—depending on how you look at it, corporations to do that work. Now they have a real stake to claim ownership. They are legally obligated to make as much money as they can. Under the current Federal Communications Commission (FCC) ruling, they will be able to sell Internet performance to the highest bidders. Even if affording themselves that revenue stream would reduce what you and I have to pay (highly unlikely) the changes ISPs are now allowed to make to the Internet as we know it will plow under the level playing field that has allowed the richness of the Internet to flourish, and ultimately remove it as a social tool of any consequence. Consequently, I'm making a seemingly ironic proposal: We the people should be willing to pay to keep the Internet free. Let me be crystal clear, I am not arguing that the Internet should not be a marketplace where private enterprise can make big bank—quite the opposite, were fighting to multiply that. The question is whether that potential should be limited to privileging that purpose over all others, and privileging established players with the most resources. The FCC needs to reclassify broadband providers as common carriers under Title II of the Communications Act, and put in place rules that prevent special interests from privileging the flow of some data over others.
—Mr. Lee R. Boot, Baltimore, MD

Full, free and equal access to any Internet resource is a basic component of the technology - unless measures are taken to interfere with it. Bandwidth should never be throttled, either upstream or downstream. No matter how much electricity flows through a wire, the cost of the wire doesn't change, so the cost of access to the resources to which it connects should not change. I believe that the asynchronous connection speeds (faster down than up) we are all subject to are an unfair competitive advantage. I believe the furtherance of this practice into the fabric of the internet is a criminal abuse of power. I further believe that access to the Internet should be treated like access to water, electricity and natural gas. The service should be on or off and functional. Speed should not be throttled. Port usage should not be restricted. Upload and download speeds should be equal. Please cease and desist any activities designed to allow companies to use access as leverage to extort money from people or other companies. Please throw out these rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers
—Christopher Nagel, Miami, FL

Net neutrality is important as I have always believed that the Internet is a free tool of expression. By taking it away you are taking away a right. A free Internet is our birthright. You cannot take it away from us.
—Indradhanush Gupta, Kolkata,

Thank you
—Irina Olefirenko, Cherkassy,

I use the Internet for banking, storing important documents and family records. I do not want the government snooping around my important information. Too much government already. Leave our freedoms alone. We are not a socialist country. We have a constitution. We have our constitution to protect our rights and limit what can and cannot be used for government purposes. The Internet has become one crucial part of our lives. I don't want more government power. More is not always better.
—Phyllis M Riggins, Englewood, CO

My son has been working on internet technology that could be very helpful to the industry. If we don't keep a truly neutral internet his chances and others with innovative ideas will be at the mercy of the big providers as to whether they would have any chance at success. The only acceptable solution: Reclassify Internet service providers as common carriers. Please reclassify companies like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon as common carriers. Thank you, Michelle Clifton
—Ms. Michelle Clifton, Garrison, NY

All users should have equal access, not paying more for faster usage. Reclassify isp as common carriers.
—Linda J Haring, SHREWSBURY, MA

The web is a common carrier, not the property of stockholders. I support net neutrality as it exists today. Much like air, the web has become part of life that I take for granted, and I do not want the existing unlimited access changed!
—Gary Joseph Gengler, New Hope Minnesota, MN

Please do not adopt this policy which will undermine one of the major sources of free speech in our country. Increasingly every source of public information is controlled by those with more money -- the internet has played a vital part in allowing EVERYONE equal access to the conversation. The nation relies on your caring more about the public than about dollars.
—Suzanne Benack, Schenectady, NY

Because the Internet is not a corporate tool for profit, it is an information resource that should remain a user-friendly tool.
—Keirston Swope, Louisville, OH

Taxpayer money helped create the Internet. This resource should be regulated as a utility so that it remains fully accessible to and affordable by all at equal costs.
—Valorie Troesch, Dollar Bay, MI

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Because that's what they're supposed to be.
—Steve Miller, San Leandro, CA

First and second class citizens; what kind of democracy is that? There goes the US Constitution!!! Just back off. Please.
—Jose Galaz, London,

The United States of America was founded on freedom from being controlled by an outside force. I believe in that same freedom, even though the organization opposing that freedom is now the same United States Government. Britain attempted to control and was rejected. I now reject thast same desire to control. Freedom is every persons right. The very thing the USA fought for in the beginning. Let us continue to fight for that reality. Deny this bill
—Austin Parry, Bli Bli,

Net Neutrality is important to me because all my business adverting takes place over the internet, as do some of my classes, also I use skype to stay in contact with daughter overseas. Please don't prioritize massive profits of giant corporation over the needs of small businesses and families.
—Pam J Blignaut, Longmont, CO

I need a fast and free internet to advertise my small business and sell my video classes. Please don't let large corporations limit my livelihood and increase my expenses.
—Lois Kamrath, Longmont, CO

Our economy and our nation's wellbeing is based on innovation and free movement of ideas. To create a two tier Internet will destroy both of those, hindering our growth and corrupt the underpinnings of very nation. You cannot let this happen .
—Michael Johnson, Elgin, IL

We don't want internet providers to control content and make it more expensive to access the web.
—Christopher Scanlon, Milford, CT

Reclassify isps as common carriers! We dem as nd real net neutrality.
—Dan Hileman, Farmington, MN

The web is truly the only FREE speach we have left. If the 1st amendment still means something, keep the web FREE.
—Dawn Wuollet, New Hope, MN

Why are you supporting corporate greed while ignoring the majority of the citizenry? Our tax dollars created the internet, and we deserve the consideration of our government. Keep the internet free!
—Penelope Williams, Studio City, CA

The internet should be fair and free to all US citizens. Net neutrality should be a right, not a luxury only afforded by the wealthy.
—Jacob Sammer, PASADENA, MD

Net neutrality is one of the last remaining cornerstones left in our society that insures equally for all. Due to it, all content produce be it amateurish or professional, original or parody, has an almost equal chance to be viewed, appreciated, and grow. I say about equal because right now, just like in real life, those with bigger marketing departments have a higher chance of being noticed then those without. If you take away net neutrality you take away the chance for any new content, ordinal content, to be discovered and this will stall progress for our society as a whole. The internet has evolved to a point beyond simple entertainment. So please defend and strengthening net neutrality
—John Leonel Alvizuri, Flushing, NY

Do not get rid of net neutrality with the new rules
—Ellis Bradin, Cherry Hill, NJ

The Internet must remain neutral. If corporations, which are certainly not people, are allow to control the content of the web then freedom of speech will cease to exists on on of the most important world forums to ever exist.
—Andrew Kistler, North Olmsted, OH

The Net is something that can be really awesome, that enables us to learn and discover new things we have no other access to like music, travelling photos and experiences... also to keep contact with fellow fandom fans for example... We want things to stay that way, we want a free Net we sure have to use carefully and decently, but we can use no matter who we are or where we are from. We don't want your unfair rules.
—Jeanne L., Besançon,

America was known for equality. Let's take that idea into the future and continue to be a forward thinking country. The internet is a library and people of all economic backgrounds should all be allowed to use the same door. Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—M Raquel, rochester, NY

I am 65 years old. I remember going to history class as a young man and being told that the American government was there to protect its population from harm. Both from abroad and from within. Since that time, the American government has done neither. When I see all the big banks merging into "Too Big To Fail" banks and I see mergers of airlines that increase the fairs. Also cell phone companies merge and increase the price. (the exception being AT&T and T-Mobile). When the telecommunications act of 1996 was passed, we were told it would lower our phone and cable bills dramatically. The bills have NOT been lowered They have skyrocketed. The government has been complicit every step of the way. Allowing these large companies basically steal our money. Here is a chance for the FCC to reverse that trend. The ISP's are making enormous amounts of money. Once they place the equipment in your house, they don't have to do another thing. Just collect the money. The rental fee for my modem has gone from $3 a month to $8 a month. I still have the same modem. The internet has been very good to the American government and its economy. The increase in commerce and additional taxes it has afforded have been overwhelming. Not to mention giving an opportunity for people to start there own on-line business has been exceptional and made some of them enormously wealthy. Now the people that have become wealthy want to limit anyone else from doing the same. I always thought that this was the type of aggregation we were supposed to be protected from. I guess what I am saying is, I would love to get some faith in my government back. Classifying the ISP's as common carriers and trying to maintain some dignity of the common citizen is all I am asking for. Common sense from a government that it seems "common sense is not that common" would help me regain some faith in our government. I wish I had some confidence that writing to you would help keep us safe from greed. However, I assume this will never be read. At least not by someone that can make a difference. But it is like the character R.P. McMurphy said when trying to lift the sink. "At least I tried." Thank you. Mac Vars
—Malcolm Vars, Peabody, MA

Leave net neutrality alone. Leave freedom of speech alone!!!
—Judy Dee Nelson, Margate, FL

It is the duty of the FCC to classify Internet service providers in the USA as common carriers. The technology that made the Internet possible was funded by US taxpayer dollars...The money of our parents and grandparents. You will abandon your plans for the tier system or the constituents of the USA will see to it that you are removed from office. Clearly, you don't have the interests of the public in mind.
—Timothy Rock, Pittstown, NJ

Everyone should have equal access to the internet. It should not be based on economic status.
—Bobbie Mcmonagle, plymouth, MN

Net Neutrality is an incredibly important issue for our time. Insuring that everyone has equal access to the internet drives innovation, democracy and free expression online. Please keep the playing field level for all and do not introduce tiered internet options where those who can pay more for faster internet have the option to do so. Thank you for your consideration.
—Robert Vander Giessen-Reitsma, Three Rivers, MI

Reclassify the web as a utility or bust!
—Matthew O'brien, Sterling Heights, MI

Net Neutrality is the very reason why the Internet has become the strong driver of creativity and entrepreneurship it is today. Without Net Neutrality, that driving force will be cut from its root and the Internet will become as innovative as TV and radio are today (that is to say, almost completely devoid of innovation). It will also take away the one forum that small startups have left where they can truly compete with the established giants in a time of anemic economic growth. Everything about taking away Net Neutrality is a step back for our country.
—Jose Bonilla, Caguas, PR

Free the Internet! We do not need to polute it the way we have done to our society.
—Lauren Turner, Memphis, TN

Please reclassify the ISP's as common carriers. They are simply looking for ways to charge customers more. The end result will be higher prices for consumers for something that we have already been paying for all along!
—Reynaldo Banda, Weslaco, TX

I believe the ability to freely communicate with one another keeps a democracy. When some have more power, access, speed, etc, it will destroy the balance necessary for true freedom, therefore democracy will cease to exist. The nature of our supposed democracy will be further eroded and lead to more apathy and cynicism.
—Kathleen Kelcey, Mckinleyville, CA

I own a small business on the web. I have a disability and cannot get out of the house to go to work. Without net neutrality, my livelihood would be taken from me completely, and I would become destitute, and most likely homeless, as I don't have any living relatives. My business only supplements my disability income enough to pay for medications that insurance won't cover. Taking away my ability to make a little money to help pay for healthcare costs would be, in my opinion, a criminal act of slow but certain murder.
—Christopher Baldwin, Dallas, TX

Throw out the rules to allow AT&T, Comcast and Verizon create a two-tiered Internet and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality.
—Keith German, Collegeville, PA

Please do not compromise access to the internet by allowing companies to control who has access through pricing arrangements. Just like highways, it is reasonable to charge users for the load they put on a system, but not to charge them different prices based on the cargo that they are transporting.
—Steve Mull, Cary, NC

Please, do not let greed ruin a system that has changed our world for the better. Do not end net neutrality. It will only hold back the positive advancements in information technology and our society's personal freedoms.
—John Patton, Columbus, OH

only solution: common carrier
—Mohamed Ghanim, vienna,

The FCC is a governmental organization burdened with the task of communications oversight. This oversight is meant to protect the people of this nation from companies that put profit ahead of reason and practicality. Allowing ISP's to implement this tiered system would undermine the freedom of the internet. Please do not let this happen.
—Jason Gager, Plant City, FL

A two-tiered Internet would destroy the World's most innovative forum. We NEED net neutrality.
—Roy Kimbrell, Bellevue, NE

You have to be kidding me if you think the internet deserves some kind of tiered regulation. I'd rather let the NSA run roughshod through our privacy then give any internet provider the power to create toll roads for our data to travel on. It's 1000s of times more stifling to new business. This is a terrible idea. You guys are completely ignorant.
—Braden Schaeffer, Atlanta, GA

tom wheeler youre an asshat. get with reality and out of the pockets of time warner and comcast and everyone else
—Katie Nolen, Portland, OR

REMEMBER AARON SWARTZ. REMEMBER AARON SWARTZ. REMEMBER AARON SWARTZ.

Chairman Wheeler, as a Librarian of an educational institution, I can tell you that we NEED Net Neutrality. Please leave the internet alone. In this case, the old adage works, 'if it ain't broke, don't fix it.' You know that these big internet service providers are already powerful and wealthy. The regular person cannot afford (both monetarily and educationally) to pay more for the access they are ALREADY receiving as part of their Internet Service.
—Ofelia Wiltz, Key Largo, FL

At least try to maintain the illusion that the internet is a level field.
—Ms. Molly Shearer Gabel, Southampton, NY

Keeping the internet neutral allows access to any and all information to the public without having non profit or other groups having to pay an arm and a leg to get said information to the public. Net neutrality is fair, just, and allows access to all information freely and fairly. KEEP NET NEUTRALITY!!!!!
—Hannah King, shoreline, WA

Keep the internet free, open and available for everyone. Don't let corporations control the flow of information and restrict access based on price. The internet is a powerful tool to keep opportunity equal for all of us.
—J Z, Pittsburgh, PA

This 2 tiered system will ruin the internet of neutral content and bring in BIG business to control what we enjoy, learn and watch. It also, opens the door for government and or corporations to to supply or restrict of there own. This is a awful idea to change something that is NOT broken.
—Steve Mardo, warwick, RI

The Internet is one of the last bastions of FREE SPEECH, and it is only so because Net Neutrality protects the peoples' voices from being STIFLED. If a two-tiered internet is introduced, that bastion will fall, our right to speech will be at the mercy of a select few corporations, and the inability of entrepeneurs to start their enterprise online will sap the internet of innovation, causing COMMERCE to STAGNATE
—Tyler Parke, Plant City, FL

Because there would be discrimination and censoring. The net should always be neutral.
—Elise, Miami, FL

Dear FCC, As someone who has spent the last three years helping build two internet-based startups, I will say that ending net neutrality will severely damage the US economy, curb innovation, and allow corporate control over a national asset that is as paramount to national security and our future economic prosperity as the rule of law and the fundamentals of our democracy. Please declare the internet a utility. End corporate influence on the internet.
—Matthew Blinder, brookline, MA

I believe the internet should not play favorites. all should be equal, so that not one company can get ahead just because they have the money.
—Jim Fountain, moultrie, GA

Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Wheeler's plan will support rampant discrimination. Please keep the internet free of this kind of corporate control.
—Jody L DeRidder, Northport, AL

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Net neutrality must stay intact. This is a Democracy not an Oligarchy.
—Brent Linaweaver, Glenwood, MD

Because this is a global network which is made by, and belongs to all of us.
—Isabel van Rijn, Amsterdam,

Broadband internet is one of the most fundamental infrastructure nowadways, equally important to power transmission and roads. Broadband internet has long surpassed the importance of traditional phone lines and TV and not just because both can be delivered through broadband internet as long as all participants get the same quality of access to end users. To keep up with the role of broadband internet in today's world, please declare ISPs as common carriers. Please ensure that broadband internet is not crippled or made more expensive than necessary because of the interest of a select few companies.
—Torsten Hahmann, Orono, ME

You cannot allow these monsters to ruin the last free place there is.
—Anne Pyterek, Crestone, CO

We have Never Had an age when we had So Much Information at our fingertips, and at Such a quick way to get at it. No longer Having to Go to a Library for Research. Now it can be in the Palm of your . Anything you want to learn about...type it in there... I believe it is Our Right as Citizens of America to have Free Access to the internet. I am Attending On Line School and I KNOW I would not be able to attend a Brick and Morter School as My Family Is My First Priority! Instead I can Educate myself, on my Own time!
—Robyn Wares, roxborough, CO

The cable companies are losing money due to the amount of people that are turning away from cable. Now they have a plan to increase the profits they make by increasing the cost of internet for most people. They can then "control" our internet access and quality. This is not acceptable.
—Wendy Stevens, Charlotte, NC

I don't want my Internet being tolled or controlled. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Camron Abner, Brownstown, IN

No need to change the internet -- works fine as it is.
—Scott Bonner, Mechanicsburg, PA

Equal internet for everyone, please.
—Elizabeth Clay, Minneapolis, MN

Please have the FCC throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Angelina Petrozza, Edgewater, FL

The open internet is my main source of news, entertainment, networking, and work. Please protect the internet by implementing ISPs as common carriers.
—Craig Bennison, Hilliard, OH

Another government ruling favoring corporations over all others? Money gets to talk on the internet too? Banish the two-tiered Internet plan, and keep the net neutral!
—Jeanne Mehlhop, Laporte, MN

First of all, net neutrality is important because it allows rising websites to gain popularity due to having an equally fast connection as the more popular websites. Without it, no website could become efficient and usable other than the websites that are already popular. It's like a monopoly on data. Second of all, net neutrality is fair. It would be ridiculous to have to continuously pay for a service we already paid for once, regardless of how popular the website is.
—Anthony Santos, Branchburg, NJ

Allowing better access to certain sites will stifle innovation.
—Mr. Shawn Campbell, Auburn, ME

The Internet is probably the last "freedom" domain we have! Goverment and corporations have slowly and most assuredly taken over every other piece of communication -- so the concept of free market discussions is almost gone ! Please keep the last domain of communication open - without corporate interference. thanks RIch
—Rich D Reamer, Crofton, MD

The FCC should throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Rosie, MIAMI, FL

ISPs are common carriers. Let's treat them that way and not go back to the days of Ma Bell!!
—Kevin Pitts, Prescott, AZ

We already pay ISPs for various speeds of connection to the internet, we should not pay more for quick access to certain portions of the internet. An ISP only providers access to content. If it is not also creating that content it should not have any say beyond the access speed of its customers.
—Matt Unger, Fort Wayne, IN

Without true neutrality the web will become yet another example of the haves and have nots ruled by the wealthy
—Mark Boutin, Tallahassee, FL

Dear FCC, You can not---must not allow internet providers to offer more content choice and higher speed for higher fees. I urge, implore and demand that you re-classify the ISPs as common carriers and make and maintain an even playing field so that all users have full and equal access to all online information.
—Michael Mishaw, Nashville, TN

Freedom to communicate and have access to communication is a most basic personal right that should be afforded to all people regardless of how much money they have, and a necessity in a functional liberated society.
—Meredith Grosshandler, Albany, NY

Throw out your net neutrality rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers! True net neutrality gives everyone a level playing field.
—Julie Anderson, Indiana, PA

The Internet is fundamental to modern life, and truly equal access to all is absolutely essential. Do NOT do anything that will provide advantage to some and disadvantage to others. ISPs MUST be treated as common carriers, which is exactly what they are.
—Ann C Somers, Brookline, NH

stop creating monopolies!
—paul Zamost, Woodridge, IL

The internet is a public utility in the 21st century. It is used to obtain news, information, media, to communicate, etc. It must be classified as a public utility and treated as such.
—Wendy Bagnasco, Boca Raton, FL

The internet is one of the greatest achievements in human history, and it is founded on openness and equity. Don't change the rules of something that is working so well!
—Owen Scott, Washington, DC

Because the bottom 99% of us are sick and tired of the 1% controlling everything. Corporations are not people despite what the SCOTUS says. We are heading in the wrong direction. Stop the madness.
—Amy Ceccoli, Columbus, OH

Net neutrality is important it fostes non-discrimination. As a consumer, it is my fundamental right to the best possible service, even in a capitalist society. Please continue to allow us this freedom.
—Nadjia Jarrett, miramar, FL

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Don't ruin the Internet!
—Laura smith, Keystone Hgts, FL

Not a lot of people can afford all the extra fees that would be imposed with the end of Net Neutrality. Those who will pay probably can't even afford to. The internet was designed to bring people closer together not to push them farther away by extra fees or content discrimination. I implore you, keep Net Neutrality. It's better for everyone in the long run.
—Elizabeth Elam, Hot Springs, AR

Don't make the rich even richer. Keep the internet public.
—Bennett Shulman, Haslett, MI

Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Based on their past history, If a service provider is allowed to charge different rates to favor one customer over another for essentially equivalent content, we'll quickly reach a world where only large corporations with deep pockets will able to reach consumers. New entrants and small firms, unable to pay high rates will be shunted off to increasingly poorly maintained, slow, unreliable "normal service" paths.
—David Oster, san jose, CA

Net neutrality is a way to access unlimited to the different types of information its no fair obstruct it with issues tha put in danger many students.....
—Alberto Marinez, Miami, FL

As a consumer I believe I will NOT get better service with a two tiered internet. I support net neutrality.
—Megan Schmitt, memphis, TN

You cannot do this to people.
—Joel, Arima,

Net neutrality is important to keep the marketplace competitive and encourage new ideas and companies.
—Larkin Myers, Memphis, TN

Dear FCC, Giving ISPs the power to arbitrarily charge more or less to a company means giving ISPs the power to arbitrarily choose internet company/website/mobile app winners and losers. I believe in the importance of competition, and the best way to ensure competition among web/mobile companies is by reclassifying ISPs as common carriers. They are natural monopolies that already benefit from huge premiums due to the fact that people cannot compete with them. Don't make them website/mobile app monopolies as well!
—Jonathan Lee, Palo Alto, CA

A synonym for net neutrality is "internet freedom." Providing preferred lanes for those who can pay more and slow lanes for those who can't is taking freedom away from the latter. Small businesses have more vulnerabilities due to their size and lack of capital. This plan will add further disadvantages to small business activities. 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. Internet users must not be separated by class or by who can pay more for it. We should classify broadband access as a utility. Internet providers should be considered common carriers, just as cellphone companies are for voice access, which they are not allowed to block or degrade. The Internet should be a level playing field for all users and not divided up for the greed of corporations.
—Richard Kula, Enfield, CT

I demand real net neutrality.
—John Bell, Anniston, AL

The entire success of the Internet as a medium of expression and of commerce depends on the fact that it has free and equal access to all its denizens. By creating an Internet "fast lane", this chokes off the creative and economical growth we as a nation (and as a world) have seen thanks to the instant, nondiscriminatory communication the Internet has given us. Millions of people make their living through this service (just as millions of people use electricity and phone lines to do their jobs successfully and profitably). The Internet is no longer just a frivolous tool for social media, and the repercussions of choking its independent businesses would be harmful to everyone offline as well as online. Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers because, at this point in time, they have become such in all but name.
—Kathryn Best, Brandon, SD

As a small business owner, I need a level playing field on the Internet. Net Neutrality is the equalizer between my business, which is modest and companies with big money. If you take that away, thousands of small businesses will be put at a distinct disadvantage. No Net Neutrality, no free markets. It is that simple.
—Stepheni Wilson, Louisville, KY

Please reconsider this destructive decision.
—Scott Smith, Tulsa, OK

Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Randy Hackler, Chicago, IL

Please, we need net neutrality!
—Megan Verno, Lehi, UT

The internet is too critical of a resource to allow it to become monopolized by a small number of companies with the cash push everyone else aside. Current policy guarantees this will happen.
—Chris OConnor, Pittsford, NY

It is basic freedom of Speech reflected in a technological form. Corporations are not people-until one is incarcerated for it's crimes! It is free press-which is even questionable at this point.
—Janine Dymond, Harding, PA

I support Net Neutrality. A two-tiered service would not benefit the average consumer, only big business.
—Kerry Roy, Memphis, TN

why would you dominate the internet this way? just because of money? don't be this greedy, imagine for one second you are one of the thousands of millions of regular people that use the internet for their daily needs, entertainment, communication, business or anything. why would you hurt those people to just benefit a few? and the benefit is not even that big. please STAHP the insanity! stop monopolizing internet and let it be free and neutral as it was meant to be since it was inventented
—Manuel Arreaza, Oakville,

The power of the internet is in the accessibility it gives to an untold amount of information to an incalculable number of people. This fact should not be lessened nor the flow of information impeded by greed.
—Kelly Sloan, Canton, NC

freedom of access, freedom to publish
—Virginia Thompson, Sierra Vista, AZ

My Computer is already slow. I am sick of corporations getting all of the breaks in this country.
—Lois Maglietta, Roselle Park, NJ

Dear FCC, net neutrality is vital in preventing companies from discriminating on certain traffic types. All internet traffic should be treated equally and anything else would hinder the success of the internet.
—Jacob Mathias, Gilbert, AZ

The general public already has to pay for just about everything except a smile...free open internet should be available to all peoples.
—Linda Wilkins, Butner, NC

The internet belongs to the world, not just a few controlling corporations. The internet has opened worldwide communications, and has changed everything for the better. Net Neutrality is essential for the continuance of free speech and availability to all. FCC please throw out these limiting rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Jacqueline Reynolds, Hayward, CA

Please do not pass the new net neutrality bill. This is a step in the wrong direction and will hinder us in the future. Just like freedom of speech, keep the internet free!!!!
—Nathan Sheppard, Dallas, GA

I am an educator and I believe that net neutrality is the only way to preserve the integrity of the internet as a truly public, free space for sharing information. Moreover, giving providers control over what content gets priority will condemn small businesses, grassroots movements, starting artists and inventors, and so many others to whom the internet currently provides a foothold. Please reclassify internet providers as common carriers.
—Aubry Myers, Halethorpe, MD

We have freedom online, now. It is one of the last bastions of freedom we and the rest of the world still have. LEAVE IT ALONE, please!
—Charlotte, Loganville, GA

We are not simply a nation of businessman. As a matter of historical fact, we are a nation of individuals who vote in a democracy. This requires that we stay informed and educated, which a lot of us do via the internet. We need it to maintain our democracy.
—Laurel Facey, Millers Falls, MA

Net neutrality is vital to the future of the internet and the country also. It is in essence the very meaning of free speech. This represents the efforts of forces to take public services and charge people in the name of making profits at the expense of the people of this country. This is serious, and it must not happen.
—Judy Ludwick, Grinnell, IA

I equate freedom of access to internet to that of free speech. The internet was actually developed to foster free interchange of information and ideas. It seems criminal to now make it a profit center, accessible to those who can pay. Is everything in this country going to be for sale to the highest bidder? What about the greater good ?
—Nancy Powers, St Louis, MO

I'm a public services librarian and net neutrality is vitally important to the people I serve. Let's keep the socioeconomic gap from broadening! Why on earth are you still fighting what you know must be the right thing to do?!? I'm sure you make 8X more money than I do.....why so greedy?
—Barbara Thorp, Port Republic, MD

The influence of the companies that are motivated by profit should not outweigh the best interests of the population that they profit from. The fact that such a proposal could get this far is a sign of a broken process. Please recognize this and stop Wheeler's proposal and reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Allen Denette, Springfield, VA

Keep the free exchange of information alive for all.
—Robert Frew, Palm Bay, FL

FCC, Time to do what's right for everyone and not just for the people with money and undue influence. Throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality. Get with the program; wake up and smell the roses. James Rolle Concerned US Citizen
—James Rolle, Bronx, NY

The ONLY way to protect net neutrality is to re-classify ISPs as common carriers...period!! Why is this even being debated?
—Anthony Mastronicola, Rome, NY

I'm a small online business owner. If you let Internet Service Providers create this unfair advantage, I could possibly lose my job. All of my hard will be for nothing and it will be that much harder for me and many other online start-ups to succeeded. These internet providers are already ripping us off, don't help to do it anymore.
—Mark Serrano, columbia, MO

The internet is currently the greatest resource that has been developed in the last quarter century, ensuring the dissemination of information and opportunity at an unprecedented level, based on the premise of equal access for those able to make use of it. A multi-tiered internet would fundamentally disrupt this, and move us backward in the goal of moving toward a more egalitarian society, that is currently already at risk. I plead that you reconsider the move to a two-tiered system on the basis of the current value of this technological resource, and the need to preserve a fairer society.
—Chris Tang, Springfield Gardens, NY

Do your job for American people, Not Corporations you SOB! Throw out the "rules"(created by greedy corporate SOB's) and reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the only responsible way to protect real Net Neutrality!
—Mario Corral, Scottsdale, AZ

The Internet will cease to be the democratizing force in our world if net neutrality is allowed to disintegrate.
—Brian Black, Tallahassee, FL

A soap box in the city square doesn't work anymore, radio is only as open minded as the station's owner and television is too expensive for the average person. The internet is the only way to get your voice heard these days.
—Melissa Gunnoe, Mansfield, OH

Do NOT allow multiple lanes of access on the Internet through your proposals. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers and put a stop to this nonsense. I run a business dealing with new web startups all the time and your proposals would cripple them You will be harming American business in doing this. Tom Wheeler, your background with the companies you are dealing with is a clear conflict of interest - and everyone knows it. Knock it off please.
—Christopher Hill, Athens, TX

True Internet Neutrality is necessary for the continued growth of small and medium-sized businesses in this country who depend on the world wide web. Allowing carriers to determine who will get fast and slow service based on providers' willingness to pay will create a lopsided, monopolistic system just like the present day cable TV system. Where cable TV is not a necessary communication tool, the internet is, and should be reclassified as a communication utility like the phones. Reclassify ISP's as common carriers.
—Joseph Miska, TARPON SPRINGS, FL

this is unconstitutional there is no privacy
—Victor Fernandez, Doral, FL

Do not create a fast lane for companies that can afford the steep tolls — and push me to a slower tier of service.
—Sarah gee, Lake Zurich, IL

The Internet is the ultimate connecting tool of the 21st century, promoting free speech and equality. Creating a two-tier Internet will start a slide towards oligarchy and will create a massive underclass online, hampering access and expression. It's not fair and it will only serve to line the pockets of the already wealthy.
—Julian Katz, New York, NY

The internet already has tiers of access and speeds based on our location and what we can afford. Please don't compound my slow rural internet by pushing us farther down the access food chain. At my rural Wisconsin home, we already have rural access limitations and the ONLY internet hard line provider keeps delaying the upgrade. I have the fastest speed available to me, yet on Friday nights my netflix movie recycles many times because of heavy subscriber use. More tiers will only make rural problems worse or more expensive.
—Beverly martinson, Barnes, WI

As a web developer all I can say is that if net neutrality is destroyed, our country and the world will never be the same again. The small businesses and start ups that are forming our country and giving us something to be proud of would die. The larger businesses that we have already invested in would crumble because the general population could no longer afford to support them. Everything relies on the internet and giving that much power to ISP's is the worst possible thing that could happen. How naive could a person possibly be to think that they won't throttle down normal users to unbearable speeds and say that's the speed they give everyone. How naive could a person be to think that they won't charge obscene amounts of money and implement a tiered system. Verizon and ATT already pull enough tricks with their tiered data plans for cell service. They want to do the exact same thing to the internet in general and the FCC clearly doesn't care because we are at this point. The point in which the American people have to stand up to the FCC and ISP's demanding net neutrality. The point in which I have to visit some ridiculous 90's looking FCC comment system which honestly is scaring people away, just to fill this out to tell the FCC that we need net neutrality. It's either that or the internet needs to be reclassified as a common carrier. More people use the internet in this country to communicate than all other means of communication. How it doesn't qualify to be a common carrier item is beyond me. It's also because of this fact that we have embarrassingly slow speeds in this country while paying far more for those slow speeds than other countries. If you want America to continue to be all that it can be and if you do not want to single handedly destroy the internet infrastructure every wonderful person in this country has worked so hard to create, then you will not allow it to fall into the hands of greedy ISP's who want nothing more than to profit and watch the world collapse. I'm tired of these games and I'm tired of being told pay more and you will get this or for only a few more dollars you can have twice the amount. I just want a normal open internet where everyone can access the sites I've poured my heart and time into without worrying about whether they are being throttled or not. The bigger problem with this to is so many people won't know who to blame if ISP's get their way. People will assume they can't access your site or wonder why it's slow and blame it all on the person who created the site, not the ISP who is dishing it out. What implications could that have? Oh how about an influx of support tickets to various companies that couldn't afford to pay up to Verizon or Comcast from angry customers that can't access that companies resources properly. That ultimately could lead to a company's downfall by losing customers and having to pay more for support because of a problem they didn't even create. I could go on an on but my final word again will be that this is just embarrassing that this country is even to this point where we have to save the internet. America is better than this.
—Ashley Swartz, Anderson, IN

Count me as another opponent to the motion to alter the Internet accessibility from current "Open" format to the proposed "Two-Tier" format. Corporate preemption of internet bandwidth cannot be justified for commercial profit, and disregards basic freedom of speech and right of assembly to express social concerns. Speaking as a disabled senior with limited social opportunities, internet access is hugely important to me. I depend on it for news, social functions, communications, food sourcing and delivery and occasional entertainment.
—Philip G Cassel, Mountain View, CA

Net neutrality is there to allow businesses an even platform to compete with other businesses. It's the poor mans corporation, thier one shot to make it big. Allowing a two tier system where the already rich get a "fast lane" pass while the rest of up and coming businesses get a slower pass is putting a lot of stress onto up and coming businesses. How do you expect a mom and pop store with good prices to compete with stores like Walmart when you give all the head starts to already profitable stores? It's just not fair.
—Allysa sarkar, Cypress, TX

As a small software business owner, please keep the Internet equal for everyone and do not allow for service providers to make an uneven playing field. Small IT businesses rely on fast Internet and this will kill our ability to start new businesses and compete with others. ISP's should not be allowed to buy these laws from politicians and do as they please at the expense of everyone else.
—Sean Smith, Saint Louis, MO

I believe that you as a government should treat all data on the Internet equally, and not allow companies to discriminate or charge differentially by user, content, site, platform, application, type of attached equipment, and modes of communication. The internet is meant to be equal for everyone.
—Barbara Engquist, Muskegon, MI

Because we shouldn't have to pay for shared information.
—C Robinson, Innisvail,

I feel that this effort would invite corruption and hurt the individual consumers.
—William R Sheppard, Ivey, GA

Though living in Brazil, a Brazilian national, I depend from the liberty of Internet in USA as a big part of my work as an educator is done via network. I am the editor of non profit Mathematics page. Should I be forced to pay to have a privileged access my work would go down. After all, is'nt America the paradigm of liberty? or this is false?
—Tarcisio Praciano Praciano-Pereira, Sobral - Ceará - Brazil,

Dear FCC, Please keep Net Neutrality as an equal playing field for ALL of us; no exceptions. I implore you to throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Thank you, Marc Dorsa
—Marc Dorsa, Ben Lomond, CA

Dear God, the Internet was the last great invention ~ and apparently, our once-great country is poised on the edge of destroying it. Will the greedy hoarding of money reach every aspect of life itself? What happened to creativity? Innovation? What makes the internet great is the fairness which created an even playing field allow in truly equal opportunity for all. Everyone could potentially win! After so many years of elitism threatening to destroy it, The American Dream was finally back! You could start with nothing and create something great! Just look at Google. And now that this company has risen in the ranks, going from nothing, as a start up and grown into the Goliath it has become, the almighty dollar is once again threatening to corrupt what was once Great. Is there really any Greatness left in this country, or will Greatness now only be measured by the capacity for someone to line the pockets of the decision makers? Surely we would not know true Greatness based on the decisions being made by our leaders today. America, we need a hero. We need a courageous crusader to stand up and demand that greatness prevail. Is there anybody out there?
—Liza Shaw, Hickory, NC

Dear FCC and Chairman Wheeler, Please, once again, we're asking you to reconsider and vote for net neutrality. We small business owners need a truly open and level Internet playing field. AT&T, Comcast, and Verizon have all the business they need and already are too monopolistic. Please help the little guys like us; maintain our internet as it is: the same for all, regardless of size or influence. Thank you, Linda and Peter Willis The Willis Organization, Inc. creators of Go for the Green Selling Challenge
—Linda and Peter Willis, Naples, FL

DSoM: I'm retired, on a Fixed Income AND badly injured enough to REQUIRE living in a Rehab Center which takes ALL but $57+ each month. I'm NOT alone. The Internet allows me to interact with the Community and is the only means I have to do so. I hate to sound... well.... BE... selfish but, if nothing else, would you (carefully, NOT "could you") give Seniors on a Fixed Income a break? But, really: milking the 99%, AGAIN, with what amounts to another Tax as a whole is, morally, Criminal. I implore you to keep the Internet available to one-and-all. Sincerely, RB
—Ron Blower, Seattle, WA

Traffic discrimination is unconstitutional and violates human rights. It's basically racism applied to the internet.
—Styopa Semenukha, Arlington, VA

Choose freedom and equality. Choose net neutrality.
—John adams, Topanga, CA

Freedom means equality for all... not just for those who can pay. As an educator and an American citizen, I ask YOU to do the right thing and keep a level playing field for ALL of US!
—Marianne Malmstrom, Englewood, NJ

FCC, PLEASE *PLEASE* reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Everyone is watching, and waiting for you to do the right thing, and informing the others to sign on, and do the same. Thank You!
—Susan DeGeorge, Lombard, IL

Are you kidding me!? You're going to let big business stomp all over the consumers? Net Neutrality is the only way the internet will work. If it's not broken, don't fix it.
—James Benson, Sherman, TX

Chairman Wheeler: Net neutrality requires you to reclassify Internet Service Providers as Common Carriers. Thank you for agreeing to do just that!!
—Elizabeth B. Gerlach, Newton, MA

Please FCC, do not let comcast control everything. Do not limit the accessibility of the internet. This isn't N. Korea. Att and other local companies should be competing with comcast. Not being bought out. Please do not do this two tiered internet crap.
—Joe, Cordova, TN

I don't want a private corporation keeping internet speeds low and or pay lanes going to and from my house. The USA will loose in education against other countries that do not deal with slowing down internet and pay for play situations. I am so against this and it's not funny.
—Adam Harvey, Tarpon Springs, FL

As a consumer, I will not get better service with a two tiered internet. This is a no-win situation for everyone.
—Sam Keasler, Memphis, TN

Dear FCC; Net Neutrality please!!
—Micah Crown-Hun., Los Angeles, CA

Unrestricted Data access is as important as electricity access. Net Neutrality is a must! INTERNET is a UTILITY !!
—Simon Carvalho, St Paul, MN

Media conglomerates already have too much control over media outlets to also allow them to monopolize what content gets priority on the internet.
—Romina Herrera, Miami, FL

The Internet is a wealth of resources and information, that should be available to everyone regardless of race, class, sexual orientation, gender, etc. Everyone must have access to this a abundant resource, and it should not be a profitable business.
—Alexandria Colbert, East Taunton, MA

Discrimination in fees and content on the internet is an undemocratic, indefensible probabilty if we don't have Net Neutrality. Please, please don't be responsible for such a backward step! I urge you to reclassify ISPs as common carriers to protect Net Neutrality
—Nancy Twiss, Manhattan, KS

Respected members of the FCC, I, along with many others, believe that a two-tiered internet system is a grave mistake. If we begin to allow virtual discrimination based upon the wealth of a company or individual, we enter another nail into the coffin of the belief that the individual consumer--the individual citizen--is more important than the interests of already lucrative and functioning companies. Please, reconsider your position on the issue.
—Hugh MacAlpine Smith, Andover, MA

Net neutrality is critical for freedom and independence. Do not allow two-tiered internet.
—Kelvin Tan, Berkeley, CA

The corporate companies always try and screw the PEOPLE. Disgusting how even a source such as the internet is trying to be ruled by certain people. It's sad enough some cities, and towns are losing their library. End this madness!
—Julio Zavala, West Hempstead, NY

The proposal to change the rules and access to the internet are discriminatory! Instead the FCC should reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Ewunike Akpan, Washington, DC

The redefining of net neutrality should not happen. The internet was created to be unbiased and universally accessible but with the new "definition" the internet will lose its most important feature. It's neutrality is imperative. The proposition to alter the system, accommodating to the big companies who can afford to pay the cost of the super fast internet lane, is unfair and will deter the growth of smaller startups which could one day be successful with the old net neutrality definition. These possibly successful smaller startups with potential to grow will face serious road blocks if the new net neutrality definition is passed. Please keep the internet neutral, the old neutral. Not the new neutral which is far from being neutral. Do not allow net neutrality to be redefined for the sake of today's comcast at the expense of tomorrow's google.
—Elisabeth Daigle, Mobile, AL

Please classify ISPs as common carriers.
—G Marcus Sherwin, NORTH GRAFTON, MA

Net Neutrality is important to me as an american citizen, because i want access to free press. News and imformation that is unbiased and unfiltered. One of the only places that this is only offered is through the internet. I do not believe that the internet should be control and filtered by companies and their agendas. I demand that the internet remains a entity of its own, where everyone has access to the same information at the same speed. It should not be controlled and reserved for the rich. If net neutrality fails, then we have failed in protecting the rights of american citizens.
—Alyssa Murillo, Fontana, CA

Net neutrality is imperative. It is the true American way. The two tier system is unfair. It's not broke so don't break it!
—James Martin, Livermore, CO

Please classify as Common Carriers! We demand a free internet and freedom from the power of the providers.
—John Parker, Uniontown, WA

Net Neutrality is important for democratic equality, freedom of information, etc. The internet has become a necessary tool in the daily lives of many and allows us to reach out to those far away from us, draw information from multiple facets, etc. It's one of, if not the most powerful tool, that we have access to--and hampering it and slapping on censorship and prohibiting things and slowing it down are all things that impede the progress of it.
—Blaise Collins, Midlothian, VA

Net neutrality must be preserved for every American. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers. American prosperity must be for everyone.
—Robert Yates, Seattle, WA

FCC, throw out your rules, and reclassify ISPs as common carriers
—Inhueie, Harlem, NY

Throw out your rules and instead reclassify isps as common carriers. Keep The internet neutral.
—Jeff Blake, Orem, UT

Please do not let the big internet providers such as AT&T, Comcast, and Verizon decide which traffic to allow through at a decent speed. We need Net Neutrality so that the Internet works in the best interests of all Americans, not just big corporations.
—Adam Coggins, Rockville, MD

People all across our country now depend on their ISPs to provide them with the internet service to manage their bills, to access online education courses, to obtain information, and to maintain communications. In many rural areas in particular, access to high speed internet service is essential. Public policy at this time is needed to safeguard this access for the "little people"-- and not to allow corporations like ATT to determine the price structure for US communications. I urge you to reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Patricia Vadasy, Seattle, WA

As a web designer for small business & start-ups, net neutrality is crucial to what I do. part of my job is to guide my clients into internet/mobile media marketing that is tailored to their consumer-base. Removing neutrality puts them at a further disadvantage to compete with larger, previously established companies (or ones with the financial backing of large organizations). This is NOT the way to maintain a free and open (digital) marketplace where everyone who wants to be an entrepreneur has a fair shot of doing so.
—Rahsaan Williams, Falls Church, VA

Keep the internet free and open!
—Mary Coleman, Tacoma, WA

Dear FCC, Please do not go through with the anti-Net Neutrality movement! I believe that it compromises our personal freedoms and that the reason the internet was created was so that people could share things, connect, create. The two-tiered internet system is an act of discrimination and should not be allowed to go through because the only people who would have access to the benefits of the internet would be those with the funds to afford it. It's OK for individual companies to do this, but it should not become something we have to deal with for everything! Facebook says that it is free and always will be. Other sites insist on offering free services to all. By passing this law, you are subjecting the publishers of these sites to unethical restrictions; our access to information and services should not be determined by how much money we have! Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers and keep our rights and freedoms secure. -Bean and Matt
—Madeleine, Christoval, TX

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 would destroy innovation, common information, and the power of the internet.
—Alexandra Goswami, Omaha, NE

A two tiered internet is unethical and discriminatory. Please donot proceed with this plan.
—Adam Ward Dimond, st. brieuc,

Why do you think you have the right to take more money from people and use it to fill your own? Leave net neutrality alone.
—Robert, Joliet, IL

Preserve net neutrality and the Internet's amazing democratic potential.
—Paul Gilbert, Seattle, WA

FCC, Please reclassify Internet Service Providers as Common Carriers. It is the only true and final way to preserve Net Neutrality.
—Efrain Daniel Esparza, Keller, TX

The freedom to create content and have it viewed by many should override the ability of the few to pay more!!
—Marcia Dresner, Severn, MD

I'm a web developer from Fargo, ND. Wheeler's plan scares me. To me, the Internet (as it is) is the last vestige of the American Dream. The Internet represents equality - a truly level playing field. That is what has allowed it to revolutionize our society. Please don't allow this level field to become a valley, where only the highest bidders are likely to be heard. Innovation comes from the bottom, not the top.
—Michael Lobdell, Fargo, ND

Net Neutrality is best for consumers and creates a level playing field for all companies large and small. Playing to favorites and creating a tiered system is irresponsible and greedy. Please create rules that let all companies large and small have the same ability to reach consumers without having to pay tolls to ISPs.
—Jeremy Akes, Blanchard, OK

Net Neutrality is important! Please don't do anything that might end it. Please throw out the rules that would allow discrimination online and reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Companies with money should not have more power on the Internet just because they have more money. We who have less already pay more than we can afford just to have Internet ~ it would be horrible to make our situation worse, and unfair!
—Sylvia Salter, Fort Myers, FL

I'm already tired of getting subpar servicefrom charter internet for what I pay each month, for you to think that them asking more for "better" is acceptable. That is crazy. Is it too much to ask to get reasonable service for $60 a month? I guess it is. Must be nice to be a big shot CEO AMD make enough to pay for the incoming price hike.
—Dayne Shemick, Chippewa Falls, WI

I wholeheartedly support net neutrality.
—Will Murray, Bartlett, TN

There is no free internet left if the only voices given exposure are the ones with the most money. Net neutrality is the new stop on monopoly.
—Margret Linich, Sterling, NY

FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler - WHY should AT&T,Comcast and Verizon be allowed special priveleges? Now when I want a simple answer to a search question I have to look through a long list of sites which demand payment to be used. A simple question about finding where a TV show, or something similar can require a whole page of sites before finding one that might have the answer. I have been a Comcast subscriber for many years and in the last few months have noticed these changes in search results being much harder to find. Mary Groome
—Mary Grome, Lewes, DE

My cable service is awful. My internet is slow and unreliable and expensive. Please classify ISPs as common carriers under Title II. This is the only way to ensure fair, fast and affordable internet access for all Americans.
—Benjamin A. Ochoa, Houston, TX

Please don't go forward with the bill that was pushed by cable companies so they can make more money. The internet was built for freedom to share ideas and knowledge. Imagine a world if they put limitations on books. Please let us think the system is fair and you're not in their pockets.
—Michael Harvey, Edgewater, NJ

I don't want to see the privatization of the internet. The internet is working well the way it is , and we don't need to put more money into the pockets of big business like verison and att. I don't want a faster lane and a slower lane. Internet access should be the same for all. Internet has become a public utility now. We all need it daily to do many things. No fast lane, Please!
—Ziba Bastani hesari, Houston, TX

Net neutrality = democracy What AT&T, Comcast & Verizon want = NOT a democracy FCC, do we live in a democracy in 2014 in the USA? You tell me.
—James Grimaldi, New York, NY

Net neutrality is important because without it there will be a great misuse of this power from large internet providing companies.
—Adam Rozelle, Charlotte, NC

Dear Chairman, The internet is what makes our country great and the American Dream possible. I am a small business owner and cannot keep up with large, affluent companies and corporations that can afford to make their websites more competitive. Please keep America free by keeping the internet free.. Thank you.
—Miss Aubrey Motoyama, California City, CA

Dear Chairman Wheeler, a two-tier solution is not a solution! I desire true internet neutrality. This is not a question of political compromise. It is a question of truth and transparency in as free a public domain as possible. Frederick Bindel Seattle, WA
—Frederick H Bindel, Seattlew, WA

As a small business owner, please keep America a place that encourages entrepreneurship. It's what makes our country extraordinary. Don't approve Wheeler's plan.
—Bjorn Cooley, Albany, OR

As we allow money and moneyed interests to take over our media and our politics, the range of news, access to information and dialogue has shrunk in to a the polarized cable news cacophony. The internet is a source of unfettered access and communication. To change this by limiting or weakening net neutrality of what is like the airwaves a common property is wrong. Do the right thing, and refuse these proposed internet rules.
—Jim Thomas, Littleton, CO

Because Knowledge is Power, and Power should not reside solely in the hands of those who will abuse it.
—Hanna Danecker, Highland Park, IL

True Net Neutrality is important because it's the basis of all innovation and disruption for internet based business. Having a two tiered system (or any tiers, or fast lanes or anything like that) invites anti-competitive behaviors and oligarchies.
—Mr. Jon Loyens, Austin, TX

Net Neutrality means no fast lane, no slow lane, no priority lane. All content is treated equally, period. Please keep Net Neutrality alive if you'd like to see an America in the next 20 years.
—Paul Moore, Los Angeles, CA

To FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler, A two-tiered Internet dismembers free speech for all, unless you can pay; undermines innovation that can provide for new futures, unless you can pay; and reduces the potential of the Internet by making it an aggrandized media toy, instead of a tool for positive futures. Please reverse this decision. Please support Net Neutrality! Don Bieber
—Donald Bieber, Belchertown, MA

There is no equality without equal open internet access!
—Desiree Koser, York, PA

The internet provides my home with telephone, tv, news and "internet" content. It is more essential than telephone service ever was and should be protected as a common carrier.
—Lynn Musgrove, Groton, NY

Protect Net Neutrality. Throw out FCC rules for a two tier system. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Don't trust AT&T, Comcast, Verizon. Replace Tom Wheeler.
—Patrick Cullen, San Francisco, CA

We need less economic polarization today in America -- not more!
—MIke Humphrey, San Mateo, CA

Democratic society rests fundamentally on two principles; voting is well-known, but the ability of citizens to communicate equally is equally important. The Internet has ensured equal communication for citizens, and as a network engineer I strongly believe that the proposed changes will throw that equality away. You owe it to society to ensure net neutrality.
—Geoffrey Kriston, Chicago, IL

Please do not give the rich and powerful corporations an even greater advantage with access to fast lanes. The internet is too important for the common good for this to happen. Protect net neutrality.
—Joshua Weld-Wallis, Grand Rapids, MI

stop fucking with us we vote we revolt we will not be controlled by you
—James Holloway, Albuquerque, NM

Because its not for the 1 pct of companies who can afford to pay. Information should be free and equal.
—Viju Joseph, Harrison, NY

The Internet is now a necessity in modern life. It's a utility now, not a luxury. Do not allow a two-tiered system to be created -- one for the have's and one for the have-not's.
—Rebecca E McBEE, ANN ARBOR, MI

I don't want ISPs gouging me for the ability to access websites and services.
—Pedro Cortes, Miami, FL

You must treat ISPs as common carriers. The future of freedom and progress relies on a free and open internet.
—Ted Boles, Tacoma, WA

Net neutrality is synonym of freedom. And that is why it is important to me. I don't want to have my access to information limited by a company... when did that help anyone? And I keep thinking how anyone in other countries will still have unrestricted and equal access to all the net, and I think that put us, living in the US, in disadvantage.
—Paula Guerra, Kennesaw, GA

Net neutrality is not just important to me, its important for everyone on the planet, the internet does not belong to anyone and elitist corporate entities have no business, stealing it for their own miserable ends nor have they the right to change any aspect of it and they certainly have no right to delve into any persons private affairs. Leave "our" internet alone
—Alan Stevens, dublin,

The choice of service speeds should be with the end user only. ISP service costs are paid by end user, so there should be no need for the ISP to solicit additional payment from the content provider ? Please reclassify Internet service providers as common carriers.
—Subhajit Mondal, Overland Park, KS

It seems that fairness for the mainstream population is becoming extinct. You are supposed to be protecting us yet you keep passing laws and restrictions that make it impossible to get ahead if you are Mr. and Ms. average American. It is not fair to hurt people that don't have the big bucks. The internet is for all not just the rich. To limit access in an unfair way is negligent and harmful to to all.
—Alison Sirak, North Fort Myers, FL

Verizon and Comcast do not speak for the benefit of the American people. They speak for the benefit of their bottom line. We, the American people, know what is best for us. We demand that you represent our best interests and not the lobbying groups of the ISPs. We may not have the money, but we do have the drive and soul to fight Corporate America... Please, for the good of the common American citizen, classify the ISPs as common carriers.
—Brandon Palko, Arlington, VA

The airwaves and the Internet belongs to the people, not the corporations. Take your hands off of my Internet.
—Janice McAlister, Ann Arbor, MI

To assure freedom of information for all users and prohibit corporate control of the internet.
—Marshall Norris, Las Vegas, NV

Don't change to a two-tiered system! It will be detrimental to the majority of Americans.
—Jo Ann Basgall, Ithaca, NY

It is imperative that you reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—James Johnston, Cape Elizabeth, ME

You can't let this happen. The internet is everything America was supposed to be. Equality for everyone. Equal ground, letting everyone's voice be heard at the same volume. No one able to buy their way to make themselves more important or louder than anyone else. Please, reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Benjamin Bernard, Branford, CT

Protect net neutrality. The internet is a public good. All must have equal access. No favoritism for rich users. Classify all ISPs as common carriers.
—Cahit Kitaplioglu, Scotts Valley, CA

I think the internet should not be limited by the providers, everyone should have an equal chance to compete. This change would bring an monopoly on the market (which ISP's already have in the USA). It will also limit a large portion of the country to not browse the internet without discrimination.
—Thijs van de Kamp, CHAPEL HILL, NC

The FCC's focus should be on pursuing regulations that strengthen Net Neutrality, rather than helping big corporations undermine it to ultimately allow for censorship and predatory price gouging. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers; protect Net Neutrality and it's consumers from the oligopoly you have allowed to be created under the proposed discriminatory Internet Rules.
—Morgan Butay, Concord, CA

The public has made it clear, over and over and over again, that they are in favor of Net Neutrality. These new rules will compromise Net Neutrality, so they must NOT PASS.
—Mr. Michael Morel, San Francisco, CA

This is outrageous. The Internet providers are a clearly a utility, common carrier and should be re- classified as such. This is a tragedy for our country. We must be a country that supports net neutrality and innovation. Not the greed of special interests, that seem to now have control of the FCC. Represent the people you were meant too.
—Bruce Macfarlane, Key Largo, FL

We in the USA invented the Internet. I suppose that gives us the right to kill it. But let's not. There's enough about which we can be embarrassed. (Not the least of which is language like this, up with which we should not put.) There's no need add fuel to that fire. Let's so something we can be proud of: classify ISPs as common carriers. For science. For we, the people.
—Alan Labouseur, Pleasant Valley, NY

Internet isn't For Sale, Stop trying to sell the People's Internet to corrupt Corportations who have violated American Privacy and played a major role increating a United States of Stasi which is absolutely Unconstitutional and don't be a sell out and a disgrace American Wheeler. Restore Net Neutrality Now!!
—Patrik Panosian, Sun Valley, CA

Government shouldn't interfere with commerce.
—Patrick Walsh, Chanhassen, MN

An open internet where everyone has the same access to making themselves heard is essential to American democracy. The internet must be neutral.
—Nicholas verbos, West allis, WI

Everyone deserves access all of the internet.
—Jebbie, Lenexa, KS

Because I wouldn't like my favorite websites to be my only websites. If part of the internet is slow just so the popular parts can be faster, than that's not very equal opportunity for anything. Isn't there a law about equal oppertunity in the us? It applies to racial and theological equality yes, but the message is the same. Save net neutrality for a better and farer system
—Kevin Casto, Aurora, IL

The reclassification of ISPS as common carriers is the only solution to this corporate fiasco. Public servants at the FCC work for taxpayers, not corporations. Your decisions are supposed to protect and benefit TAXPAYER CITIZENS.
—Teresa M Robinson, Smithfield, VA

I use the internet daily, and to be told that I have to pay an ISP, and the website I'm viewing has to pay as well or they get slowed down, that's a terrible philosophy. The owner of the website already pays his hosting dues elsewhere, why should he have to pay twice? And if he does pay twice, I'll have to pay him more for the same level of content! It's not fair, and it shouldn't be allowed.
—Anthony Carter, Gold Beach, OR

NO NO NO This is not "Net Neutrality". How can this proposal even be named "Net Neutrality"? "Net to help large corporations, that have their fingers deep into my pockets, help Tom Wheeler and his cohorts" That's a more accurate title. 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.
—Joseph Christianson, San Diego, CA

Protect the rights of the constituents. This is modern day segregation.
—Abhishek Mehta, Alpharetta, GA

Net Neutrality is important because it allows businesses to communicate with each other and with banks, plus it is a large part of our business infrastructure.
—Matthew Carrizoza, Garden City, ID

I am on a limited budget with 2 kids in school and 1 child with Type 1 Diabetes using the internet for higher education and learning skills. NOT FAIR to DISCRIMINATE CONTENT or MAKE THE INTERNET HARDER TO GET FOR MIDDLE INCOME FAMILY CHILDREN!!! SO SAD, HERE AGAIN ALL ABOUT BIG COMPANIES AND THEIR ALL MIGHTY DOLLARS!
—Regina Pulley, Evansville, IN

I look at Net Neutrality as a most profound value to all the internet-users worldwide. If this is to be destroyed, the internet will loose it's basic neutral and democratic freedom. It is in my view of the upmost importance to stop service providers like AT&T, Comcast etc. to take advantage and create a two-tiered Internet!
—Erich Strebel, Zurich,

The Net should belong to everyone, not just to a few with money.
—Kieran Fenlon, Cookeville, TN

The single most important thing the FCC will ever do is mandate real Net Neutrality. Stop delaying, smoke screening, humouring lobbyist (or taking bribes), and entertaining alternative none-sense actions and do the right, ethical, and simplest rule: Net Neutrality. It will save consumers long term and guarantee economic prosperity, never mind the altruistic benefits.
—Arsham Skrenes, Washington, DC

Because the Internet has become necessary for so many people today it must remain a part of the public domain not monetized to serve the wishes of the big corporations.
—Parker Haynes, Carson, NM

You are allowing a select few, greedy groups to pick and choose who has access and/or the right to use the internet. That sure sounds like a monopoly and is definitely going to put our country into a tailspin never seen before as far as home based employment is concerned. Not to mention our economy will be in a depression mode and may not recover. Quit thinking about the greed and lobbyists putting the shaft to the American public or there will be chaos everywhere. Let's be logical and realize that if this is made law, the negative repercussions will far outweigh the benefits that your seeing now!! I thought our country was working to have a non-discriminating society, if this is enacted we will be regressing to a time of great oppression!
—Chuck Arnone, Lakewood, CO

Net Neutrality is absolutely vital to the open exchange of ideas and a level playing field for small businesses. Please ensure that the net remains open and fair for all.
—Jimmie Thomas, Houston, TX

Net Neutrality is very important for all society - do not allow the crooked ISPs to further exploit the internet users and get away with not paying a cent in taxes and just draining everyone's pockets. The republicans represent the corporations - don't let those pigs get away with it.
—Rio Solorzano, El Paso, TX

If you let this act continue than, there will be a two class system of internet users. The rich and the poor. It is essentially taking away from everyone else to give more to the rich, yet again.
—Dalton Wisnefski, Toulon, IL

How can you remove the rights of individuals from having open information? Our rights are being taken away from us on a regular basis and Net Neutrality needs to be enacted on the internet. We are not China.
—William Danch, Beaverton, OR

The internet needs to remain a free place where ideas can be exchange openly, free from the infiltration and influence of massive corporations who put the bottom line before people. It will cause the technological and social advancements being made by the is country to come to a halt.
—William Martinez, Santa Clarita, CA

Internet access is a basic utility in the modern world. It should be regulated as a public necessity.
—Rueben James Gutierrez, Los Alamos, NM

No discrimination! ISPs should not be allowed to create a two-tiered system because it eliminates incentives to deliver better service within an industry that already has very little competition to incentivize creating better service. The FCC should instead regulate ISPs as a necessary public communication method that needs enhancement for all, not just a few. If the FCC wants to limit the free market for the benefit of the public majority they represent, then stop ISPs from creating monopolies and charging more money for the same, or less, value offered. If, on the other hand, the FCC wants to leave the free market alone to benefit the public majority they represent, then don't create rules that allow ISPs to create monopolies and charge more for the same, or less, value provided.
—Austin Holt, Brooklyn, NY

Please, please, please for the sake of small businesses across the US do not take our net neutrality away. There is no way that small businesses will get a fair shake if control of the flow of the internet is given over to corporate interests. What's good for the people is good for the United States!
—Mr. Richard Brislin, Boulder, CO

There is no logical justification for the FCC to fail to reclassify internet service providers as common carriers. That is unless the FCC has become just another corporate servant failing to protect and preserve the rights of the public. With your proposed internet rules, the FCC is part of the problem, not part of the solution. The FCC should make the choice to reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Joseph Burgwinkle, Worcester, MA

Net neutrality as it stands is the way to go..Change in favor of corporations profits is obscene. Whatever happened to majority rule?. The Majority of us want net neutrality. Enough of the 1% running things. Its time for the 99% to have a say in their future. If anyone needs to change and adapt to the times let it be the ones who can afford it, not the ones who cannot.
—Sean Smith, miami, FL

Please reclassify internet providers as common carriers. Don't make our access to free speech harder through fees that would be more favorable to big business but crushing to ordinary citizens.
—Mary Orders, Morganton, NC

Keep the entertainment conglomerates out of our access to the internet.
—Rick Blanc, Los Angeles, CA

Because it's the right thing to do. Throw out the two-tier plan & reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Brian J Doherty, Culver City, CA

Give me liberty or give me death. A government for the people, by the people. Do not allow corporate greed to overpower the greater good. Free flowing of information will build our society into something great. Support true net neutrality.
—Tyler Davis, Van Nuys, CA

Preserving net neutrality is incredibly important for our country. I'm concerned about the growing economic gap between the 'haves' and the 'have-nots'. Allowing the internet to become a tiered system would widen the gap and make it even harder for low-income families to make a better life for themselves. I'm also increasingly concerned with the power of large corporations in America, especially when it comes to the political arena. Please do not give corporations like Comcast, AT&T, and Verizon the opportunity to increase their own power and overwhelm the voices of average Americans.
—Jenna Godfrey, Charlottesville, VA

I don't agree with this two-tiered system you seem to feel is equal. Separate is not equal. We learned that in the Civil Rights days.
—Mrs. Gunta Norman, Coquille, OR

Net Neutrality provides a just and level playing ground for the small computer user as well as big corporations. No more favoritism to corporations. They're doing just fine on their own.
—Willean Hornbeck, Port Hadlock, WA

Net neutrality is essential for ensuring the internet remains a free and democratic vehicle for the exchange of ideas. I am stunned and deeply disappointed that the FCC is not doing all it can to support this. Support ISPs as common carriers!
—Matthew McElligott, Selkirk, NY

Please keep the Internet free for everyone. Don't ban Net Neutrality, it's a clear violation of American rights and freedom for everyone. Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Janessa Sanders, ALBUQUERQUE, NM

ISPs are common carriers much in the way phone companies are. They should be reclassified as such.
—Ian Gustafson, Waltham, MA

NOT EVERYONE CAN AFFORD FAST LANE SO YOUR FORCING US TO PAY MONEY IF WE WANT OUR STUFF FASTER WHO IN THE WORLD DO YOU THINK YOU ARE TO CHANGE WHAT I WANT?
—Sunny, London,

the internet is one of the few truely open means of expression left. don't let that go under
—Emma Stephenson, Beamsville,

It is important, our right and our obligation as citizens of a free society to keep the internet neutral and free for all. You must be aware of the social control that is spreading through every aspect of our society and we all have and obligation to our children and the future generations of this country to leave them a better world. I respectfully request your support on this issue, because a lot depends on it. Thank you so much for your time! Have a great day!
—Ali Villalobos, Miami, FL

Yo everyone wants net neutrality, except the greedy terrible people trying to ruin things for everyone else. Don't dare touch net neutrality because we won't let you get away with it!!!!!
—Alana McDowell, Los angeles, CA

ISPs must be reclassified as common carriers. Don't change the best thing America has done in the last 50 years.
—Rob Verdi, Fredericksburg, VA

FCC Chairman Thomas Wheeler is pushing a plan that would allow Internet service providers like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon to create a multi-tiered Internet, with paid fast lanes for those who can afford the extra fees and a slower, more crowded narrow band for the rest of us. Even more importantly, these companies would, effectively, have the power to pick winners and losers online and to discriminate against online organizations, content and applications. And no one would be able to do anything about it. The only way to protect true Net Neutrality is to vote down Chairman Wheeler's proposal and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This move calls for great personal courage on the part of the other four commissioners to defeat Wheeler's proposal and to instead use their power to stand for democracy and to protect our nation's freedom of speech by reclassifying the ISP's as common carriers. Robert C. McInnes
—Robert C. McInnes, Sarasota, FL

Net neutrality is essential to prevent the US from becoming an economic and technical backwater!
—Richard Prigan, Columbus, OH

Net Neutrality is a protection for the general public.
—Leroy Clark, Washington, DC

The Internet is supposed to be an open place for people to be able to express themselves and obtain information, not to mention certain websites should not have blocks placed on them to slow down the connection. We all pay for our internet. Do not take away the things we PAY for, i pay to have high-speed internet, and i EXPECT it to be high-speed, not high-speed on some websites and slow as can be on one where i stream video or things like that. no one has any right to do this. ISP's should not be given "special privileges" to cut down our speeds, everything else like cable and satellite have enough hidden fees, if you cut down speeds that will lead to many frustrated people, not to mention people will most likely discontinue service with certain internet providers that do this which is going to destroy work for people in the IT industry. you're going to kill the internet. just stop. If you want to do something with the internet, get our internet speeds up with the rest of the world.
—Alixandrea Rachel, Mansfield, OH

Net Neutrality helps keep our freedom of speech alive. We the People need not to have the ISP deciding what we can view and what we can't. They need to remain as common carriers of internet.
—Joan Rainwater-Gish, Eureka, CA

Dear FCC, Net Neutrality is important as it reflects the concept of free choice. I would not deny that some safeguards might be needed but I appeal to your sense of dignity and responsibility to consider the issue fairly and thoroughly and make the right decision. Sincerely, Aleksandr
—Aleksandr Savchenko, LLN,

FCC throw these rules out and reclassify ISPS as common carriers. Everything is online now, job applications, homework and school work for childern in school and even adults in college. Just throw out your rules.
—Kaila Rager, Shelby, OH

Could we please keep the "Net" clear of those that have versus those that have not. Keep the access available to all and let not the money rule this too.
—Robert Osborne, San Jacinto, CA

Dear FCC, Despite the opinion and influence of large internet service providers, the elimination of, or mutilating the definition of net neutrality is at best an indirect encroachment on American citizens right to free speech. I, and many of my peers, are vehemently opposed to the change that you are suggesting. Do not allow big business to decide what can be seen and what can't online.
—Megan Reynolds, Arcata, CA

Creating a two-tiered internet would be immensely biased, and last I checked, this country was built for equality for all. Besides, it'd immensely reduce the amount of internet traffic, which would in turn drastically damage our economy, as the amount of online transactions would be significantly reduced. Nobody would want anything to do with the internet if they have to pay a ton of extra fees to get anything done!
—Zachary Babcock, Ocala, FL

Tom Wheeler MUST be fired in order for the FCC to do their job. He used to lobby for the very same companies that are trying to KILL net neutrality, and how he was appointed as chairman in the first place, really makes me lose faith in my government. ENOUGH DE-REGULATION ALREADY!!! Do we seriously want to end up with ONE corporation that controls ALL communications AND the entire traffic on the INTERNET????
—Omar Campos-Ertel, Spokane Valley, WA

Net Neutrality is important to me because I believe that everyone should have equal access to information.
—Linda Silberman, Jackson Heights, NY

Giving lower priority to non-corporate sites will limit innovation and make us a less relevant country. We have to support all blossoming independent developers and services, as an example to the world and to keep our country healthy. Thank you so much for considering public opinion on this issue!
—Alex Wawroski, Astoria, NY

Let's keep this a country where dreams become reality. Let's keep the internet an equal grounds for everyone. Let's keep the net neutral.
—Austin Flanagan, El Dorado Hills, CA

Please keep all things neutral
—Derek Derek James von Oetinger BSN, Madison Hts., MI

Really, Mr. Wheeler? Really? Allowing ISPs to create a two-tiered Internet, with fast lanes for those who can pay extra fees, and slow lanes for those who can't is the height of discrimination. Allowing ATT, Comcrap, et al., the right to create an online haves and have nots scenario to discriminate against content and application is wrong. Re-classify ISPs as common carriers. Thank you.
—Yvonne Shine, Colorado Springs, CO

Everyone's allowed to access all kinds of information.
—Nina Rodriguez, Durham, NC

I urge you to reclassify ISPs as common carriers to preserve net neutrality! Doing otherwise would be detrimental to the internet and American people as a whole.
—Lauren, Stony Brook, NY

Please the net neutral. There should continue to be a one tier network. No one should get extra bandwidth by paying more for a similar unit of data..
—John sollid, Poulsbo, WA

I do not agree with giving the ISPs the right throttle down or charge more for specific internet sites and to control internet speed by site or charge more by site. This promotes economic inequality for the consumers of information and allow for big companies to control what info we see. This is an asault on our democracy. FCC has to stop it. The great invention that is driving fredom, innovation, and enhancing communications of ideas is the Free Internet.
—Waldo Rodriguez, Orlando, FL

Mr. Wheeler, Allowing ISPs to throttle various websites and discriminating quality of service is ludacris. Please reconsider your current plan and make quality broadband services available to all. Best, Nick Schnurr
—Nick Schnurr, Denver, CO

Society cannot go forward if our common channel, the Internet, is being classified by additional payments. The speed limits damage content sharing and application performance of start-ups etc who cannot or will not pay. Who is benefiting from those payments? Please leave the internet as it is, speed determined by ISP contract.
—Vesa Kaakkuriniemi, Jyväskylä,

Please throw out the rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Please save Net Neutrality. Thank you
—Shirley White, Birmingham, MI

I think it is important to mantian a state of net neutrality.
—Alexis Renk, roselle, IL

The internet cannot work without net neutrality. The internet is an uncensored forum where everyone, even the most marginal groups can have a voice that will be heard. To shut that down to give special treatment to companies, leaving the individual, the small, the powerless with just scraps, would be an act of extreme cruelty. The internet is a right of the people, and it should remain for the people. To deny them that would be a human rights violation.
—Rafael Varas, Santiago de Chile,

To protect all citizens right to access information freely.
—JL Holland, Albuquerque, NM

The net is being stolen by a few big players. It should be equal access for all.
—Steve@ganzguitarscom H Ganz, blaine, WA

Net neutrality is essential. Does this mean next step is having my phone conversations monitored and deemed either appropriate or inappropriate by a media conglomerate?
—Charlene Englerth, Sarasota, FL

Net neutrality is essential keep the society and commerce in a fair and competitive environnent.
—Jocelyn levesque, Beaconsfield,

We must maintain an open and free internet, period.
—Paul & Natalie Cornez, Stoystown, PA

Net Neutrality needs to be in place because large internet companies should not be able to put in place these fees as it would put hinder to places with free wi-fi and libraries with computer access if certain groups of websites were not available because of "packaging".
—Austin Covington, Lake Havasu City, AZ

Mr. Wheeler, Your proposal as chairman of the FCC on new internet rules are outrageous and would put an end to anything resembling Net Neutrality. It would establish a multi-tiered system where money buys visibility. Make AT&T, Comcast, Verizon and any others who come along common carriers. Protect the public and not the private interests of companies and their shareholders.
—Mary Anne Lushe, St. Clair Shores, MI

Keep the internet free!
—Bridget Pena, Richmond, CA

The internet should be a free and fair marketplace for all those who use it. This will hurt small businesses web traffic substantially. No one should have to pay extra for "better" or faster internet.
—Aubrey Owens, Albuquerque, NM

Net Neutrality must absolutely be guaranteed to everyone, becaus rampant discrimination online may result in frustration of many people, and eventually in social revolt!
—Helmgard Ziehm, Bruges,

Keep the internet neutral. Don't let the large corporations dictate as to what we can access.
—Terry T. Hulbert, Wethersfield,, CT

Net Neutrality is important to me because I want to surf when and where I want to surf. This is America not China! I am, quite frankly, tired of having to bend over and take it from corporations because greedy parasites keep selling out to the Corporations. Haven't the American people been screwed enough by not getting raises for the past 10 yrs; their taxes being used for frivolous lawsuits by the GOP; segregation in schools again...I could go on and on. Do the right thing for once!
—Gina Raggette, East Orange, NJ

Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers. It is in the interest of all Americans and certainly the most important freedom of speech threat of our time if they are not. Big money cannot win over the basic right of every person to access the same information.
—Mark Estrada, Los Angeles, CA

This 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.
—Annette Eland, Fair Oaks, CA

Net Neutrality is important to me, not just because of how truly awful providers like Comcast are to do business with, but because I believe it telcom should be considered a utility. Telcom providers like AT&T and Comcast did not build the infrastructure they use. Taxpayers like me did, and now I'm forced to use their lackluster service.
—Ashley Chenn, Salt Lake City, UT

The creation of the vast interconnected webway of servers and data centers that we today call the internet is almost certainly the most important global infrastructure project ever undertaken. Though its power the spread of knowledge and ideas between all the minds of our world has been facilitated to a degree undreamt of not a single human lifespan ago. It's easy to forget our roots, us who only live 85 years or so, but just think that it's been 10,000 years since we invented agriculture, and 6,000 years since we built the first city. In the last half a century we've seen the globe gain the ability to communicate, face to face, and in real time, ideas and inventions that have changed the future of our species irrevocably. Could you even begin to wonder at the marvels we'll have achieved by the end of this century, let alone in the next 10,000 years? What started in 1965 as a linkage between two DARPA computers in Massachusetts and California grew, slowly at first, but with the exponential potential that we've come to know, into a series of inter-connected Universities whose sole purpose was the open exchange of information for the sake of allowing the next generation to learn as even more efficiently than the last, and to foster the exchange of ideas to those who could best make use of them. What we have today is not that creation of the military and education industries. It has evolved into something much larger and more powerful. It has given every person on the globe the power to hold the live sum total of all human knowledge in the palm of their hand, as the Library of Alexandria would have striven to do, if it were not lorded over by the rich and conceited. If you don't know the story of the Library of Alexandria, then let me tell you at least a little of its grandeur: It was the largest repository of information that had ever built, bar none. When ships came to port they were boarded and searched, but not for illegal cargo or contraband. They were looking for books, scrolls, and anything else that could be copied to add the library's collection of literature, plays, mathematics, philosophy, anything really. They were hackers, of a sort, one might suppose; taking copies of the information others held. Access to this glorious store of knowledge was, however, restricted. Only the rich upper class and those attending the highest schools of learning could use it. They limited the flow of knowledge, knowing full well how powerful it could be. Some of the most famous minds of the ancient world studied there, and it flourished as the global center for academic works. Today our libraries may have private stacks, databases of scholarly articles, or other restricted archives, but the vast and overwhelming majority of what we as a species know is out there, just waiting to be accessed. Knowledge is power, and with power comes responsibility. I believe I speak for the people of Earth when I say that we see it as our responsibility that our forbearers — our children — have no lessened ability to access our intellectual heritage than we do today, and it at all possible: even more so. The internet today is a global resource. It is as important to the ways of our world as the air we breathe is to you and me. Without it the global machinery that keeps billions upon billions of people busy, warm, and fed would come to a grinding halt, and having half the planet being very hungry with nothing to do does not sound like a recipe for a good time to me. It is therefore vital that access to it be made as universally equal as is technologically possible. Oh, I never did tell you what became of the Library of Alexandria, did I? While the exact date unknown, as is the party to blame, it seems that as political dissent grew in the city which housed it the ruling class decided to tighten the proverbial shackles, tensions with neighboring powers rose, and wars were started (if any of this sounds familiar, fear not: it is merely coincidence, as history has shown to never repeat itself). When a great fire descended upon the city, and the library was in its hour of greatest need, none of the general citizens of Alexandria came to its aide. For the hubris of its overseers, the world's greatest source of power was left to burn. And incalculable amount of research and culture was lost along with a shining beacon of higher learning, and the world was plunged into an intellectual dark age that spanned centuries. Somewhere there is a child, dreaming of growing up to be someone who can make a difference in the world, their ideals untainted by our society's self-destructive tendencies. Their heart swells with pride at the thought that they might have the chance to help make the future a better place for us all, that despite all the odds against them they could truly be a force for good. For everyone. Dare mighty things.
—Chris Rysdale, Aptos, CA

Protect the open internet so it is fair for everyone. Reclassify isps as common carriers and reinstate real net neutrality.
—Andy Thoman, Crested butte, CO

A retired 70-ish college professor, I use the internet 4-7 hours daily. On my synced desktop, iPhone, or iPad, I pursue 2-10 searches a day for information, email, Netflix series & films, research, games, recipes, puzzles, ebooks, directions, etc. Paying more for internet access is not a good option -- doing without isn't either! The US is already stumbling along with slower and less reliable internet access at much higher prices than most of the rest of the world. Like water and electricity, our internet services should be locally regulated as utilities. In any case, allowing too-big-to-even-anger corporate ISPs to charge whatever they want for "tiers" they designate of internet service will only further cripple our limping democracy. Please do not do this. Stand up. Grow up. Be someone your daughter would be proud of, if she knew the truth.
—Pam Reagor, Irvine, CA

Are you people as crooked as it seems? Bought and paid for by AT$T, Verizon, Comcast and their ilk. Shame on you. ISPs should be common carriers! KK
—Kenneth Kearney, Weyanoke, LA

The last place to be heard and tell truth is on internet No rights in court of law no truth in our newspapers Don't shut us out from our first amendment!
—Jessica Brown, Westbrook, ME

We Americans do not have the advantage of lobbyists to fight for our rights. We deserve & demand to have net neutrality continue. Do the right thing & reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Judy Edgar, Phoenix, AZ

You MUST not allow corporate interests and profit motives to influence the public access to any part of the internet! ISPs and Telcos may create paid-access sites if they like, but to have ISPs or Telcos control our content is reprehensible and should NEVER be allowed! Thank you, David Stuart
—David Stuart, Queen Creek, AZ

This is a incredibly stupid and unfair idea. Why don't you just quit and let someone that knows what they are doing take your job
—Justin Ki Ryder, Fort Campbell, TN

The internet is a fundamental information tool. For countries to prosper it is necessary for the internet to be available at high speed for everyone. All governments should take steps to ensure that all internet users have similar speed availability. Please do not allow commercial interests to interfere with Net neutrality
—Charles Mitchell, Farnham Common,

The internet is for Everyone! Let's keep it that way. It's good for the world. Let's keep it that way!!
—Tom Woodside, Weyanoke, LA

Hey, FCC, have you really thought about what will happen to universities if these changes go through? Either they'll increase tuition to cover the costs of keeping their websites online, or they'll say "sorry, can't do that" and give the shaft to thousands of students attending the university online. Either way, that's thousands of students that will be driven away from pursuing their college dreams.
—Chanel Tompkins, Hyrum, UT

It is imperative to preserve net neutrality by reclassifying ISPs as common carriers. Money should not be the determining factor in net neutrality.
—Diane Andrews, Santa Clara, CA

Because it allows for a kind of equality we only dream of in real life.
—Catalina Bastias Levy, Santiago,

Dear FCC Chairman Wheeler and Commissioners, Please keep the internet free by throwing out your ruling of May 15, 2014 which may allow Internet Service Providers to charge content companies for priority treatment, relegating other content to a slower tier of service. It is imperative that the internet remain a place where all data is treated equally and access to all data and apps remain unfettered by a provider's profit motives. Without Net Neutrality, competition and innovation, a cornerstone of this nation's greatness, would be quashed. In addition, access to free speech, a founding principle of The Constitution would be jeopardized. I implore you to reclassify ISPs as common carriers to avoid the scenarios outlined above. Every citizen, no matter what their economic class, deserves the right to a neutral net.
—Mr. John Noble, New York, NY

There have been so many things taken away from us in the last few years, don't let this be one more thing. Big business has more than enough. Why do they need this? They don't. They want it because it gives them more power over us. Don't let them take the internet away from us.
—Roseanne Salyer, Commerce City, CO

Net Neutrality is supposed to be open for everyone worldwide to express their feelings, opinions, comments, etc. This would defy the point of freedom if NN was to be banned, meaning internet's not free for all. People have the right to be free, not to be restricted by censorship. Censorship causes blindness, as we speak. Also, we have freedom of speech, recalling back from Amendment 1, so what's the point of taking that away?
—Qt, Pittsburg, CA

ISP's should be reclassified as COMMON CARRIERS. How will small companies benefit from this ordeal? What about the people that DEPEND on the internet as a means to communicate to others? I demand that action be done and you should be ashamed of yourself!
—Aaron Morris, akron, OH

Net neutrality is a fundamental human right. The internet should first and foremost be a global communication network. Not a corporate cash machine.
—William Lawrence, Boston,

I am a twenty-five year old woman diagnosed with Aspergers Syndrome and I have been using the free and open Internet as the source of all resources for the past twelve years. I grew up in a family that always keeps talking during conversations while I have trouble trying to keep up with all the chatter and I don't think they seem to understand the fact that I am an adult U.S. citizen with the right to live my own life, make my own decisions and voice my own opinion offline and online. Since high school I was very shy and quiet and had been struggling to try to be more talkative and outgoing, fit in with other people, get good grades, and manage my behavior due to Aspergers. I have graduated since then but I'm still trying to have a better understanding of my disability as well as everything happening in the outside world. I had visited various websites and read several blog posts from people who have a better understanding of disabilities, social injustice, politics, the environment, science and history. Through this I learned to have better self control, learned more than I did from both school and television, connected with real people online and developed a stronger sense of critical thinking. I even amazed my family members with my newfound knowledge whenever they try to figure out the name of a celebrity in a movie or how to solve a complex problem in a certain way. Now I'm afraid I wouldn't be able to have all the knowledge at my fingertips to learn to function as an adult in today's society thanks to your new and not improved plan to save Net Neutrality. Without the idea of having ISP's reclassified under Title II of the Telecommunications Act, I would have to pay a fortune to have the free and open high-speed Internet to gain unbiased and uncensored information! I tried to warn my family about how bad losing net neutrality will be but they didn't believe me. I'm currently living with my sister while we are learning to live on our own and we have been living paycheck to paycheck trying to have every necessity every American is expected to have! If we lose Net Neutrality by allowing this horrible pay-to-play plan to happen, my sister will have to give up paying to keep the Internet in our home and I will lose my only form of endless information and free speech. My whole family will be treating me like a mumbling toddler trapped in a grown women's body again and I'll never know what's really right and what's really wrong when reading and listening to biased information on television and on the radio! There are countless other people with mental and physical disabilities that rely on the net neutral Internet to gain more knowledge, voice their experiences, and connect with other people worldwide. If you want everyone in this country to make progress through life and keep every right as U.S. citizens to have Freedom, Justice, and the Pursuit of Happiness, PLEASE RECLASSIFY INTERNET SERVICE PROVIDERS UNDER TITLE II OF THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT!!! That's all we want! ISP's reclassified under Title II of the Telecommunications Act!!! I know you've been hearing this suggestion day in and day out, but it's the only way to save Net Neutrality! HAVE ALL ISP'S RECLASSIFIED UNDER TITLE II OF THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT!!! Your job is to serve us! Not yourself! Not the big cable companies! Serve the consumers! SERVE US!!!
—Allysa Rettler, Rubicon, WI

Any two-tiered system will eventually, if not immediately, result in big companies being the only ones with voices on the internet. DO NOT LET THIS HAPPEN! EVER! PLEASE reclassify broadband providers as common carriers! Keep the internet free!
—Erin Hall Lewis, Pasco, WA

The Internet is not for sale.
—Roman Hapek, Mississauga,

With the first deadline for public comments looming, I wanted to once again reach out and emphasize the importance of real net neutrality. I implore FCC chairman Tom Wheeler to reconsider and reclassify internet service providers as common carriers. Thank you, Menno de Boer
—Menno de Boer, Redondo Beach, CA

Internet service providers must be classed as common carriers. It is important for our democracy. Anything else will make big money become big brother.
—Michael Gilligan, Garrison, NY

Any real democracy will stagnate without unregulated access to information. The internet can be a repository for such information, but only if no telecom company can prioritize information that may be biased in their favor. One may argue that such will not be the case, but as we know corporations are required by law to maximize profits, meaning that if restricting critical information helps the corporate pocket book, telecom corporations have a very compelling incentive to do so. Protecting Net Neutrality alone won't be enough to guard against this possibility of abuse, but allowing for an internet fast-lane will MOST DEFINITELY make such protections nearly impossible. Do the right thing, FCC. Classify the internet as a common carrier. And to Tom Wheeler directly: I implore you not to scratch the backs of your former colleagues. If you have any professional integrity at all, please do not do what they ask for, for the good of our whole country.
—William Hall, Tucson, AZ

I support net neutrality. It is what makes the internet a fair and even playing field. Net neutrality is what makes the internet, the internet.
—Max Esser, madison, WI

Free speech is free, meaning without restrictions, unrestrained, unconfined, unbound. Speech does not belong to the highest bidder. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Terry Rowe, Peoria, IL

Hands off OUR Net! Only a control freak who is in serious need of deep psychiatric therapy would ever go down the route of trying to control the lives of others. It is time now for evolved law makers to manifest a life of their own rather than trying to hijack the lives of others - just because they can. It is an abuse of power and therefore is abusive behavior. This is not acceptable in the 21st century. Thanks.
—S Tuffham, New York, NY

The internet needs to be, and must, remain free. To allow money grubbing corporations such as AT&T, Comcast, etc, to dictate how/when/why it should be regulated is an affront to all things good and decent.
—Ian Wakely, Oshawa,

Our USA Constitution is based on the principles of freedom, speech, etc. Let us assure now and the future the internet is net neutrality to coincide with these principles of freedom..... thanks
—Angelo Sturino, park ridge, IL

We need Net Neutrality to invest in our future as a GLOBAL society. Let all voices be heard!
—Barbara Piszczek, Oxnard, CA

You must reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Daniel Rosales, Highland, CA

Without real net neutrality the progress and further evolution of the Internet will be haltered, if not stopped. Atleast an evolution for the better. I am 100% certain that a two-lane system would be exploited to the max and that would screw so many people over, a screwing that could never be undone. Which would be a, in my humble opinion, fatal blow to the freedom the Internet provides people all over the world. Do not screw everybody over. Do the right thing, go with real net neutrality.
—Ludwig Lundström Rova, Umeå,

I want ISPs reclassified as common carriers. I refuse to stay silent while the FCC tries to push through rules that would allow ISPs to discriminate between users. I want real net neutrality, not discrimination that favors big companies and their fast lane plans and gives the rest of us the short end of the stick. ISPs should not have this power of discrimination of internet use; not now, not ever.
—Matthew Stephenson, Cave City, AR

The internet should by no means be a domain of partiality as there is no practical common incentive for such. Simple as that.
—Benjamin Duerksen, Oxford, OH

I don't understand when an overwhelming number of Americans don't want to lose net neutrality, yet there seems to be a question. How about doing what the people want and tell the big money guys to find some other sandbox to play in.
—James Hicks, Seattle, WA

FCC: Throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality.
—T Bolton, Durham,

To the degree that Internet service providers are already disliked, why are you impelled to make an already "imbalanced-balance", worse? Enough of this madness, is enough, Mr. Chairman. Please, take it upon yourself to do the will of the people and instead, push to reclassify ISPs, as common carriers. It's really about the dollar bills though, huh? I mean, when does "enough" become too much? Tell the average person that "it's raining" Mr. Chairman, and I'm sure that all will believe you.
—Fredrick Stroud, Blackwood, NJ

The Internet needs to be an open forum for the exchange of ideas. It's critical if we want this country to maintain any semblance of democracy. Print and broadcast media has already degenerated into a mouthpiece for Corporate America, in which huge corporations are the only entities with enough money to get their voices heard by large audiences. Without net neutrality, the Internet will suffer the same fate and the diversity of opinions expressed in public, widely accessible forums will suffer a crushing blow. This is totally unacceptable, and would move us much closer to an Orwellian police state.
—Dave Peterson, San Francisco, CA

Please support the people's need for learning and healing and DO NOT sacrifice this to the agenda of corporate/ruling elite.
—Dave Weaver, Rio Rancho, NM

The internet has become a basic and necessary service for us all in the modern world. It is imperative that it remain neutral - treating all content and users equally. If you let large corporations and other vested interests have faster access for their services or products, it will undermine the basic principles of the internet and allow some people to be more equal than others. This will stifle innovation. Also it will interfere with our constitutional right to free expression and free association. Please protect genuine Net Neutrality.
—Jack Beinashowitz, Wayland, MA

Chairman, Please throw out your proposal for ending Net Neutrality and reclassify internet service providers as common carriers. It is essential that all internet traffic be treated equally and that tiered service does not become the norm, like TV. I can assure you, it will only get worse and the public outcry stronger if you try to end Net Neutrality. I'm sure you will be getting millions of these comments and who knows if you will even read them, but if you do, I hope that you realize you are caving to corporate interests instead of the american citizens whom you purport to serve. Once again, I implore you to do the right thing. Help keep the internet free, open, fair and equal. Thanks!
—John Budnick, Seattle, WA

FCC throw out your rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers. NET NEUTRALITY! NO slow dirt INTERNET roads for the PEOPLE of our Nation - DO NOT BE BOUGHT BY THE LOBBYISTS !
—Martitia Palmer, WINNETKA, CA

Reclassify broadband internet as a title II common carrier telecommunications service!
—Joe Campbell, Antioch, CA

Who are you that you think were not outraged at your disgusting attempts to make winners and losers out of the internet. I don't care how many times you have eaten at President Obamas. Your being watched at every move dude. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers!!!!!
—Wendy Paley, Boca Raton, FL

Because I value my freedom
—James Smith, Butte city, CA

Dear FCC: I am strongly in favor of net neutrality. The current proposed rules burden the internet and hinder the country's economy that is more and more based on the exchange of ideas and information on the internet. Please withdraw the proposed regulations and take appropriate action to insure that the US remains net neutral.
—C John Cotton, Gillette, WY

Ending net neutrality will hurt innovation and the creation of new businesses. Most importantly, ending net neutrality will create an upper class and lower class of internet users which is bad for all citizens.
—John Hession, Revere, MA

The internet must remain free of private incentives and corporate controls. Access to information and services is critical for a community of people, for a free citizenry, and for open global development. We the people are not served or benefited from a small few corporate interests which retain controls over access to such a service. Net neutrality is absolutely necessary, and as a citizen of this nation who built the foundation of the internet, I request you take decisive action to create and enforce laws enforcing an internet that is made available without corporate manipulation.
—Keith Horton, Sammamish, WA

Dear FCC, Please do whatever is necessary to ensure net neutrality, i.e., reclassify ISPs as common carriers. The internet is an absolute lifeline to Americans and it is the one entity that should not be allowed to be controlled by corporate interests. Please keep the internet a level playing field; sometimes the people have to win!
—Linda M Thomas, Cornell, MI

I oppose charging content providers for their bandwidth usage. It is a barrier to new innovation and a money grab scheme by internet service providers. They already hold a monopoly and charge the users and content providers for their connection to the internet, creating a stagnant marketplace where absurdities like these can even be considered. Please support net neutrality in a way that will support the people of the united states and promote competition that will enable better service to the country. a non neutral internet will not achieve this and will fragment the global economy as seen today. Thank you for listening
—Marshall Scholz, Wausau, WI

Please consider revising
—Scott Rower, Portland, OR

The internet must remain free and open. Internet "fast lanes" are nothing more than a dirty trick for huge ISP's to rake in more money. Why should an individual pay a monthly fee for a certain bitrate, another individual or company pan a monthly fee for their bitrate, then again have to pay an additional fee to actually get the bitrate both parties are already paying for? ISP's already don't guarantee their rated speeds. Leave the net open and neutral!
—Jeffrey Bradway, Rochester, NY

Getting rid of net neutrality is a violation of our first amendment rights.
—Douglas McAvity, Minturn, CO

Net Neutrality is the one thing that is fair in this world. Internet sites should be free, especially social media. Do not capitalize the internet.
—Donna, Milwaukee St, WI

Net neutrality is key to #obviousrightanswer
—Molly, Easthampton, MA

Net neutrality has been the core of innovation and expression on the Internet. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Michael A McCone, Seattle, WA

As a citizen whose tax dollars were used to originate the internet, as a citizen who has watched as private enterprise has expropriated, squeezed profits from this all important medium only to provide the slowest internet speeds unbefitting this so-called developed nation. I urge you to use your authority to reclassify ISPs as COMMON CARRIERS. I implore you to not only allow, but to strengthen Net Neutrality. Clearly, much has taken place over these last three decades to undermine, sell and bury what remains of Democracy in these United States. Please don't be another nail in that coffin by weakening one of the last vestiges of Democracy in this Country. I am confident my fellow citizens will stand with you, so please stand with us by reclassifying the internet so that it continues to serve the interests of the many and not the greed of the few.
—Murdock Holloway, Maricopa, AZ

The Internet must continue to be a level playing field, a place where there is true freedom.
—Robby O'Brien, Colorado Springs, CO

STOP TRYING TO TAKE OVER THE INTERNET YOU IDIOTS.
—Alison, eugene, OR

This the time for the FCC and Chairman Tom Wheeler to stand up for the citizens of our country, and to forebear showing favoritism to the big block-sized Internet service providers. Our country is currently going through a terrible and frightening crisis: the watering down and, yes, the silencing of voices of all of its citizens. To now silence the less affluent internet users and to allow discrimination to replace neutrality is just plain WRONG. I simply do not understand how the FCC can allow such flagrant bias and privilege to be given to money-grubbing corporations. A neutral internet is one of the last stands for our democracy, and the internet should not be used for corporate greed and control over other citizens. I beg you to throw out your proposed Internet rules and to reclassify ISPs as common carriers. PLEASE DO THE HONORABLE THING.
—Janet Lenihan, Berkeley, CA

Don't allow big business to hijack American internet. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Damien Scott, Toledo, OH

Net neutrality represents the protection of the newest and greatest economic frontier in history. The internet must remain free and open to preserve the idea that small business owners can still pursue the American Dream through the internet without the worry that no one will ever see their products or services due to "fast laning".
—Ian Lay, Madison, WV

I'm a fifteen year old boy who live about three hours away from his best friend. I'm told that if this bill were to go through it would be very difficult to play games online with him. The internet is the only way I can communicate/socialize with him. For the sake of our friendship please don't do this.
—Dylan Edge, Houston, TX

Net Neutrality has offered myself and family the opportunity to experience a type of assurance of health and safety, which is important for those of us living in rural areas. Professional health care units utilize the Internet for communicating with doctors. We can renew scripts and have them delivered to our home. We can leave email messages for our physicians, which allows for records to be accessed and reply care to occur either by a reply email with instructions or a phone call if the doctor deems it the right response. We have experienced the opportunity to gain higher educational course classes through Internet access. This would not be beneficial if providers have the ability to control the free exchange. How can anyone predict someone's personal need time? Staying in touch with children and grandchildren as well as friends through the Internet is a common task. My daughter continues a friendship with a childhood friend who married a military man that is stationed from one foreign country to another. Their communication is in real time across the world wide web. I am sure there are many instances of this type of camaraderie. Parents of sports players for example. Children who have gone off to camp and are trying to reach home. The Internet is more than email and resource information or ordering products to fix something like a car part. Social media outlets have allowed myself to monitor weather conditions. News media that is on the scene with the ability to get information out in real time have been the best life saver. My example: Hurricane Ivan To pay that moment back, which I am so grateful for all the tech abilities while my daughter was in Hurricane Ivan, which includes the military SOP and all the high tech communication networks. Net Neutrality - you bet! I relay information through the Internet during the tornado season. There are storm chasers out there that need individuals passing along quickly what they see on the ground. Slow down the Community of life savers? I really feel that someone has missed the point of a large group of individuals that work together and in most of those cases might not even know each other. Why particpate? Because it is the right thing to do! Pass It Forward.
—Rebecca Sherman, Eureka Springs, AR

Net neutrality is equality for everyone
—Tristen, Keizer, OR

Please don't let this happen.
—Tracy Dendy, Brooklyn, NY

I am a teacher and always have built a site to help people learn key math skills. There are 1000s of others like me trying to make a positive change in this world and our work will suffer greatly if neutrality is no longer.
—Daniel Wallace, Memphis, TN

Please keep net neutral. It Is the only way our democracy will survive over the years. Also all of us paid for it!!!!!!
—Bill toles, Mtka, MN

Please do not allow a 2-tiered plan favoring huge media corporations like Comcast over the rest of us. Comcast has a monopoly over cable TV service in my area, but I'm thinking of dropping them because they are so expensive. They rip off customers by offering deals over the phone (with a 2-year contract) and then tacking a bunch of nonsensical fees on to the bill. I've heard that they are not bothered by steps like I'm considering, because they plan to use the FCC to effectively gain control over much of the movie and TV content on the internet, which is currently an affordable alternative. There is no effective competition between these media giants and not enough government regulation, as far as I'm concerned! Please stand firm.
—Vicki Buttery, Woodbury, MN

Isp's must be declared as common carriers. No isp should be allowed to discriminate which site and user gets to have a faster connection. Equality for all.
—Jay Garg, hartford, WI

Dearest FCC: At this point, you realize this is the wrong choice. Denying the wishes of the majority of our countrymen, you are no better than a dictator. Please do the right thing and allow freedom to ring throughout the digital world.
—Jordan Watkins, Denton, TX

Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Joshua coin, oak ridge, TN

Dear FCC, Net neutrality is a vital part of a thriving digital culture. In our ever expanding world of communication and technology, digital information and the people who provide those services should be able to allocate those resources evenly (unhindered by software or gated exchanges that prevent the chance for smaller companies to thrive and even more so, unfairly influence the content viewed by consumers). By having a two-tiered Internet, you are increasing to the hostility of this delicate environment. This is not acceptable and these data carriers should be reclassified as common carriers!
—Chinh Duong, Lincoln, NE

99% of the American people do not have the ability to pay for lobbyists, so we are asking you to keep net neutrality as it has been. We want you to reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Judy Edgar, Phoenix, AZ

Net neutrality is important to me because the entire architecture of the internet was built around it. Both people and companies pay for a connection and then they’re able to send packets of information across the ISP networks in order to communicate. If you allow certain companies, the services or devices they provide, to pay for better access it will come at the expense of regular traffic. Essentially allowing the ISPs to provide a QoS feature means that those not paying for this feature will get higher latency or dropped packets. The internet has been a great economic force because it’s a medium where you can rapidly prototype and provide a service that gets the same treatment that everyone. Companies like Google or Facebook may not even exist if the previous companies with large market share, yahoo or myspace, had been able to pay to have its traffic prioritized. By allowing the ISPs to have networks of tiered quality you are stifling the fairness and innovation that is inherently built into the internet.
—Aaron Bailey, San Marcos, CA

Net neutrality is important to individual consumers and small business owners. It protects them from monopolistic control practices over the internet. It prevents Google and a couple of other giant corporations from owning the internet. It allows children, the elderly and those who start a small family business in their neighborhoods the ability to have an online presence. Despite the Supreme Xourt's misguided notion that corporations are people, real people need equal access to the internet free from monopolistic control over it akin to how comcast is allowed to have a monopoly on cable television service.
—Dee Johnson, Seattle, WA

As a young American working in the tech industry, I beg you: Please preserve a free and open internet by reclassifying ISPs as common carriers. All we want is the same opportunity that our predecessors had: the chance to create websites and online businesses that can compete on a level playing field with big businesses. I ask you to stand up for the rights of millenials and other young Americans—to give us the same opportunities our parents had. Please, please reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Jared Norby, Los Angeles, CA

Net neutrality is not just an issue of American freedom, but an issue of freedom for the entire world. It is unacceptable to restrict the freedom of the internet!
—Erin Bodin, Coquitlam,

All websites, regardless of wealth, size, or traffic deserve the same affordable rates, and the same internet speeds. Websites for small businesses shouldn't be weighed down by internet costs just to get the same speeds as big corporations. NET NEUTRALITY IS BEST.
—Anna H., Spokane, WA

Net Neutrality is important because it gives everyone a chance to express themselves.
—Aura Sweet, Fort Saskatchewan,

Keep the internet free and equal to all. Don't sell it to the highest bidder.
—Brannigan Cheney, Torrance, CA

Net neutrality needs to happen.
—Deirdre Mathews, Captain Cook, HI

This is a terrible idea. Please do not allow this to happen. We will all pay for it dearly. Thank you.
—Mark Bertagna, Charlotte, NC

How is it so hard to realize or understand that 'net neutrality' was, is, and always will be a NECESSITY for freedom of expression and equality?!
—Adam M, Orland Park, IL

The World Wide Web has been the greatest engine of democracy since the invention of movable type in the 15th century. To deprive it of its universal equality would not only be a tragedy, it would be a crime, returning our political discourse to the Gilded Age, and in effect to the Feudal System. Feudalism in a three piece suit is called Fascism, in case you didn't know - "ownership of Government by an individual, by a group, or by any other controlling private power", to use FDR's insightful definition. Keep this essential element of our democracy IN THE HANDS OF THE PEOPLE - confer COMMON-CARRIER status on the World Wide Web. Thank you.
—John S. Carpenter, Portland, ME

Net neutrality is vital to our economic growth because it allows for competition and a level playing field for both established business models and start ups. Please keep it.
—Blacky Teller, Santa Monica, CA

Net neutrality is the only fair way. Please don't create a defacto caste system to the internet. Internet traffic should be handled without prejudice. Keep the internet the free and democratic engine it is. Let end users decide what traffic they want and don't allow autocracy to win over.
—James Grundner, Providence, RI

Please keep the net the way it is.
—Clifford Clifford, Fairfield, ME

Information is the star of the show, not the carriers of information.
—Leigh Gilbert, Milton Keynes,

Please break up the monopolies that presently control the US Internet. Create competition in the ISP market and we all benefit. Can't or won't get rid of the monopolies (I have 1 broadband provider in my town. Comcast is the only ISP with high speed offerings. Verizon, took advantage of Title II common carrier rules as a telco to lay fiber, but then quit their fiber roll-out in the town next to mine). If you are unable or unwilling to break the monopolies across the country then you must regulate the ISPs as common carriers. However, the regulation must be done to benefit the American people, not the ISPs. I am concerned that Verizon has already abused the regulations while never completing their fiber roll-out. Regulation isn't enough. Regulation with oversight, and penalties for abuse (real penalties, not wrist slaps) is required.
—Susan West, Lunenburg, MA

Adding tiers to access the web by pricing is in itself corruption- fastest access to the highest bidder. You are destroying the level playing field. Who is paying the FCC to change the rules? Stop this madness immediately!
—Ricardo Cobo, Las Vegas, NV

The internet is a source of information for millions of people who are free to browse anywhere without restrictions at whatever speed they have purchased from their ISP. Real freedom. Please don't stifle that freedom by allowing companies to buy a piece of that freedom
—Jed Walker, Aurora, IL

Your new rules threaten Net Neutrality, a very important feature of the internet. Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers!
—Cydney Shapiro, Saugerties, NY

It is important for everyone to have access whether your business is bug or small, or you're a student or even a retired person. We ALL are entitled to it.
—Miss Aysha Zouain, Hialeah, FL

I support net neutrality. ISPs should be reclassified as common carriers.
—Megan Kanagy, WASHINGTON, DC

Net Neutrality is important because a two-tier system creates possibilities for ISPs to exploit that system and charge their customers more than the service is worth while continuously reducing the quality of services for "slow lane" users. ISPs in the United States already charge their customers much more than Service Providers in other countries. Especially, with new technology as for instance proposed by Globalstar costs for Internet connectivity would generally fall. Don't take away our digital democracy!
—Julia Benson, Washington, DC

Throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality.
—Karen Ketelaar, Helenaveen,

The internet is not something that is to be faster and more accessible for people with more money. The internet is for everyone, equally divided among us all!
—Robin Strand, Stockholm,

Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Thank you!
—Linda DePalma, Baltimore, MD

Net Neutrality is vital to our society and country if we want to grow, prosper, and uphold the freedoms the country was founded on. Wheeler's plan is NOT in the best interest of the American public.
—Nicholas Cowling, Baltimore, MD

What we have here is a corporate power grab. Wish our government had our best interests in mind instead of being complicit with whomever bought them.
—Lucano Suarez, Durham, NC

Please don't destroy the internet - there's enough homogeneity already - can't we just pretend to live in a unique and interesting environment that's produced by real people not just any old fuckwit who happens to have a bit of money and too many penchants for crap. Enough is enough. Take your pre-packaged meals, your bad commercials, foul legislation, corrupt politicians wal-mart and all of that other revolting stuff and turn it into enemas.
—Cathy Martin, Sydney,

Dear FCC, I'm looking forward to the day when real Democratic action will take place and Net Neutrality will be defended instead of constantly being threatened. As such, I sincerely hope to hear the FCC will be reclassifying ISPs as common carriers. Here's to hoping! Happy Friday! Gabriela A.
—Gabriela Aguilar, Montreal,

The companies and politicians pushing to end net neutrality are not thinking how this will affect us and our civilization long term. If we allow companies to arbitrarily slow down services then we limit free speech and competition. ISP's can use this to censor ideas that conflict with their business model. You can say this is not the intent of ending net neutrality but once they have the power to do so why would they not. We need to think long term about this issue. Do we want to be a country that allows corporations to make decisions about what we can access on the internet? That sounds like a terrible idea to me considering the majority of the ISPs like comcast and ATT already have a terrible reputation for abusing their customer base because most areas don't even have competition between these broadband services anyway. By ending net neutrality you will be stifling the newest innovations that will change the US and the world for the better for a small set of companies that are finding new ways to charge more money out of their customers without providing any new services.
—Josh Summitt, memphis, TN

As a school librarian, I believe information should be accessible to everyone, without discrimination. By allowing ISP's to impose fees to access Internet sites, at their discretion, we are creating an information-elite class. Libraries and schools would no longer be able to provide open access to their patrons and students. Free speech, and open ideas and debate, would be stilted if a large portion of our population is allowed access only to those ideas or sites that our ISP deems suitable for us.
—Jill Mills, Chatham, NJ

Net neutrality is extremely important to me. I'm tired of the wealthy only succeeding. We need choices and want everyone on the same playing field. Please. ... it's time for those who make decisiona to LISTEN to what the people WANT!!
—Kelly Kukovich, Gilbert, AZ

Please keep the internet the way it is: accessible to all. Higher fees for fast lanes and not allowing communities, cities, states to build their own fiber optic networks is insulting and not the American way.
—Paul Rudolph, Astoria, NY

Dear FCC Millions have signed agreements and petitions to stop this. Why in the world would you want to do this and go against the people? If this goes through truly this has to show america that are government is in the pocket of corporations. But hoping you will listen to reason. Please stop the madness and reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Derek King, Fairfield, OH

Net Neutrality is important to me because, it gives me freedom from the world! I can have a lot of fun on it,and it helps me keep in touch with my buddies far away from me, and that is very special to me! So don't ban Net Neutrality! Let us have freedom!
—Makota Hagane, Elizabeth City, NC

As I rely more and more on the internet for communication and financial transactions, my income remains static. Should you allow online discrimination, it would be a serious blow to my ability to function in the modern world.
—Kathleen B Turnbull, Arvada, CO

We must preserve Net Neutrality. I implore you to take the path that serves all the people not just those wealthy enough to buy their way to preferential treatment.
—Robin Eichleay, Bloomfield Hills, MI

As someone that believes the internet is vital to humanity's development, Net Neutrality is vital to me.
—Earl Gay, Charlotte, NC

Internet is freedom, don't mess with freedom!
—Lars Hagren, Malmö,

Tim Berners Lee, the man behind the technology, argues for Net Neutrality, as does the W3 Consortium. I am appalled that a regulatory body claim to know better than its creator or its governing body.
—Kenneth E Syharath, Apex, NC

We see what corporations have done to everything in our lives. Please stop them from destroying the internet!
—Judith Zola, Phoenix, AZ

The internet is my life. It's my job, my relationship and my life. I do not want things changed. A bit is a bit and it should not be categorized!
—Kyle McDermott, new windsor, NY

HEY! How's about looking out for the everyday person, and not these money-based constructs hell bent on milking us for every penny they can!? Just keep in mind, outside of your job w/ the FCC, YOU are just like us everyday folk.
—Paul Nieh, Glden, CO

Are you crazy? Net Neutrality for all!
—Mr. Brent Lund, PASADENA, CA

Net neutrality is important for consumer freedom. Creating multiple lanes of internet will separate some people from others and this is a terrible move.
—Oleg Kleyman, Brooklyn, NY

reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Jim Summers, Arlington, MA

I’m retired. I already spend a lot on keeping my connections working at a reasonable speed. I’m afraid net neutrality will shove me down as big providers try to charge me to much to handle. If that happens, this could hurt all of us. There is the potential for a backlash as people need to drop down in services available.
—Woody Dahlberg, Shoreview, MN

I don't want a tiered internet. I don't want a tiered internet. I don't want a tiered internet. I don't want a tiered internet. Do you understand?
—Quinn Hanratty, Oceanside, NY

Hello, The internet needs to be equal to everyone, and this just violates humans' right to coequality. Please stop bullshitting around.
—Joni Välipakka, Jyväskylä,

Keep net neutrality! Don't punish the users and small entrepreneurs for the benefit of people who are already making more money than they deserve.
—Katherine w, Albuquerque, NM

Instead of regurgitating the same thoughts everyone else has posted before me, I'll keep this simple. Can you folks just imagine the riots you'll all be on the wrong end of if you make the Internet a corporate playground for profit-making purposes? Mull that over a bit.
—Philip Gorski, Hollidaysburg, PA

Please don't approve the new two-tiered Internet plan! Protect the neutrality of the internet! Thank you. :D
—Weien Wang, Lemont, IL

Do not allow corporations to blackmail consumers for their high speed internet. and do not squash competition by allowing for paid high speed highways that exclude small businesses.
—Bradley Clopton, Essex Junction, VT

The Net is a great tool for innovation and exploration. Should Net Neutrality fail that will be hampered and it will be at the cost of education and new businesses. We need Net Neutrality to freely express ourselves. So please, do not allow this to fail and the Net to become a place where Big Business charges people for "faster lanes" because that is only designed to help them.
—Heather O'Malley, Murfreesboro, TN

Listen to the people, Chairman Wheeler. We demand Net Neutrality and we are not deceived by your scheme. Throw out your rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Anything short of this is unacceptable.
—Norman McElvy, Asheville, NC

I am strongly against any net neutrality bill that does not classify internet as a utility. The internet is important, it is NOT simply for entertainment, it is how I make a living.
—Michael Dimore, whitehouse station, NJ

bring back net neutrality
—Oliver B Smith, renton, WA

The net has always been a equal opportunity space, self-regulated by its members. There are no "haves" and "have nots". Keep it that way.
—Jim Osenberg, Anoka, MN

Do not stand in the way of freedom - Freedom leads to innovation, with entrepreneurs at the vanguard. Removing net neutrality will hinder the freedom and ability of the disruptors to find space to innovate. Do not remove net neutrality!
—Josh Redlus, Raleigh, NC

The Internet must be open and accessible to everybody with a legal connection and not denied or altered by Internet providers
—Mark Bailey, Haddonfield, NJ

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Jason Caldwell, Loganville, GA

The internet should remain open, doing this Net Neutrality allows corporations to fix and mess with our right to a free internet.
—Patrick Shaw, North Chili, NY

An internet fast lane is not the answer. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Erica George, Estero, FL

Please remove the horrible plan to make the internet a two-tiered place. don't fix the internet if it isn't broken. The world would hate the FCC for it. Please reconsider your position. Thank you.
—Hunter Hubers, Whitehall, MI

The FCC is failing at it's job to protect the public.
—Michele Peterson, Burbank, CA

The only way to protect free speech online is to reclassify Internet service providers as common carriers.
—Robert Moreno, SAN JUAN, TX

The internet should be reclassified as a common carrier. The internet has become one of the most valuable tools for political engagement and social interaction. As such, allowing traffic to be controlled based on monetary concerns of a small number of companies is a serious threat to the public and their voices. The tendency of internet service to be available through only one or maybe Two carriers complicates this more. The possibility of regionalization and lack of market forces on a providers behavior is a serious concern. The FCC has fought to avoid media monopolies in the past. Don't go back against your mission now by empowering an extant oligopoly. Let smaller companies grow, let technologies be disrupted, let the people speak freely. If I want a faster connection I already pay for a faster internet connection, charging a information provider and also charging a consumer is a weird corporate double jeopardy, and it serves only the large ISPs
—Patrick Hanners, Brighton, MA

It's NOT BROKEN. Real capitalism does not need to be propped up by allowing them to trod on freedom of speech. Freedom of speech is NOT only for people who can afford to pay extra. Stop this now.
—Cathy Harris, Glennville, GA

The internet should be enjoyed by all.
—Ricardo Castro, Sacaramento, CA

Please save the internet. Do the right thing.
—Brian Sheehan, West Roxbury, MA

This plan flies in the face of wisdom.phone companies aren't allowed to give preferential treatment nor are other utilities. With something as necessary to life as internet I'd these days slowing accesses isn't only wrong it is intolerable to all freethinking American's.
—David, Indianapolis, IN

The lack of net neutrality DOESN'T MAKE SENSE. It's illogical!
—Vipul Tripathi, Washington, DC

They should be classified as utilities if we want to keep the internet free
—Eric Kwok, Baltimore, MD

I like the internet, don't mess it up
—Alex Gambini, Houston, TX

I am sick and tired of the people that are supposed to be representing our best interests instead representing the interests of big business. I'm tired of being treated like a 2nd class citizen. I don't know how we can make it any more clear, WE WANT NET NEUTRALITY, WE DO NOT WANT BIG BUSINESS TO BE ALLOWED TO CREATE A MULTI-TIERED INTERNET!!!!
—Mr. Jonathan Gatarz, Hayward, CA

Without it, the prosperity brought about by the Internet will vanish.
—Jordan Pelovitz, Cambridge, MA

I support the internet as a Title II telecommunications service. I absolutely do NOT want ISPs to have the ability to alter connections based on traffic habits or give preferential treatment to any group. The internet needs to remain accessible to everyone at the same level. The proposed rules, drafted by Mr. Wheeler and his staff, will have dangerous consequences to our economy and should NOT be considered.
—Michael O'Neill, Columbia, SC

The land of equal opportunity should be just that.
—KEReynolds E. PhD Phd, Mendocino, CA

Net neutrality is crucial for our future. Discrimination already exists in the real world, and all their consequences can be easily seen. Don't let it happen in the Internet too!
—Pablo Nunes, Bh,

Please Reclassify ISP's as Common Carriers, a free and open internet should be available for all, it is like the free enterprise of the digital world.
—Ross Sickora, West Des Moines, IA

Please act to keep the internet fair and ballanced for everyone. Verizon and Comcast have enough money.
—Tyler Lambert-Perkins, Boston, MA

Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers, don't make a high speed lane and a slow lane. Large companies already have the options of co-location and pulling their own fibers, they don't need a fast lane over the backbone of the internet.
—Mikkel Hagen, Austin, TX

Protect our Net Neutrality instead of protecting discrimination. Tom Wheeler's plan needs to be thrown out. The people are speaking. Will you listen?
—Tom Wright, Austin, TX

I don't want my freedom of speech and access to information sold to the highest bidder.
—Taylor Bragg, Silver Spring, MD

Please consider that the internet is a place where small businesses start up, free speech is exercised, family communicates, and so much more. if there is a way to pick and choose speed at all then groups WILL corrupt that system and the masses will suffer for it.
—Christopher Dixson, spokane, WA

As a historian, teacher, and scholar, the advances in research that the Internet has made in the last 20 years have been enormous. Much of the value of the web is being able to locate the most obscure materials posted by ordinary people-information that will be pushed to the background in this new plan, in favor of allowing our service providers to have control over what we see, how fast we see it, and the like. It is bad enough that we need to pay these companies for access to the web, they should not, EVER, control what we see when we search. It's downright unAmerican!
—CathyHajo, Mahwah, NJ

Please do not create a separate fast lane for network traffic. Keep the Net neutral. Do the right thing!
—Jennifer Dolan, New York, NY

The Internet is the viable communication tool it is because of Net Neutrality. Open and free communication only exists when the delivery method is also open and shares the information in a fair and equal manner. Allowing service providers to create a tiered-level would be allowing them to dictate what our society should value and what we should deem less important. Their opinions should not dictate our access to information and our choices of what sites we visit and the speed and accessibility of those sites. An Internet Service Provider should be a common carrier and treat all sites the same way.
—Brittania Morey, Cedar Rapids, IA

The internet is the broadest platform for innovation man has ever created. Do not allow this bastion of human ingenuity to fall under the yoke of corporate greed. When start up companies have to compete against established firms, we all lose...
—Garret Youker, INDIANOLA, IA

Discrimination is wrong in every way! Stop what you're doing!!
—Elyssa Johnson, Mabank, TX

Do not break the internets. Nobody stands to gain from the destruction of net neutrality--not even the companies who are lobbying to undo it. If you stifle the internet you will be destroying the one part of our economy that has freedom and EQUALITY OF ACCESS. Do not be on the evil supervillain side of history.
—Chance Garton, Springfield, MO

ISPs should be classified as common carriers!
—Josh J Williams, West Monroe, LA

Corporations should NEVER have the ability to control what information I have access to. Giving them the freedom to limit my internet access amounts to giving them the ability to censor it.
—Kathy Vary, Baltimore, MD

Net Neutrality keeps every American internet user on an even footing, and protects liberty of access to information. Please do not obstruct the way Americans access a whole world of information and connections, the only advantages to be found in such courses of action would be the sole benefit of a select few, and not the vast Many More. DO THE RIGHT THING. LEAVE THE INTERNET AS THE PEOPLE WHO CREATED SUCH A THING OF GREATNESS INTENTED IT TO BE. OPEN. NEUTRAL. EQUALLY ACCESSABLE. It's bad enough the government doesn't provide free internet to every household!
—Olivia, Lawrence, KS

With the hundreds of thousands of people saying NO to this plan, why is it still being pushed and even considered for that matter?
—Dimitri Pavlovic, Astoria, NY

Please do not support this proposal. I am deaf and I use a video phone and video relay service to make my phone calls. My video phones rely on Internet speed and slower speed will result in poor videos or poor connection. Please object this proposal!
—Robert Bedrosian, Wakefield, MA

Dear FCC, If you want to completely annihilate our countries ability to be innovative online thus reducing our competitiveness in the world market and ruining the lives of our children than I suggest you continue doing what you are planning on doing.
—Michael Steenbeke, Syracuse, NY

Please support net neutrality and disallow online discrimination. Your job is to support all the people and it's time to do the right thing. Thank you.
—Mallary Tytel, Sioux Falls, SD

I require my government to watch out for the consumer of these services. Please support real net neutrality and protect innovation and consumers from big business greed!
—Corbin Hoenes, South Jordan, UT

Internet access has become a utility for our modern world, it is no longer a luxury. It should be regulated as such. Please classify ISPs such as Comcast and Verizon as common carriers so that internet access is universally available to both consumers and creators without having to pay extra for special service.
—Johnny Furman, Elmwood Park, IL

I don't think large corporations should be able to get better Internet service than I do. I'm just an individual consumer. I'm tired of large corporations trying to run this contry.
—Francis Hensler, Slippery Rock, PA

Killing net neutrality is destroying democracy. It's unethical. Based on our founding principals and based on what you know deep within you, you know it is unethical to kill net neutrality. You have an obligation--a charge--to work toward preservation of our democracy.
—Lindy Anderson, Madison, WI

As a small business owner who relies on the internet for my business, I dread the day that bigger players in my field can basically squeeze me out of reaching my target audience. I feel like the old hardware stores who were pushed out of existence by Home Depot. But this is even worse, because my customers won't be leaving me for price or convenience or more products...I won't be getting new customers because they won't even know I exist. Talk about discouraging entrepreneurs and business. I can't image either side of the aisle wants to do this.
—Heather Goss, Needham, MA

It would be supremely unfair to allow major Internet service providers to turn the Internet into the same type of system that we have with cable television. The Internet is a way for people to communicate around the world and what made it explode is that the free world has equal access to everything available. If that gets changed to where the service providers can charge extra fees for reasonable access to certain websites, then we as Americans lose out. The big winners are the ISPs that will see their profits soar to new heights. Despite what has been said, ISPs are nearly a monopoly with just a handful of providers controlling nearly the entire market. I began with a small local provider that got gobbled up by a larger local provider, then a regional provider and then got squeezed out by the biggest providers. Please reclassify the Internet as telecommunications so that the American people are fairly served.
—Michael Messing, Knoxville, TN

The internet is one of the last bastions of free speech, and letting it become a pay to play system is anathema. Please put the good of the people over that of corporate interests.
—Kevin Queen, Souderton, PA

Net Neutrality does NOT mean allowing the big ISPs to leverage their monopolies to their own financial advantage. The integrity of the Internet depends on fair use of bandwidth without discrimination based on payments to ISPs. We need the FCC to stand up to its responsibility and reclassify ISPs as common carriers to protect the public.
—Marshall Fisher, Black Mountain, NC

I'm sick and tired of big corporations getting their way. I'm sick of oaying more for what I already have. AND IM SICK OF THE FCC BEING DEEP INSIDE BIG CORPORATE POCKETS. Please grow a set of balls and protect the people.
—Jeremy Day, Greenville, MI

As a high tech entrepreneur access to a fair Internet is critical in the creation and development of start-up companies. Without a fair and equal Internet there would not have been a Yahoo, Google, Facebook or Netflix.
—Eric Westerkamp, Colorado Springs, CO

Net neutrality is essential for a democratic way of life!
—Lawrence Schwartz, Maplewood, NJ

I am the owner of a small business that does most of its commerce via the Internet. Slowing down my customer's access to my site and my product in favor of access to one of my big competitors will have an intolerably negative impact on my ability to do business, my bottom line, and my ability to create jobs. Please keep the playing field level for us small business owners. Thank you.
—Lynn Vannucci, Ukiah, CA

The internet cannot truly be free if you cannot use it to go where you want - without an ISP telling you where you can go.
—Joseph Houk, Merrill, WI

Without Net Neutrality, the variety and richness of the web is in great danger. Not only will this impact the rise of internet start-ups but it is also a disastrous regulatory move that will have negative impact on freedom of speech and the access to information and therefore against fundamental principles of democracy. Please do everything in your power to save Net Neutrality! Reclassify ISPs as common carriers!
—Justus Bogner, Stuttgart,

We demand Net Neutrality. It is imperative in a free society.
—Leonor Brown, Fort Lauderdale, FL

Met neutrality creates an even playing field for all internet user, both consumers and providers of content and internet. It's fairness and freedom allow it to be the great tool of the digital world that it is today!
—Axuan Vrolijk, Brooklyn, NY

with liberty and Justice for all
—L Kass, Morgantown, WV

Net neutrality ensures that innovators are made or broken by the quality of their tech, not the amount of money they have to throw at ISPs for peering deals. The FCC's proposal can only serve to make the service provider monopolies bigger and hurt consumers and tech innovators.
—Chris Frisz, Brookline, MA

The internet has become a form of communication. By slowing it down you would be making it so that people who wanted to communicate would have to go through corporations in order to communication in a timmley manner. I work for a company with a big web presence who will be cut off at the knees if this goes any further.
—Matthew Weyer, Interlochen, MI

Please honor our freedom to access information. We need to be able to research things not just stream reality tv on the Internet. Thanks Rick
—Richard Schettler, Reno, NV

The topic of Net Neutrality is important to everyone I know. Keep the internet fair for all.
—Lori, Eudora, KS

The internet is a vital part to today's economic development! It fuels countless micro businesses like mine! Please do not allow the end of net neutrality. It would have dire consequences to everyone but large corporations.
—Hannah Eisenberg, Highland Park, NJ

I am an engineer and live by, if its not broke, don't fix it. Its not broke and works (and is fair) for everyone. Allowing extra fees for special access is going to crush the little guy. It will eventually make things to costly for the average person to afford simple home acces
—Chad R Bladow, elbert, CO

Please uphold net neutrality. I moved here for freedom. This would be a grave mistake.
—Jeanjoel Spatafora, saint louis, MO

Our democratic society is based on the principle that we are all created equally. This decision would upset that balance and give a handful of companies the power to pick winners and losers online and to discriminate against online content. This ain't the American way, and would represent a grave attack on freedom of speech.
—Krissi Jimroglou, Washington, DC

Large incumbent companies should not be able to have an unfair advantage over emerging companies. This is not the American way.
—Gerard Platerink, Hillsborough, CA

Facebook has remove our free choice and our ability to see the groups and people we have followed with their horrible change in algorithms. Now this? The internet, just like everything else in this country is going to be a sea of the highest bidders. This is wrong. Google already sells ads and placement, and ranks according to popularity. Isn't that enough?
—Miki Wright, Lexington, KY

The Internet is a wonderful place of ideas. Ideas that are currently equal. The moment Net Neutrality is taken away, is when the ideas of the wealthy will outweigh everyone else's. This is unjust. Please do not take away what is wonderful about the Internet.
—Kelli Bland, Austin, TX

The internet was built by government, for the public good, and should not be privatized by corporations.
—Michael Rashkovsky, Millburn, NJ

The consolidation of Internet service providers puts us at even greater risk of being discriminated against because we don't have enough money to buy their higher priced, faster service. Our taxes paid to develop the internet and we own the airwaves. Why should we let privately owned corporations charge such exorbitant prices when citizens of other countries get their internet service at much lower costs?
—Wendell Sprigg, Seattle, WA

ISP's and cable companies already enjoy lucrative monopolies over most areas of this country. Most Americans have no choice in who provides them with internet access. In a society of liberty and democracy we cherish our access to information with the understanding that all information, businesses and content is equal and it is up to the user to determine what is important and what is not. Allowing ISP's and cable companies to control what is and isn't important simply through the idea of who can pay more is an infringement on the liberty and rights of citizens in order to advance the already lucrative profits of monopolistic corporations. The customer service of these organizations is already abysmal, the services provided are ancient and prone to failure. Simply allowing them to charge more money to offer services would only filter down to the consumer via subscription fees to websites and restrictions on content access. This will do nothing but serve to undermine the free exchange of information and education that is available on the internet. Please, reclassify the ISPs as common carriers and prevent them from infringing on the liberties of citizens in the pursuit of higher profits with less service. Don't allow greed to undermine the values of a free nation and deregulate as we did once in allowing banks free reign of our economy with disastrous consequences.
—Christopher Payne, Tinton Falls, NJ

The internet is one of the only places that is completely neutral, and it should remain that way, not bow down to fees imposed by greedy corporations.
—Josh Ulanoski, Drums, PA

A lack of net neutrality presents a serious threat to basic freedom of speech on the Internet, and sets a dangerous premise of preference towards corporate interests.
—Caroline Chen, Belvidere, IL

Net Neutrality is important for innovation, further creativity, and keeping the Internet open as a level playing field. Destroying net neutrality opens a door to injustice. Money cannot be equal to power and the right to have a voice in a country we consider to be free.
—Corrie Bates, Rock Hill, SC

Equal protection under the law.
—Sam McPherson, Danville, CA

Tom Wheeler, please be advised that contrary to your beliefs our government is not of the corporation by the corporation and for the corporation. Net Neutrality must Stay.
—Rick Trinidad, Milwaukee, WI

You must help save neutrality-reclassification of internet services to common carriers is vital to FREE SPEECH!!!!!!
—Linda Layton, Providence, KY

Net neutrality symbolizes the spirit of American enterprise. We don't want monopolies. We don't want to give an advantage to existing companies who have the money to overpower smaller start up companies. Giving the little guy the ability to compete with the big guys will keep our economy strong. We want to promote innovation. Net neutrality will do just that.
—David Deutsch, Brookline, MA

Dear FCC, Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—John Rumford, Silver Spring, MD

RECLASSIFY ISPS AS COMMON CARRIERS!!!!!!!!!
—John Owen, Essex Junction, VT

We need an open internet!
—Garrett Langdon, Washington, DC

Please 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 and equal access to the internet...
—Asim Sutton, Hempstead, NY

A tiered internet would have a chilling effect on innovation in this country and this board would be responsible for it. Chairman Wheeler, do the right thing for American innovation and consumers and reclassify internet service providers as common carriers.
—Scott Hoffmann, Portland, OR

It is clearly evident by track record that corporate control of any public utility is not in the public interest. It seems that corporate control of public officials is just as serious a threat, and the new tactic by the profit motivated. I hope that you can find your moral fiber Mr. Wheeler, and protect the public domain in communication. A free, open internet is vital to a free open society. I implore that you abandon these rules you are considering and re-classify the internet as a public utility. Thank you.
—D Christian, Myftle Point, OR

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. That is a total violation of free speech & first amendment rights since very slow load times are an effective way to squash and bury content - and this gives a few companies the right to choose what gets heard. AT&T is already doing so - I am a web designer and the sites I work on are so slow that I can't work - while iTunes and Facebook load quickly. It doesn't matter if we switch providers - Comcast is the only other choice and they do the same things as AT&T.
—Elisabeth Garbeil, Bloomfield Hills, MI

New groups and companies need to have equal access to high speed data transfer to keep the marketplace competitive, innovative and open.
—Misha Ahrens, Ashburn, VA

Net neutrality is a countervailing force to the concentration of market power and a necessary protection of the freedom of expression. In short, it's vital to the democratic process and a fair economy.
—Ted Bowen, Quincy, MA

The last thing our democracy needs is more power concentrated in the hands of a few! Please protect net neutrality for the sake of everyday Americans!
—Kate Blanchard, Alma, MI

Dear FCC, Throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers!
—Josh Fischer, St. Louis, MO

The internet must be treated as a part of the common wealth (after all, it was developed using public monies), not another finite resource to be plundered by corporations. Let the profits from the internet accrue to all users, not just those who can afford to pay.
—Doug Jacques, Ottawa, ON,

Chairman Wheeler-Please do not go through with the two tier plan. Leave the internet neutral. Do not cave to big business!
—Cal Maxwell, Neenah, WI

Net neutrality is essential to the free exchange of ideas and to the development of new business opportunities in America. The FCC needs to regulate ISPs as common carriers and to resist calls from service providers to move to a economically discriminatory toll system. This would not serve the interests of the American people.
—Bernard Cook, Alexandria, VA

Stop trying to ruin the internet you corrupt shit hats.
—Greg Gage, Weston, CT

It should go without question that net neutrality is critical to fostering an online environment and experience that's non-discriminatory, for online content creators and citizens alike. To pursue legislation that allows Internet service providers to establish pay-based tiers of service is an injustice to a well-functioning democracy and an informed citizenry. Companies like AT&T, Comcast, and Verizon should not be legally allowed to discriminate against online content and applications at their own behest – that is tantamount to censorship. Please protect net neutrality and, by extension, US democracy.
—Evan L Wendel, Rochester, NY

Access should not be based on monetary issues alone. Too much power tends to corrupt.
—Gary B. Roberts, Savannah, GA

Keep the playing field level for all the players (big and small). To even consider having corporations determine who gets the faster pipe is simply monopolistic, and should be illegal.
—Max Izod, New Orleans, LA

Please act in the interest of the public and the startup small companies and not in the interest of the cable companies. Keep net neutrality truly neutral for the good of our entire country!
—Suzanne Morse, Belchertown, MA

This would kill small internet businesses like mine. Net neutrality is absolutely essential to the future of innovation. Keep the playing field level!
—Julian Dormon, Doral, FL

The internet is the library of today and as such should be equally available to all.
—Simon Goble, Bemidji, MN

The internet will cease to be a level playing field if corporations, and wealthy individuals are able to pay for better service. Please, please reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Margaret E Esaak, Central Lake, MI

We already live in an era where despite having access to more information, we only have access to a narrow range of viewpoints--because of the commercial media system. Television, radio, and print are all mediums that require a massive investment, making a commercialized media and its subsequent logic dominant the range of views people have access to. The Internet is the only medium where people can express the diverse range of views that represent the diversity of our citizenry. Giving corporations the ability to levy considerable fees for allowing content to be delivered at a reasonable speed will suppress innovation and speech. Think of your legacy.
—Richard Rock, Aurora, CO

Please don't make the internet about the haves and have nots. Throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Lindsey Newkirk, Portland, OR

Net neutrality is essential to protect the small businessman. I cannot compete with large corporations with their enormous budgets to purchase privileges that will be unreachable for the majority of companies. Small businesses are the growth engine of our economy. Don't kill us!
—Pat Supplee, Ocean Grove, NJ

Net neutrality is crucial if we are going to maintain free speech in this country.
—Darren Rosario, Highland Park, NJ

Can the FCC and our Government just for once think of the future and our children's children's future. Make it a better freer world where information and knowledge are not directed nor dictated by the large corporations who want to completely control our networks and what access we have to them and at what price. Please reclassify the ISP's as common carriers, or at least amend the rules where they cannot willfully destroy our internet. Thank You for your consideration.
—Vitaly Bokser, Jersey City, NJ

Choosing winners and losers in a free market is wrong. Unless you mandate standards that allow smaller businesses to compete, the fast/slow lane model will destroy the opportunity for competition.
—Kyle Keine, Lakeland, FL

History has shown that once large corporations get involved with how an industry is regulated there is no turning back to being guided by ethics and morality vs. maximizing profitability. If net neutrality is not maintained the window of opportunity for new innovation will close further and further as time goes on.
—Richard Scarle, Chicago, IL

Why create a system which has tiers? We spend decades and decades trying to escape the institutionalization of tiers - segregation - voting rights - marriage equality - ..... We have more to go, why add to it with a tiered system for free speech on the internet?
—Rob Reiber, lincoln, vt, VT

If the job of the FTC is to turn power over to big private, profit-making corporations, then go ahead and make the changes. But what if the job of the FTC is to sustain a balance between such private and the public interest in transparency and free exchange of ideas, not to mention commerce? In that case, making the changes looks very much like an outrageous then transformation of the potential of the internet at the expense of the public interest. Maintain net neutrality, or lose all credibility as an agency that regulates in the public interest.
—Dr. Philip Rosen, Barrington, RI

Please do the right thing and allow the internet to be the great equalizer it has the potential to be. Keep it free and accessible to all, with equal speed for all sites.
—Jodi Lyn Cutler, Holyoke, MA

They used to burn books to keep the influence of others from those they hoped to reach. Would we go back to those Dark Ages, now?
—Sharon M. Sullivan, Apple Valley, MN

A lack of Net Neutrality will ruin the internet, which I know you guys in Washington don't use as much as the rest of us. But you will take away from the fun of surfing the web. You will hurt startup companies that looking to compete with large companies like Netflix or YouTube (oh wait Google supports Net Neutrality). If you guys in Washington and the ISPs really want to earn yourselves some extra cash right now go ahead. Google is laying out more more of their fiber optic cable every day. Instead of charging companies to deliver their sites, tell the ISPs to focus on their customer service and the services they provide already. There is a reason people are not willing to pay more for internet and its because these companies SUCK at what their doing. If these proposed laws pass, I will be canceling any subscriptions with companies that charge companies for the "fast lane." And I promise I won't be voting for any representatives that vote to pass it.
—Eric VanDerBosch, Marshall, MN

Dear FCC, Please protect the comman man by protecting the net neutrality not caving in to big corporates that want to decide who can be fast and who can be slow.
—Kalyan Lanka, VIENNA, VA

Please preserve net neutrality - ISPs should not be granted the overwhelming power to determine who can have their online content readily accessible to Internet users and who can't.
—Bertolain Elysee, Philadelphia, PA

If the only reason this is happening is for profit and control, rest assured the internet will be abandoned eventually and the US will be behind the rest of the world.
—Tomas Wardez, des moines, IA

The Internet should equally and fairly serve all users... consumers, small businesses, start-ups.. and not be managed for the best interest and PROFITS of Internet service providers like Comcast, AT&T and Verizon. AND it is the FCC's duty to protect the public's interests, not the interests of the large corporations. The current plan proposed by the FCC will destroy Net-neutrality to the detriment of the public. Throw out the proposed rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. That is the only way the FCC can legitimately do its duty and save the public's interest in the Internet.
—Gladys Mynatt, Cloudland, GA

does the word FREEDOM mean anything to you people ? Just because corporations want to make more money for doing nothing is not a good reason to give it to them.....we the people do not want the net to change.
—Kim Mariner, clifton, CO

The internet should be covered under the same rules as the telephone: all traffic must cost the same. Change the current rule to make this the case, please.
—Emmett Finneran, Chicago, IL

Dear FCC The fact that you would allow net neutrality to fall is a signal to the people that you no longer stand for them and there best interest. Do you really feel that the corporations are the ones you need to protect? It is the individual peoples you must stand up for. It is you who protect us from the corporations. Get back on the right track or your public relations will be further damaged and we both know that would be bad for you/
—Kyle Gaska, Mastic Beach, NY

The internet is the last true medium of free speech. Do not give it away to Comcast and their conspirators.
—Katherine spry, Overland Park, KS

The internet is free. That's the magic of it. Corporations already control most of the world. Keep the information free. Do not allow anyone to control access to information based on: advertising dollars, government control or how much either the consumer or the company owning a website pays. I'm horrified that you even think, for one second, that allowing a corporate takeover of the internet is acceptable. Grow a pair and listen to the public. We have been screaming at you for years. If you don't listen, stop pretending that we run this country as a democracy, because it's pretty clear that's not the case hear. The people have spoken. It's your job to listen AND to act on what we are saying to you.
—Ms. Sarah snow, Los Angeles, CA

Save Net Neutrality. The United States was built upon the principle of freedom and the last bastion of this ideal is the internet, don't allow internet service providers to dictate how we use it.
—Nicholas Hagen, Allegany, NY

The internet needs to be run as a democracy not an oligarchy. Small businesses like mine cannot possible compete against multi-national corporations and their wealth. We have monopoly laws to prevent this sort of thing, unfortunately they are not being enforced. Handing control of the internet over to the corporations will be another nail in the coffin of free enterprise.
—James Marziotti, Andersonville, TN

No other country in the world is considering allowing something this backwards. The entire point of the internet would be lost if true net equality was lost - and that's what this proposal disaster would do. This country is already woefully behind on internet access and internet propagation throughout the country - instead of arguing about this ridiculous idea, let's try to get back to the forefront of the internet, the way it SHOULD BE. Patryk
—Patryk K. Braganza-Gallagher, Rockaway Beach, NY

Please do not kill Net Neutrality.
—Thomas LeJeune, Estherwood, LA

Net neutrality reflects the basic liberties of our Constitution. It is the digital extension of freedom of speech. It is also necessary for modern economic competition, which has already led to the innovation and success of so many NEW American businesses. Loss of net neutrality will lead to monopolistic control of the internet.
—Michael Starobin, Mount Kisco, NY

Net neutrality is important to American small businesses and the freedom of the internet. No amount of lobbying dollars can change that.
—Samuel, Fort Mill, SC

Without REAL Net Neutrality the internet that built american prosperity is DEAD. Internet service providers who are owned by content providers or create their own content have an inherent conflict of interest and need to be closely regulated to keep the internet open to fair competition among web sites.
—John Roll, Winchetser, MA

Dear Mr. Wheeler, The corporate lobbyists are doing their jobs well. But they do not represent the public interest! ISPs are in fact common carriers and must be re-classified as such. It is extremely important to ensure true Net Neutrality! Thank you.
—Mark Demory, Milton Freewater, OR

Reclassify the ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality
—Bob Krowiorz, manitowoc, WI

Please protect the rights of everyone for Net Neutrality. These service providers are making enough money as it is!
—Christin Lynch, Edgewater, NJ

Pleas classify ISPs as common carriers. Keep the Internet neutral. The ability to find information has become easy and accessible. I fear the proposed FCC Internet rules will limit access for many people. As the wealth gap increases, please keep the information and the ability to connect socially open and the same for everyone.
—Ethan Biber, Asheville, NC

continuing to enforce laws and regulations that undermine equality--such as this--only serves to perpetuate our long-standing paradigm of fear and separation. sending all the frequencies of equality and oneness. may they resonate.
—Diana Skill, Kansas City, MO

Allowing large companies to choose who gets access to the internet is similar to charging people for access to public libraries.
—Shane Hendren, portland, OR

Please keep the Internet Free!
—JP Smith, Brooklyn, NY

The tech culture from which the Internet developed valued the free and open exchange of information, and the success of the Internet stemmed from these values. Ending Net Neutrality would undo these values and make the Internet more like Cable TV -- whose content is manipulated and, eventually, controlled by a small exclusive group of content providers. Reclassifying ISPs as common carriers would also demonstrate that the US cable company cartel has more power and influence over the US government than its people.
—Dustin Smith, cambridge, MA

Dear Chairman Wheeler; Our country is in a perilous slide to becoming a country of the haves and have nots. This is NOT what America is. Please stop being the tool that creates these divisions. Please do NOT let the Internet Carriers throttle the internet for money. The internet should be equal access for ALL. Please don't let us down. Please classify ISP's as a common carriers.
—George Cohen, Ocala, FL

We are tired of the internet being treated like a commodity, for sale to the highest bidder. ISP's should be classified as common carriers. People literally depend upon the internet for survival. If you don't rule this way, innovation will be stifled and we will fall even further behind the world.
—John Beno, Wooster, OH

Please leave the Internet be
—Zachary Watson, Saint Cloud, FL

Priority data access is a slippery slope that will reduce innovation and freedom of information. The internet is a common public service. Make it so.
—Thiago Figueiro, San Francisco, CA

As you and most people know, although the U.S. is the leader in technical innovation, services and products, we severely lag in the speed, reliability and competition within the telecom industry, the backbone needed to support the 'internet of things' that will continue to permeate every aspect of our personal and business lives. The reason is simply greed and profit within the ISP space, beholden to the good old bottom line and shareholders, with no regard for the consumer. This has weakened our ability to stay competitive, and that will become significantly worse with the end of Net Neutrality. Having spent the last two months in London researching Wi-Fi and connected-cities technology, I have seen first hand that not only is local and federal government in the U.K. funding and supporting internet-based technology startups, but the European Union passed new laws that would protect network neutrality within its borders. Currently the ISP and mobile subscriptions are significantly less expensive here in Britain in comparison to the American counterparts. If we allow private industry to rule with corporate lobbyists for their own profit gain, not only will consumers suffer, but so will the American economy and business sector. The protection of Net Neutrality, the regulation of ISPs as common carriers and requirements to stay competitive in speed and cost within a world market, not a domestic market, will ensure this is avoided and our country remains a technology powerhouse.
—Kimberly Owens, Denver, CO

Net neutrality assures freedom of speech to all Americans not just corporations and those with money to buy speech and access.
—John Olsen, Abington, PA

The Internet is going to control the future. You people trying to control it for your own greedy needs shows how little you care about the future. Fix this now.
—Mike mcleod, trumbull, CT

Net neutrality, I believe, is the most important means for human interaction since written language. Everyone needs equal access. Two speeds for people or organizations who can pay and others who cannot will increase the disadvantage of those who do not have the means to participate. It will stifle innovation and growth. Protect the net by making it free and equal, not by pandering to organizations who want to limit the net.
—Rian ONeill, Milwaukee, WI

The importance of net neutrality cannot be overstated. Please do not vote to take it away.
—Robert Bizzell, Scottdale, GA

Mr. Wheeler, you need to step down as FCC Chair. Your background as a lobbyist for the Cable industry creates a decided conflict of interest! Leave the Net alone!
—Stan Gershon, Marietta, GA

This is about invention. This is about enterpreneurship.. This is about the American way. Net neutrality yes protectionism no!
—Miichael Moran, Dudley, MA

Broadband internet is a vital communications utility and should be regulated as such.
—Steve Rogne, Chicago, IL

This plan unfairly targets the poor - students just out of college are already struggling with debt and finding adequate jobs. Public services like libraries will also suffer. Libraries help people find work, be better workers and students, or provide resources to the community that they can't get at home. Please support net neutrality.
—Erin steckel, Houston, TX

Ending net neutrality will seriously erode innovation on the Internet. As you know, most of the innovation comes from young, initially unfunded entrepreneurs with a good idea. Only after their service proves valuable do the investors rush in with money to build up a real company. Net neutrality makes this process possible, by keeping costs low and service level high for budding companies.
—Richard Horowitz, Portsmouth, NH

This makes no sense whatsoever. Completely ludicrous.
—Justin Stepanian, Huntington Beach, CA

The internet must remain a level playing field.
—Rich Gregory, Staten Island, NY

I strongly support the FCC reclassify ISPs as common carriers. In this new age of technology you have the power to support innovation, level the playing field and lift people out of poverty through access. Please do not fold to the whims of corporations who seek to protect their bottom line and not the people of this great United States. Jiminy Cricket would say "reclassify and let your conscience be your guide!"
—Natilee McGruder, Montgomery, AL

My business depends upon net neutrality. Will kill our chances at competing with overseas competitors
—Garrett Sergeant, Los Angeles, CA

This society is overwhelmed by big corporations, do we really need more of these blood-sucking, money-hungry two mega internet provider to monopolize the right to look up "free" information? Where is the right to free speech and pursuit of happiness if you can't practice the right to do so? As FDR stated in his second bill of rights, one of the principles being: "The right of every businessman, large and small, to trade in an atmosphere of freedom from unfair competition and domination by monopolies at home or abroad" You need to take a second, third, forth look at how deviating the future of our rights as free citizens of this country will come to if this net neutrality falls under the gripping greedy hands of the largest companies in the US. Besides if they control what we are able to see on the internet, it would look and sound and reflect Communist practices, so where in that is a free Democracy? Please don't let Comcast and Verizon to be the internal works of a domestic terriorst who will not only threaten our rights but will handicap our future & undermine the American culture.
—Jen Reyes, New York, NY

There should always be a balance between the government, business, and the people. The tone of our country's future is set by decisions like this. Does our government stand for it's people or are they willing to sacrifice them for their own personal gains. Interesting that at the same time, the "Oligopoly" (MONOPOLY, don't sugar coat it) of TWC and Comcast is starting to form. Looks like the cable companies have the upper hand over us all. Might as well give up and do nothing, right?? ...Note that I am writing this letter to clarify my expectations in our government. You DO have the privilege of being able to make a difference; please don't squander it. The people have spoken on this particular issue, do the right thing - we're paying attention.
—Mike Burke, Matthews, NC

Its bad enough that corporations rig elections and are considered people but also allowing them to control unfairly internet traffic... Have you lost your mind? Please do the right thing and fix this.
—Steve Hostnik, Mount Pleasant, MI

Rural Montana requires access to all internet sites without discrimination and preferential access speeds!
—Dr Robert Gahagan, Absarokee, MT

It is sickening what the FCC has allowed our phone carriers to do to us! Just these past 2 months alone, we have been going through battles of excessive fee charges, spam mail going to inbox when it never did before they changed our service plan, slow internet speed for too high a cost, taking away our Rights to Free speech, and more! Now they charge us for services we do not receive. We have been with our phone company since they were Ma Bell & SWB. I remember when they were accused of being a monopoly. Now here it is 20 years later, they're really monopolizing now while stealing from the consumer. It feels like the State & Government is allowing these companies to RIP-US-OFF in the most illegal sense. Oh, to top it off, we found out our carrier is the cause of viruses on our system. Yes, we are holding them accountable. They stopped our legitimate email from being delivered, but sent the spam to our inbox and WILL NOT fix the issue. It's insane! Yet, there's more! Our family needs help against this big corporate companies
—Andria May, Fairview Heights, IL

Because people should come before profit.
—Meredith White, Watertown, MA

I have built my career on the generosity of the Internet community as a whole, and when I have the opportunity I would like and will contribute and I would like for my contributions to be available to anyone who seeks it!
—Osbaldo Ramirez, Hartfield, VA

Net Neutrality is a vital part of what makes the Internet such a hot-bed for innovation. Other than a crappy name, it one of the best policies the US government could press in order to foster new and innovative job creators. It is better in both the long run and immediately.
—Justin Winokur, Herndon, VA

Please preserve net neutrality for the benefit of all businesses which rely on the internet.
—Chris Andrews, Clayton, MO

Internet Service Providers MUST be classified as common carriers. The internet must remain accessible to all people EQUALLY, without big corporations controlling access.
—Carole Gardner, Santa Fe, NM

There is no way the average person would be able to compete with corporations for equality. This is just another way the government is trying to elevate the rich above the poor. Don't allow corporations to make you an accessory to their bullying!!!
—Monine Kolze, Portland, OR

Net neutrality is essential to the full exploitation of the potential of the net, and its full advantages being freely available to everyone. It is a social utility, as vital as telephone and power lines. It must be kept open on an equal basis to all. It is logical and socially beneficial, as well as simple justice, to classify the internet and ISPs as common carriers.
—Ron Partridge, Sittingbourne,

Throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Keep the internet the way it is!!
—Alyssa R Fitzgerald, Bismarck, ND

It is unacceptable to have a two-tier system over the Internet; the Internet is not just a tool for communication between friends but an important resource for people who are involved in promoting social justice and providing a forum for activists whether it be human rights or environmental issues. The Internet MUST remain neutral.
—Jean Le Marquand, Laval,

Net neutrality surviving means the free and open internet surviving. In an equal internet, everyone is treated equally, and if net neutrality dies, rampant internet inequality will arise.
—Kalli Kerr, Chicago, IL

Free market ideals help the economy grow. If the ISPs are allowed to increase the value of their product simply making it harder to receive, the economy takes the hit.
—Mitchell Tingey, Chandler, AZ

I'm sure that I speak for the grand majority of Americans when I say that our internet speeds are crucial. In a world where technology is advancing at lightning speeds, the only way the average American can hope to keep up is by achieving the same fast browsing speeds that other developed countries enjoy as a utility or even a government-provided service. Information should be open, and open means accessible. Allowing ISPs to charge for increased speeds decreases accessibility to information, especially in the working-class sector that would not be able to afford the extra charge. Don't let ISPs treat Americans as a cash crop; they make SO MUCH MONEY off of us already, allowing them to further milk us of our hard-earned cash is absolutely ludicrous considering what they already take. Don't let corporations take over America further - we deserve the same internet lanes as everyone else. Why should we sit in the slow lane and experience frustrating buffering / loading times when we are already paying for service? I'll tell you right now what I pay is worth more than the speed I'm getting already, much less the speed I would be getting should ISPs be allowed to charge for "faster" service. Don't let the ISPs take advantage of us. Keep the internet open, and keep net neutrality alive. That is what the American people want.
—Sarah Godek, Ann Arbor, MI

You will be causing a monopoly of the internet where only the "fast" speed internet will prevail ad cause people to pay premiums of their already insanely expensive service. FYI: the fast internet wont be faster then it is now. It will be the same speed and the "Normal" internet will just be a slowed down version of our internet now, forcing people to actually pay those premiums for faster internet. I VOTE NO.
—Johnathon Zawadzki, Staten Island, NY

The internet should be for everyone!
—Jodie Brennan, dublin,

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers. No discrimination online.
—Letty Riding, Ceres,

Net Neutrality is ESSENTIAL for a FAIR internet in a FREE society. We must not become an oligarchy.
—Michael R Reichenberg, Salisbury, MD

While you may think that your elitist agenda may work for this great nation, I've got news for you, buddy: most people are still middle-class. Whether they are Democrat or Republican, liberal or conservative, rich or poor, both sides of the aisle agree that classifying ISPs as common carriers is good regulation - regulation that is absolutely necessary.
—Skyler Lester, Houston, TX

Net neutrality is important to everyone. I don't want to have my Internet provider force me to pay more for a service that I have been getting for less. There are also some people who can barely afford the service they have now, and they need it for work, and won't be able to pay the new, higher price. The internet isn't perfect, but this is one of the things that we don't need to change.
—Angeleque K Cross, Pearland, TX

I like many many people, don't agree with the idea of Net Neutrality. There have been thousands of comments directly to the FCC website. I also don't think enough people are aware of what this really is.
—Mr. Colin Stein, Edmond, OK

The current state of the Internet has provided innumerable advances for society and achievements. Please don't allow the Internet moguls to cast the US behind the rest of the world in innovation so they can line their pockets with even more money
—Dustin chesterman, fremont, CA

Keep the playing field level for all enterprise on the internet. It's the economic engine of the future and must be preserved for all parties to have an equal opportunity.
—Dan Goodman, Needham, MA

Dear Chairman Wheeler, I believe in net neutrality. The internet should be one speed: fast. You should not incentivize the creation of a class system based on who can pay up. The internet is our collective life blood. I urge you to reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the only way to protect real Net Neutrality.
—Bradford Masters, Sacramento, CA

The current FCC rules are not acceptable. High-speed Internet service should be accesible to everyone. to ensure that it is and to safeguard Net Neutrality ISPs must be reclassified as common carriers.
—Randall Johnson, Lagoa da Prata, Minas Gerais,

The American people call on the FCC to discard the proposed Internet rules which would introduce discrimination into the Internet. ISPs are in fact common carriers and should be classified as such. This is a first amendment issue and the Constitution should be your guide.
—Gerald Ganann, Minneapolis, MN

Keep the internet available fairly to all. I support Net Neutrality or a reasonable compromise that allows for all providers and users to have access to the same connection speeds and service levels.
—Kathy Atnip, Florissant, MO

Electric power was classified a utility in the 20th century, and look what good it has done. Do the same for the Internet in the 21st century. A lot more good will be done.
—Marshall Mayer, Helena, MT

We pay for high bandwidth- we should get it no matter what website we visit. Every 1st world country has it! Why should corporations use their money and influence to herd the market to their websites? How can small businesses compete? Why should we live in a country who's policies are dictated by corporations? Is my $300 a month bill to the cable company not enough? We pay such high prices for these Internet/cable packages- so why wouldn't our legislature back US? WE vote. And lawmakers represent the PEOPLE. Not to mention - OBAMA promised!
—Christina Rubino, Staten Island, NY

In this century, the internet is now our "free press". Because of this, there must be net neutrality--equal access to the internet for all Americans so that we may have an informed citizenry.
—M Toro, brooklyn, NY

I'm a low-income customer of Comcast and receive my internet access through them. The idea that they should be able to restrict or purposefully slow down my connection simply because I cannot pay as much as they would demand is ludicrous, especially since they've received cash in the form of my tax money before, specifically to upgrade their infrastructure for rising demand. Please, remind them of their place as a business that serves the customer and not a toll keeper for the internet.
—Ian S. Persing, Montgomery, PA

Tell me in at least five words how what you propose doesn't screw everybody. PRESERVE NET NEUTRALITY
—Craig Snazelle, Canby, OR

I work to design, implement and maintain websites, web applications, and mobile applications on the internet. If the FCC follows through with their current proposal to create a two-tiered internet, it would put my job and my livelihood at serious risk. I urge the FCC to reconsider their decision, and not bend to the sudo-monopoly that the cable and communications companies have constructed. If the FCC wants to make real changes that benefit the future of the internet, I would recommend they look into ways to increase competition between internet service providers which would finally give consumers actual choices when it comes to features and providers.
—Mr. Micah Spieler, Minneapolis, MN

The internet is the communication and information source of modern day life. It must remain free and open to all. The very consideration of an end to net neutrality is an attack on every American!
—Allen Michaan, Alameda, CA

You've had multiple opportunities in the past 25 years to classify ISPs as common carriers, as they should have been from the start. Please don't miss another opportunity to do this. It may be the last. Do the right thing for the people of this country--for our future.
—Brendan Egan, Kalamazoo, MI

Common carrier rules would allow ISPs to focus on what they have neglected - offering the best possible speeds at the best possible price point. The USA is falling way behind the rest of developed nations when it comes to internet infrastructure and passing the proposed regulation would be a further step in the wrong direction.
—Murilo Silva, New York, NY

The internet is a cradle of innovation and progress, but your two tiered plan will stifle that spirit. Startups that have few resources depend on the even playing field of internet speeds to allow them to compete with the big players, and relegating them to the slow lane of the internet virtually assures their failure.
—Isaac Ray, Richmond, VA

ISPs need to be reclassified as common carriers. My phone and internet bill is higher than my electric and gas bills. Permitting ISPs to create a two-tiered internet may price me out of the market. Many, many people will either not be able to afford it or have to settle for a much slower connection. Other countries have affordable, high-speed connections. Don't make the USA a third world country with this discriminatory plan that will further separate the 'rich' from the 'poor'.
—Kathleen T Seyfried, New Hyde Park, NY

Because I don't need my ISP deciding what traffic is important to me.
—Michael Fey, Chittenango, NY

This country was founded on the great idea of equality. Don't let big business or politics or anything else diminish that founding principle. Equality must be maintained and the great businesses of America will find a way to innovate solutions to address their needs in other ways.
—Brian Goldston, New York, NY

Because it protects our right to use the internet without fear of our favorite websites being slowed down out of greed or dislike.
—Amber Feind, Rochester, MN

Our country has, unbelievably, already fallen behind several other developed nations in broadband infrastructure. You will put our country's businesses, especially smaller, innovative startups, at an even greater competitive disadvantage by pampering the corporate giant service providers even more than you already have with a weak and misguided two-tiered approach for the internet. Once and for all, use common sense and treat the internet as it should be: a utility.
—Tom Pittman, Birmingham, AL

Because the internet should not discriminate against smaller services especially when internet speeds will increase in the coming years.
—Andrew Chiacchiero, Staten Island, NY

Net neutrality is absolutely critical for the future of healthy commerce in America.
—Dusty Burchnall, Wilmington, DE

Tom Wheeler is a joke and doesn't belong in the FCC. His background clearly shows what his motives are in removing net neutrality. Net neutrality is a freedom that we as Americans have. If this is removed, our freedom will be eliminated. I guarantee a reduction in ISP customers or outright riots if this is passed. The people won't stand for this crap. I won't stand for this crap. You can only push people so far before they break. Don't even get me started on paying into government programs that won't be around when I'm ready to retire either. Big brother needs to back down and stop limiting our civil liberties.
—Hunter Adkins, Madison, MS

Net neutrality is the pillar the entire internet stands on. If it isn't guaranteed, the internet is going to fail sooner or later.
—Lukas Urwyler, Zürich,

The internet is the last frontier of true democracy. Don't destroy it by giving control over to lobbying corporations. Much in the way radio and television has been ruined.
—Xander Guzman, Denver, CO

Stand up for equality. Stand up for the little guy. Don't get swayed by big business. Don't move us further into monopolies. This is BAD for America.
—Brian Wood, Sagamore Beach, MA

The "internet" must be reclassified to prevent, once and for all time, any push for differential speed lanes. Differential speed lanes are inherently discriminatory and would lead to a race to censor political views not favorable to ruling interests.
—Alan Marwine, housatonic, MA

I think can speak for anyone who needs a fast internet connection, and whom otherwise wouldn't be able to afford to pay more for higher speeds.
—Tymeer Bonds, Philadelphia, PA

Listen to 'we the people'. Your net neutrality proposal is a not something but that would benefit us! Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.. Thank you.
—Mark Peterson, Rochester, MN

My small business relies on the internet to operate, a tiered system could crush its ability to thrive.
—Sam Mitchell, Iowa city, IA

Dear FCC...the proposal is truly a terrible idea. And I hope it simply stays as an idea. One example of who would be affected by such a change in rules would be students. Struggling through courses whether in high school or higher education already puts most of the student community on edge. Thus, adding "fast" and "slow" internet lanes is outrageous. Getting any coursework done would be like treading through mud...mud that did not need to be there in the first place if the roof over students heads weren't ripped from them. Overall, the proposed Internet rules should be trashed and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers for the sake of students at least.
—Justin Ortiz, Tampa, FL

The internet is too important to be controlled by a handful of cable companies. Many of us do not have the freedom to choose our provider due to local monopolies. Please force them to treat all traffic equally so that everyone's voice on the internet can be heard.
—Troy Clevenger, West Bloomfield, MI

Stop peddling away the internet to the highest bidder-I AM SICK OF HAVING MY LIFE RUN BY THE RICH!! Learn to play fairly,or the majority is going to take it ALL away from you,and do NOT for a moment think it can't be done.
—Steven Pfeiffer, Chaska, MN

The free flow of information has grown far beyond any regulatory will the government might like to impose. The ramifications of anything less that full and complete Net Neutrality would be absolutely devastating. You must not be trapped by short-sighted, greed-driven thinking.
—Tim Kauffold, Traverse City, MI

Please do not do this. This is a terrible idea for change.
—Jocelyn White, Elgin, IL

The freedom of the internet is beautiful
—Daniel Vogt, Seattle, WA

Complete internet neutrality must be totally accessible without any two-tiered service.
—Terri Bear, Bethlehem, GA

The Constitution of the United States, the law of our land and country, provides for freedom of speech and of the press, which the internet and its access falls under, and must be respected! I absolutely disagree and am against the FCC's proposed internet rules. The money grubbing corporations should run on the same internet lanes as the rest of the population. Period.
—Karin Newsome, Schiller Park, IL

Do not let freedom of speach be high jacked by big buisnesses with money. We already have CNN and FOX but at least we have a choice
—Kathy Beck, jacksonville, FL

There is no rule making required here. You'd be better focused on managing monopoly and making sure the existing infrastructure works as intended. Do not create rules designed to create "fast" lanes.
—Esmail Chitalwala, Germantown, MD

The web is a tool for humanity, not Corporations greed. Stop being shortsighted lickspittles and serve the future.
—Andy King, Manchester,

Let's be real. Corporations are legally responsible to maximize shareholder profit. Period. Greed is the driver. 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. This would be a disaster for ANYONE without deep pockets, which is 99% of the country. PLEASE DO NOT DO APPROVE THIS. There is no need for it. None.
—Linda Warner, Chicago, IL

Net neutrality is a major key to content being controlled by those who create it. Throw out your rules that are crushing the windpipe of creators reaching their fanbases. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality. Allow those who create content of all kinds to reach their audience directly instead of putting a toll booth between them.
—Tim Kearney, Sanford, FL

NOT having net neutrality only benefits corporations, and harms everyone else. There is no reason to get rid of it, and by keeping it you ensure that that all websites are given equal speeds, which is ultimately better for consumers. Net neutrality is very important.
—Talie M, Rochester, NY

Dear FCC, I think the idea of having a two tired internet system is absurd. Access to the internet provides more than entertainment, it helps inform and educate our society. The idea that only those who can afford higher fees will receive faster service or even access to sites and information will harm more than it benefits. What happens to home schooled children, will they be able to access what they need to get the same caliber of education they do now, or would through the public or private schools? What would happen to those who can not afford to pay the premium pricing for services they are receiving right now? In an age where almost everything is electronic and digital how can you decide who should have access to content or even applications, programs or sites? I understand that there is "BIG" money involved in this decision, from lobbyist, the provider and their affiliates, but this is going too far. The internet was created as a platform for the everyman, to bring people together and create new ideas. If it is sold to the highest bidder how does that help our society as a whole and what would be the next conquest sought after? I am 100% against the idea creating of yet another "status" symbol with rich kid Vs. poor kid internet accessibility. Please think of the ramifications of this decision and how they will effect not only our children, but our grandchildren. What type of legacy do you want to leave behind?
—Kathleen Green, Christiansburg, VA

If the FCC goes ahead with a plan that includes allowing Internet service providers create a two-tiered Internet, it will crush our free market economy and inhibit new players with fresh ideas from getting started. This can not happen!
—John Oerter, Omaha, NE

All content providers should have the same access to equal high speed internet service for no additional charges. Let consumers decide how much they want to pay to access the internet by offering tiered subscriber access. For those who want or need high speed access, let them pay a premium to their ISP for the rest of us, let us choose between several access speeds. Verizon Fios already provides a tiered subscription service, it works. Don't let large corporations dominate high speed bandwidth at the expense of smaller companies. Let consumers decide how fast they want their content delivered.
—David Lochner, Liverpool, NY

Please throw out the proposed rules that would discriminate the classes. Instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—J Hendricksen, Logan, UT

WE THE PEOPLE want real net neutrality and urge you to reclassify internet providers as common carries. Anything else is just a gift to the corporations and a slap in the face to the people.
—Angie Burnham, Boulder, CO

Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers. The Internet deserves the same protections as phone companies in this regard.
—Ryan Lawrence, Collingswood, NJ

For the sake of consumers and especially those working from home, please reclassify ISPs as common carriers. It's in the best interest for the majority of the people.
—Suzette Zander, Katy, TX

Consider entrepreneurs vs. established companies, they will be disadvantaged at day one without neutrality. Also the lack of competition in broadband accessibility furthers my opinion that this will stifle innovation.
—Scott Kavanagh, apex, NC

Why don't you throw out the Constitution while you're at it. "A government by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth." Do these words not ring true anymore?
—Joseph Cha, Las Vegas, NV

The Internet was supposed to be for all, without any censure or defferences. You are making enough money, need more?
—Filip Racko, zvolen,

Dear FCC. Please do not let down the world. Please do not let down the people. Please do not let down the Internet. Harming Net Neutrality is all that.
—Arpad Toth, Oradea,

It means a better economy, personal freedom, and free market enterprise.
—Bonnie Arcari, Middlefield, CT

Net Neutrality must be upheld. This is a slippery slope. We must not open the door to online discrimination! Once this door is opened we cannot close it and the free and open Internet as we know it will cease to exist. Big Business should not be allowed to tamper with the quality or speed of our Internet connections or to hamper, effect or impede our right to speak freely online.
—Sean Casey, Austin, TX

I can't imagine how anyone can legitimately think a two-tiered internet would be good for American consumers. Simply defies belief.
—Grant Dotson, Ringgold, GA

My belief is that the net should be treated like any fundamental right. We should not have two tiers of service everyone should be treated the same, speeds should be equal for all. I am watching this debate closely and as a registered voter will vote with both my dollar and my right to vote in coming elections to ensure my voice is heard.
—Ryan Courech, Winter Park, FL

Net Neutrality is important to me because it allows some of my poor friends to have access to Internet and enjoy it for unlimited amount of time and space I'm singing this for my American friends and this is what I think is correct.
—Miguel Cadavid, Queens, NY

At a direct, end-user level, this may be appropriate under free market, but at content provider levels, this action would wreck competitive, free market. Only the "Big Boys" could provide "real" service ... Tom Wheeler's plan will help destroy the next wave of capitalism by crushing start-up's before they can "start up".
—Ivan Ford, Colorado Springs, CO

Please please throw out your rules and reclassify ISPs as common common carriers. The internet was built for the freedom of the public and as soon as you have ATT , Comcast and Verizon to create this, have power over who can and cannot afford extra fees, our dear held freedom and liberties and privileges has been lost. It will affect small businesses and the way the online system works from music to all functionalites. Please stop this discrimination and protect real Net Neutrality.
—Kalpna Bhagat, East Orange, NJ

Few things in the world are more important than a free and open Internet. Its very power, today, stems nearly entirely from that no one has been able to control it. The very freedoms and lives of humans on this earth have hung on their being able to freely express themselves, and to communicate, via the Internet. 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. And no one would be able to do anything about it. Please don't destroy what it has taken literally decades to build in the most globally-democratic manner the world has ever seen by approving Wheeler's plan. Please. Reclassify Internet Service Providers (ISPs) as COMMON CARRIERS, and regulate them accordingly.
—Gregg L. DesElms, Napa, CA

Net neutrality will stop innovation
—Kevin Goldstein, New York, NY

Common Carrier. Common Carrier.
—Donovan Paul Mikrot, Golden Valley, MN

Corporate gatekeepers on Internet access will kill the free flow of ideas, knowledge, and opportunity. Corporations serve only their own interest, they are NOT people, and they will censor if it serves their bottom line. They're leagally bound to that for shareholders. Corporations are destroying the fragile democracy we have in America.
—Anne george, Puttsburgh, PA

My bits deserve equal protection; I shouldn't have to pay extra to have a usable connection.
—Henry Lahman, Brooklyn, NY

Do not forget, Mr. Wheeler, that your responsibility is to the PEOPLE and not to the ISPs lining your pockets. We need TRUE Net Neutrality.
—Curtis Andersen, Anaheim, CA

Net Neutrality is criminal. If you allow internet service providers to create a two-tiered internet, then you will allow for discrimination. That's what it really is! It's discrimination. If you can't pay enough, then you get slow internet. You're taking money and opportunities away from the "little guy". Start companies won't be able to grow or succeed. You're basically killing the American dream! Do not allow net neutrality to dissipate!
—Tyler Johnson, Draper, VA

Net neutrality is essential to ensure that small, third party websites have the ability to compete with large established sites. A lack of net neutrality would allow dominant sites to further monopolize the web and hinder the voice of everyone else.
—Mark Susmann, Ithaca, NY

Dear FCC, Please amend these rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers. These proposed rules are blatantly biases in favor of a set of special interests: existing ISPs, against consumers, new market entrants, and innovators. You are accountable to the American public, not AT&T, Comcast and Verizon. These existing rules are corrupt and disgraceful. Please do the right thing and amend these rules to reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Thank you.
—Michael Swigert, Brooklyn, NY

The US is way behind in broadband speeds and high price points. Ending net neutrality would be a disaster for the American consumer. This would be the most egregious case of a lobby pushing an absurd, inane and damaging policy.
—David Uter, Redondo Beach, CA

I'm against a two tiered network. The writing is on the wall As in the past (so many examples), FCC and other federal type agencies cave to corporate greed and overlook the choices of the majority population. Please preserve NET NEUTRALITY. Thank you, Toni Peacock
—Toni Peacock, New York, NY

What the heck! Talk about unfair to the public!!!
—Jeff Adams, Visalia, CA

Net Neutrality is a fundamental part of how the internet works. It's a reflection of the American way. Providing equal right to everyone, regardless of power or influence. Take this away and the internet will become a media machine, owned by those with power. The rest of the world will not stand for it, the United States must not just follow, we must lead on this.
—Chaunce Butterfield, Salt Lake City, UT

Keep the Internet available to all users just not the corporations who would benefit extensively if Net Neutrality were to be changed. Robert Levi Highland Park, IL
—Robert Levi, Highland Park, IL

Net Neutrality is one of the founding ideals of the Internet, that all data transport gets treated equally whether you are a huge corporation or a single Internet user. Allowing special tiers for high rollers is wrong. Keep Net Neutrality and for once let the wealthy not suck more dollars out of the poor.
—Mark Dodel, Stroudsburg, PA

A free unrestricted internet is an unchallengeable necessity in today's society. Technology is moving rapidly, changing our lives everyday, and ISP's should not have authority over how we access and share ideas and entertainment no more than a company can tell someone who they can and can't talk to. The internet is not a luxury, it's a reality for a majority of people. Every facet of our lives is connected to the internet in some way, if ISP's free reign over the internet, they have free reign over the lives of millions.
—Brenton williams, Missouri city, TX

Eliminating net neutrality is showing the US people that they are below corporations.
—Jessica Black, Minneapolis, MN

We need it! You can't take it away.
—Amanda, Maspeth, NY

a "Two-Tier" structure is not an "Open" Internet. It is the *sultan's* camel's nose under the tent! Please usher it and the sultan out!
—Charles Roaste, salt lake city, UT

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Do not give those companies the power to discriminate against online content.
—Patrick Costello, Centereach, NY

Please don't take away net neutrality. If you do, you will be severely screwing up the education system, which is already in shambles.
—Andrea Cornett, Corpus Christi, TX

This will put America behind compared to everyone else. It will ruin a great amount of online services that businesses use. If it's going to slow down every American individual, and make all our businesses suffer, than why are we doing it? For the selfish few who want control? That's not okay.
—Nick Bonanno, Huntington Beach, CA

The Internet is really not that different from the road network. We wouldn't let private companies make every road a toll road and charge what ever they wanted. We must not do this with the Internet.
—Ben Spencer, CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA

Transit across the Internet MUST remain free from degradation and deprioritization for the exact same reasons the original Common Carrier laws were enacted. The Internet IS the communications backbone of our generation. Internet Service Providers MUST be classified as Title II Common Carriers and prevented from engaging in discriminatory practices based on origin or content of data. The real problem here is that Tom Wheeler, former lobbyist for the cable industries, is squarely saddled with an illegal Conflict of Interest and is still pressing an agenda directly serving his former employers and not the public. The chief arguments against Net Neutrality are coming from aging entertainment industry service providers who once thought they'd make an extra nickel by selling Internet access on their cable TV infrastructure and are now feeling the pangs of lost Cable TV revenue as a new generation of consumers embraces a different entertainment distribution model. The "need" here is that the FCC man-up, spell it out that if you are a service provider that your job is to indiscriminantly provide service as a Title II Common Carrier, and if distribution of entertainment is your business, then buy bandwidth like everyone else and expect to get exactly what you pay for. Separate the issue and get rid of that shill Wheeler who keeps muddying the waters and serving his dinosaur masters.
—William D. Ezell, Dothan, AL

Net neutrality is required to support innovation, economic growth and job creation.
—Jennifer Ver Huel, Chicago, IL

Internet should be the same speed for all.
—Doris Brautigan, Brooklyn, NY

No fast lanes on the Internet, no discrimination against online content.
—Michel Beluet, Saint-Jean Richelieu,

ISPs should be reclassified as common carriers. This is very important!
—Alex Paul, Coldwater, MI

The great thing about the internet is that it's an even playing field. Don't change that!
—Casey Dickey, Arvada, CO

Net neutrality is important to me because the internet is how I go about my daily life. I spend my free time learning about what's going on in the world, watching videos and reading news articles, so how am I supposed to do that with a slow connection? I also have friends that spend some of their nights watching movies on Netflix with their families. How can they do that when they will have no way of streaming the movies they want to see because Netflix keeps booting them out, due to a slow connection? I worked and went to school full-time to better my life. How would I have gotten through school if I wasn't able to research in a timely manner for all of my papers that I needed to write for all of my classes; some of which required you to send via email because the school was trying to go paperless. Tom Wheeler, this is a form a discrimination, and one that the American people will not allow.
—Derek Ninneman, Greenville, SC

I work full time, go to school full time, as well as having my home and family. The only way I can stay connected with what's going on in the world is through listening to podcasts while I'm at work. These aren't backed by large companies and I'm sure many, if not all of them, would not get the privelage of being in the proposed "fast lane". Please don't let big business buy their way into internet dominance.
—Kris Green, Salt Lake City, UT

To limit the consumption of the internet would be a detriment to the human species.
—Beauregard John Murphey, san diego, CA

This must not happen. We, the people, deserve free access to the internet, no matter who we are. Stop stacking the deck in favor of corporations.
—Diane Sievers, Olympia, WA

The end of Net Neutrality will have a significant impact on economic development and the pace of innovation. Free and open access has leveled the playing field and allowed smaller players a distribution channel which has not only sped up distribution but adoption. In addition, the big three providers in the country have not shown to be good corporate citizens. Allowing the ISPs to determine what is fast tracked, at what cost, will almost assuredly both raise costs and diminish performance. ISPs already comprise a kind of monopoly in this country. Don't provide them the additional leeway to greater exploit customers. Throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality.
—Clyde Boyer, Ellicott City, MD

Dear Mr. Wheeler and FCC: It's critical that the Internet is not handed over to corporations who are under no obligation or regulations to allow fair access to broadband for all. Creating fast lanes for the wealthy and slow lanes for the rest of us and start-up innovators and entrepreneurs would effectively destroy innovation and create bright lines between those who have access to information and those who cannot afford it. In no sense, in no world, in no way is this idea a good one. It's abominable. Please keep our Internet - a utility, a necessity - available to all for the good of the U.S. and the world.
—Marcy Wagman, San Diego, CA

We must keep the internet free and open. Giving corporations power to pick Internet winners and losers hurts innovation and encourages malfeasance. Keep the internet free and open, reclassify it as a common carrier.
—Philip Sansone, San Jose, CA

Are you planning on busting up Monopolies of cable companies? If net neutrality dies, Time Warner could decide that the entirety of Manhattan (8 million people) are not allowed to watch ESPN. Time Warner is the only company that provides internet in Manhattan, and we are stuck with them. People do not have a choice on which internet provider they use. There would be no recourse to view the content that they want with these laws.
—Renée Tessier Nunley, New York, NY

Please keep the net netrual
—John Cornett, Clarksville, TN

The internet is perhaps the only place left in the world where the rich can't lord it over the poor. Don't change that. Money should not buy access online even though it does everywhere else.
—Helen Townsend, Indianapolis, IN

The internet should be equally accessible to all. Period! No differentiating between companies, individuals, or any organizations of any kind.
—Dolores Owens, Taylor, AZ

Please keep Net Neutrality. It makes us equal. equal opportunity.
—Mary K McKay, salida, CA

I want Neutrality.
—Niraj Patel, Piscataway, NJ

Please do not allow Mr. Wheeler's plan to be approved. Internet providers should be classified as utilities just like phone and electric companies are.
—Gene Jakominich Jr, Ludlow, VT

because government caters to big business already. the little guys need an even playing field.
—Jason bowling, Virginia Beach, VA

Chairman, the choice to consider this is cowardly. This undermines access, basic citizen's rights, and innovation. You were put in office by the president to represent the constituents and the people of this country. To assume that internet providers will self-manage and not abuse how they charge for preferential access is simply naive. Their record of accountability is abysmal, and this consideration by the FCC is insulting. We know what the people want: equal, fair access. We just went through this and the push back was unexpected by the government, revealing how ill considered this policy is. Why do you expect it to be different this time? The House and Senate have also demonstrated no understanding of the importance of not only access and how the internet works, but also the premiss from which it was built. You are in office to uphold fair communication policies. Please have the sincerity and courage to now oppose the very plan you've set forth. Please represent the citizens of this country.
—John Crosby, Charlottesville, VA

It is imperitive that information (of all types) flows freely and without bias to the population at large to foster knowledge, learning, and growth without hinderance. Please do not sell out to special interest or select groups over the population at large. Even the chance of restricted flow or bias should not be tollerated, and could be very risky. And once lost regaining that free flow may be impossible. Stand for all of the people rather than select groups or business. Other countries seem to make this work (better than ours, actually). Please do not buy into corporate banter and excuses.
—A Boss, Euclid, OH

Please pass net neutrality. Don't let monopolistic companies control the Internet.
—Seth White, Minneapolis, MN

DO NOT create or support any bill that would 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. And no one would be able to do anything about it.
—John Cygan, Wittmann, AZ

This is bad for buissines and bad for America. It is the peek of the slippery sloap to mimic the behaviors of Russia, China and North Korea, among others. Please don't make the America my children will know into a country where they are little more then indentured servants to big business.
—Jeanne Dansereau, Bronx, NY

I believe that net neutrality should be preserved so that companies and lobbyists cannot pay to restrict or accelerate whatever information they choose. Companies do not always have the best interests of people in mind; many are prone to doing what is convenient at the expense of our best interests and in the name if profit. To allow them this advantage over the flow of our information would be the first step down a slippery slope of abuse and corruption. We don't need much more of that.
—Kaitlyn Nardozzi, Brighton, MA

Nobody should be allowed to discriminate between types of internet traffic. Allowing a for profit company to discriminate between traffic types will only lead restriction of speech.
—Mihai Kulcsar, Columbia, SC

This is wrong either way you look at it. Even if one can "afford" to pay astronomical fees doesn't mean they should have to, nor should those of us who scrape to make it by be subjected to an inferior product if we can't. Money is money, regardless if it's $100,000 annually, or $30,000 annually. We all work hard for our money, and we should not be judged one way or the other. They already make a killing in this market; Greed is one of the 7 deadly sins people, remember that.
—Santina Wood, Woodruff, SC

Throw out the rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality.
—Chloe Foster, Montgomery, AL

I will summarize what I about to say very simply... The federal government will just fuck it up and should just keep net neutrality the way it is. You will not help, you will only slow down progress and growth. Besides tom wheeler is a former cable lobbyist and should not be allowed to make any decision as its a conflict of interest.
—Jonathan Lind, pine, CO

Bring back net neutrality. The internet has become part of our everyday lives. People make a living off the internet. Please allow those people to continue to make a living off the internet unhindered.
—Rodney Gonzalez, Paterson, NJ

FCC throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers, please, thank you!
—Mr nicks, Beverly hills, CA

Net Neutrality is important to me because freedom is the right of all sentient beings
—Cassandra Garnett, St Helens,

The internet is an equalizer, or it should be, when it comes to access to knowledge and information. We can't let it be controlled by functional monopolies.
—Zoe Palmer, Evanston, IL

"Separate but equal" was found unconstitutional a long time ago. All traffic on the internet should move at the same speed. We need real net neutrality.
—David Myron, East Lansing, MI

Everyone in the Internet should be
—Zachary J Horst, Allentown, PA

No one should own the "airways" of the internet and no monopolies should be able to control it for financial gain. Here's a sime fact. In anticipation of this happening, Netflix bought access through one if these corporations and passes the cost on to their customers. This setup creates a two tier user system where those who can, pay and can use the net to full advantage and those who can't lose full access. This is unfair and simply puts even more money into corporations, entities who already don't pay their share if taxes. This is also a first step to privatizing a utility. The term "Net Neutrality" is also very deceiving. There is nothing neutral about it.
—Dora Taylor, Seattle, WA

Net Neutrality is an important freedom that needs to be preserved. Without it, companies could censor whatever they want to, which is a clear violation of freedom of speech. Not to mention small businesses and bloggers would hurt from ending it.
—Daniel Klein, clifton park, NY

The internet has worked astonishingly well for over twenty years now. It's been a powerful tool for enhancing democracy and economic empowerment for millions and millions worldwide. Don't screw it up by trashing net neutrality. Stephen Melkisethian Business Owner Bethesda, Maryland
—Stephen Melkisethian, Bethesda, MD

Cable providers are simply put, utilities. Classify them as such. Tell the truth.
—Aaron Bittikofer, Raleigh, NC

Net Neutrality allows the internet to grow and prosper. It allows for ideas to spread and everyone to be equal.
—Thomas Smith II, New York, NY

Please save net neutrality, an important part of modern freedom. Do not sell out to big corporate interests. Thank you for saving the internet!
—Michael Hall, Redwood City, CA

I think ISPs should be reclassified as common information carriers and continue to operate under the guidelines of net neutrality.
—John Day, Sacramento, CA

Throw out the rules and reclassify the ISPs as common carriers
—Ronald Michael, denham springs, LA

Please preserve Net Neutrality! This is one of the few instances where gov't regulation is warranted.
—Tim Myles, Portsmouth, NH

The gap between the wealthy and poor and the super wealthy and the middle class, has become a chasm. Please leave the net neutral!
—Jennifer Brock Olson, Spokane, WA

Technology improvements and competition will make the internet FASTER FOR EVERYONE. Do NOT allow artificial LIMITS!!!!
—Hugo Delgado, Palm Desert, CA

Keep the Internet a level playing field so the best ideas, services and products all have fair competition!
—robert Trembly, Lineville, IA

It's clear that if some people (Google, Netflix, YouTube, etc.) pay extra for faster connections on the last mile, then the unspoken condition is that all else will be slowed down. And if you believe the ISP's aren't above artificially slowing down traffic in order to make bucks selling priority connections, I've got a nice bridge I think you'll be interested in… It's absolutely guaranteed that if these rules pass, traffic will generally slow down for the non-prioritized. You wanna watch a video on an off brand web site? Get used to the "Buffering…" notice and prepare to wait endlessly to see the video clip. There'll be all sorts of lame technical excuses why this happens from the ISP's, mainly "net congestion." And the admonishment that if the website would only pay their "troll toll," then the video would have enough bandwidth to play instantly. It's not the wonderful ISP's fault; it's the cheap web sites that won't pay their fair share to have their traffic prioritized. But of course the ISP's would not be actually blocking websites or anything like that and so it would all be nice and legal. Yeah, right. The content providers that paid the troll toll would have their content delivered zip, zip, zip. Magnificent. And the ones that didn't? You remember what 56K modems were like? Everything was slow as molasses… Well that's what non-payer's content will look like – if these rules pass. This is asinine. These rules clearly demonstrate the idiocy of having industry insiders regulating their own – the fox guarding the hen house. Basically it's like giving the keys to the kingdom to Comcast and Verizon and pals and saying, "Have at it. Do what you like. You've got carte blanche." This is the result. But how could it be otherwise? Chairman Wheeler was the head of the cable industry's biggest lobbying association. He was also head of the wireless industry's top lobbying group. His whole life is built on "what's good for cable and wireless." How on earth could anyone realistically believe he could dramatically switch to a pro-consumer standpoint and leave behind all the years and dollars of his life as an industry lobbyist? These rules clearly show where Wheeler is at. This is a man who knows which side his bread is buttered on! But sadly, what's good for Comcast and AT&T and Verizon and so on is most emphatically not good for consumers. In the final analysis, all these rules do is legalize and legitimize a new, very lucrative revenue stream for these humongous, rich and powerful corporations. All at the expense of consumers. And in doing so, they will break the internet. This is outrageous. Internet access isn't a frivolous luxury – not in 2014. It's a basic utility, just like water, electricity and sewer. The ISP's should be classified and regulated as common carriers. That is the only answer that will suffice.
—Michael Pellegrini, Tacoma, WA

The Internet works for innovation and commerce because of fairness. Don't give big business additional advantages over individuals, entrepreneurs, and small companies. I do as much business with small firms as with large, and I want good service from them and a level playing field for them to innovate and grow.
—Richard Rubinstein, Arlington, MA

A two tier internet is not acceptable. I am a small business owner and we are the life blood of the economy in the USA. We the people do not agree with FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler. As a matter of fact we did not vote him into office nor did we give him the authority to take the action he is taking. Our voices will be heard and we will not tolerate this inappropriate action. Please throw out the rules and reclassify ISP's as common carriers.
—James Fierce, Palmdale, CA

Net neutrality means one tier. Not a paid fast lane. The chairman's responses to emails stating that he supports is simply not true and he should embrace real net neutrality and quit the double speak.
—Lisa Waugh, Mount Pleasant, NC

Because equal access to information regardless of the nature of the information should be available.
—Cullen Wright, Ashland, OR

stop this fucking shit you retards..
—Uday Bhatia, new delhi,

Given that telephone service itself is moving to the internet, it becomes more and more difficult to justify not bringing along the protections that apply to telephone service in general.
—Rachel Silber, Melrose, MA

A free and open internet helps small business and start-ups companies. Giving more power to ISP's will not grow our economy. The ISP's will limit new and fresh innovation if it infringes on any part of the services they provide. Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers. The Internet's freedom it is greatest strength.
—Joseph Q Carioti, Belleville, MI

The FCC's proposed Internet rules are undemocratic. Keep Net Neutrality.
—Joe Thornton, Albany, NY

We are already so far behind most countries in providing wifi access. Please don't add additional costs for people who rely on the free information. This will set us back even further.
—Patricia Daly OP, Montclair, NJ

Please keep our internet fair and just through net neutrality.
—Stephen Rogers, San Rafael, CA

The internet should be free, and should not be controlled by for-profit corporations!
—Daniel Hernandez, SLC, UT

A two tiered internet system is awful. Please do NOT change the internet, it is just fine as it is! Stop being greedy!!!
—Owen White, London,

Favoring businesses over the common people is why the government is so corrupt. Do you really want to follow along these lines? We are nearing a point where the United States government will be overthrown by it's people due to it's blatant disregard for the concerns of the people. A tiered internet is one of those concerns that is pushing you toward a precipice. Don't favor the providers and the businesses over the people. The internet should be free (imposing a federal pricing cap on these monopolies would be helpful too. $65 a month for internet service? Unacceptable!) and discrimination against it's users will only cause you trouble in the long run. Also, discrimination between types of data is invasion of privacy. Filesharing should be considered as no different than any other type of data transfer. Copyrights are a thing of the past. They and the DMCA are a violation of the right of the people to equality. We are not equal if people in the entertainment industry are paid exhorbitant amounts of money for things they did years ago while the rest of us live paycheck to paycheck (do you get paid over an over for a job you did 10 20, 40 years ago? Then why should they? If it weren't for copyrights CDs and DVDs could be bought for a couple of dollars instead of $20, and movie tickets the same). Leave our internet alone!
—John Peace, Lockport, NY

This is the common man's last open forum. Please do not allow consumer giants to determine what "they" think I want. I can tell you it isn't.
—Plistro Listro, Burbank, CA

Allowing cable providers to create 'fast lanes' will allow them to discriminate against sites. The ISP's have numerous subsidiaries. These new rules would allow them to discriminate against any competition that they may have.
—Mike, Pleasantville, NY

Net Neutrality is important to me as a consumer. The large ISP's already have too much power and money with the worst customer satisfaction ratings over any other business. Business insider displayed a list of 18 of the worst companies in America and it's interesting that 4 of the top 5 worst companies are the major ISP's. Don't allow them to obtain even more power to stick it to the consumer even more. They're stealing enough of our money as it is. Allowing ISP's to target any kind of internet traffic and to restrict it to the customer or to increase the latency intentionally is beyond ridiculous. If we are going to have any kind of internet traffic fast lanes there is only 1 kind of traffic that should have an exception and that's VoIP traffic. Making phone calls (especially emergency) is the only kind of traffic who should have a high priority. Other than that no traffic of any kind should be limited or intentionally slowed down or limited to a customer who is paying top dollar for access.
—Michael Caton, Richland, WA

Please don't destroy the only class equalizer we have left.
—Kelly Karvelis, Wilton, CT

The internet belongs to ALL the people, equally. It was never intended to become a tool to be exploited by monied interests, polarizing segments of society. All commerce conducted on this public highway needs to have equal access and equal treatment.
—Lori Jennings-Emery, Auburn, WA

The loss of net neutrality will be one more nail in the coffin of free speech. Please do not create one more giant single corporation controlling communication.
—Ron Prohaska, Shoreline, WA

Net neutrality is vital to the continued use of the internet, which benefits HUMANITY, not just individual organizations. Do not ruin the internet by destroying net neutrality.
—Scott Mann, Camby, IN

Access to free internet should be a right to all of us who choose it as it has become a means by which many of us exercise our rights to free speech,a right corporations might restrict if they gain control.The end of Net Neutrality would result in corporate control by the likes of Verizon with it's slow speed internet. Please continue Net Neutrality.
—Rob Keenan, Mukilteo, WA

I already pay companies to give me internet at a certain speed, they shouldn't control what speed i receive certain sites at. All of the sites should load at the same speed. The cost for consumers is high enough, they don't need any more money. Net Neutrality is the most important thing to the 21st century and is essential for competition to grow as most new companies need to have a website and they should have the same speed as others no matter what.
—Eduardo Hernandez Soto, Ocoee, FL

It's simple. Net neutrality equals internet equality. The Supreme Court has been chipping away at our equality in recent months. We don't need another government institution/agency standing AGAINST the people and in favor of corporations.
—Elnora Williams, West Palm Beach, FL

My family uses the internet daily. We no longer use a phone landline and we haven't subscribed to cable tv for many years. Internet access must be re-classified and protected as a public utility just as the phone, water and electricity. Unlike cable tv subscriptions, the internet is a necessity. It is how we communicate and without protection, it is subject to greed and will be hijacked by self-interest. The internet was for the public and should be a public utility. Without protection, there is no guarantee that it will remain publicly accessible and that is not in the best interest of the people (oxygen-breathing people that is...not corporate entities).
—Kandy Fabreo-Montelongo, San Carlos, CA

Without Net neutrality the cable companies will essentially destroy the economy of the Internet. - It will go from one of the most innovative tools of humanity into a commercialized disaster. Innovation will come to a halt, will hold the consumer hostage.
—Paul Joachim, Oviedo, FL

I dont think it is your job to pick winner and loses with the internet. What you need to do is reclassify ALL ISP'S as common carriers just like with our phone bills. No one should have special priviledges and that includes these big LEFTIST companies. This is just another way for you to curb free speech and that is protected by the US Constitution!!
—Donna M Barr, OLD FIELDS, WV

Ladies and Gentlemen of the FCC, Fast-lane favoritism or a two-tiered internet will destroy the primary importance of the internet: the dominance of choice, the will of ordinary people, the democracy of the internet. You are the regulatory agency whose purpose is ensure that communication is fair, forthright and in the interest of the American people. Net neutrality is the cornerstone of that purpose in the electronic and information age, of this, the twenty-first, century. The internet is a primary mode of communication and commerce all over the globe. It is the democratizing force in the developing world and it is the lever of control most easily pulled in dictatorships. If you give that power over to be bought and sold by corporations then how, as Americans, can we claim to stand for freedom, democracy or justice. Profit is not freedom. marketshare is not democracy, ownership and favoritism (purchased or otherwise) is not justice. Ladies and Gentlemen of the FCC, you are a regulatory agency of the United States Government, not a clearing house for the sale of America's common good. Please, reconsider, please, know better than to trade away net neutrality for the modern day's thirty pieces of silver. I have faith in you, we all do, show us that our faith is not in vain. Thank you for your time and your consideration,
—Marcus Mills, Minneapolis, MN

The internet is a necessity to live life in America. As a necessity like electricity and water, the internet should not be thought of as a "service" with "features" which deserve preference over others. The internet is a resource which every home has to have equally. Hence, the idea that some features get preferential treatment over others is antithetical to the idea that if you have a house, you have a pipe with water connected to it. The amount of water you use is controlled by the user. The information that the internet provides is the water. I choose what and how much I want, everyone HAS THE SAME SPEED. Please don't ruin the internet for Americans. Other countries in the western world are leaps and bounds ahead of the US in this regard. Not enforcing Net Neutrality will check yet another box where America lags behind the rest of the western world.
—Sal Kulkarni, Newbury Park, CA

The internet, and indeed all information should be free of any of these kinds of restrictions or favoritism. Also, limiting or allowing the limitation of the dissemination of these datas and information's will ultimately harm growing business in a world where everything is increasingly moving to the digital world. Many businesses save cost these days by simply not having a real world store front at all. It saves on start up costs. Allowing the demise of net neutrality harms business. And only favors the already established mega businesses such as amazon. In our economy anything that harms diversity, or denies others the CHANCE to compete is bad. The internet should be considered a universal utility. As essential to our modern way of living, and to out modern business practices as water. As streets. As food. As gas. As electricity itself. Protect bet neutrality from corporate control. From corporate money grabbing. Please reclassify the internet.
—Jonathan Cranfill, Conroe, TX

Today the internet is a key component to a huge number of people’s everyday lives. They rely on quick and honest information, provided in an equal environment where community groups and hard-working individuals have the same rights as large corporations. Uphold the principle of Net Neutrality, reclassify internet service providers as common carriers.
—Chris Swithinbank, Cambridge, MA

Protect free speech. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers, which they should be. Do not allow the big ISPs to monopolize the Internet
—J Brannon, Vilas, NC

Net Neutrality is important, because it protects freedom of speech, freedom of expression. the big companies don't like this all they want to do is have a monopoly and that never benefits anyone in the long run and short run. What's to stop big companies discriminating against the smaller business, new innovators or censor ideas because they don't agree with it. stop these companies from ruining the future of the net and the people who use it. enforce net neutrality. Don't allow them to break the constitution yet again.
—Gavin Freeman, Luton,

Dear FCC, The internet revolution was not built on limited/managed bandwidth. It was built on (virtually) unlimited bandwidth with little or no traffic management. In order to continue growing the internet and all its as yet undiscovered possibilities below is a simple recipe that would encourage growth and stifle abuse: If a provider want to offer 2 (or more including VoIP) tiers of service then they should be reclassified as a title 2 common carrier. Full Stop. If a provider chooses to offer only a single tier with limited traffic management, they should remain "information services" providers with the lower level of regulation that brings. The FCC should work to make sure that any group of citizens, including city, county, or state, have the right to create what ever type of internet service provider they wish. Regards, Bruce
—Bruce Gallemore, San Antonio, TX

The internet, like the United States, stands for freedom and liberty. If we let corporate interests dictate our browsing and surfing through bottlenecks and incentives, then the internet will lose it's feel as a medium of free expression. It will be just another molded and tailored product.
—Marcone Cangussu, Austin, TX

The Internet meets the require!ments to be classified as a common carrier. It is a central part of our communication system and its use is required in order to fully participate in the economy. Since many telephone systems use the Internet through the use of VOIP, its direct use as a part of the telephone system is extensive and growing, and the same arguments for regulating the telephone system apply equally to the Internet. Instead of creating fast lanes or other ways to prioritize traffic, you should require the providers to provide enough bandwidth to accommodate all traffic. The FCC should also promote competition and improve coverage by encouraging local municipalities to establish their own Internet services when commercial ISPs fail to provide adequate access and capacity at reasonable prices.
—Andrew F. Seila, Bogart, GA

Net neutrality is why I haven't started organizing grassroots movements to overhaul the FCC yet.
—Mimi Wei, washington dc, DC

Keep the Internet free. Why destroy the most successful enterprise in human history with financial corruption?
—Christopher Scerbo, New Castle, DE

I firmly believe that to allow broadband companies to allow privileged speed and access at a cost will severely harm the US potentially for growth in all start ups, small businesses and entrepreneurship. Keep the internet free and open as a resource for all in our country to use as an invaluable tool for businesses, research and development.
—Jeffrey Wassenaar, Malta, NY

Net Neutrality is a modern-day component of freedom. It must be preserved for everyone.
—David McGiffert, Northbrook, IL

This would be an incredibly disappointing policy that would furthers belief that money and incumbent interests are systematically destroying what's left of our democracy.
—Ned horneffer, New york, NY

Let's set the correct precedent for a newly connected world and let all ideas be shared for the better of everyone. We will destroy ourselves if we don't get away from the greed.
—Tim Maupin, Chicago, IL

When will you people realize this won't work? Sure you can pass it, but when enough of us unite we'll just rid of it. Whenever the people become restless they overthrow leadership and right now the leadership rests with the corporations who fund political campaigns. Should we get angry you will not have any money, because we will take it all and use it for our benefit.
—Olivia, Waldorf, MD

It never ceases to amaze me how one party's mantra is "big goverenment" yet they continuously decide to increase the amount the government interferes in citizen lives in order to help "big business." The government should leave the internet alone and actually start regulating service providers to force them to start providing good services or allow more competition into the market place so that customers can get the quality of service they pay for.
—J Graser, Naples, FL

Network neutrality is important to me because I feel that 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 me/us more depending on what we use. They make enough profit on the services they already cover. Leave this affordable for the rest of us, please.
—Mayo Underwood, mokena, IL

We need the freedom of information
—Mark Banks, Rhome, TX

Access to information must remain accessible to all!
—Amy Ramsey, austin, TX

Critical to innovation and economic growth is maintaining a level playing field for entrepreneurs. The Renaissance, the Industrial Revolution, Western Expansion in the US, and the recent economic expansionsin China and India all came about when people were granted the freedom to innovate new products and services and access to new markets in order to sell them. The Internet is such a playing field. The FCC's current plan would severely change the rules, favoring the large entrenched interests over the little guys, the ones that will ultimately usher in growth and improvement. AT&T, Verizon, and the other monopolies don't want to see innovation, it will only threaten them, as Netflix is doing. Hence, they will use the new rules to stifle any new entrant to the market. The internet was built by the US, and it operates due to the investment of all of us -- the argument that these companies should be able to charge more because they are operating the internet is ludicrous. It is time we instituted fair rules, that guarantees every internet entity will be treated equally. Please do the right thing and pull the current proposal off the table, and instead think about the needs of the many, rather than those of the few (lobbyists). Thank you.
—John Cleave, Evanston, IL

I do not subscribe to cable television for one very simple reason: It's is censored. The content and information presented on TV is controlled by the money-grubbing corporations that demand huge payments for content delivery. That is not democracy. That is payola. Now you want to extend that same model to the Internet, the last true bastion of free speech and information sharing in our society? What a travesty. This is absolute proof that our government no longer protects its citizens. Or let me correct that: It longer protects its human, "non-corporate" citizens. I have never been more disappointed in my government. This is my tipping point.
—Mr. Tom Engelhardt, Buffalo, NY

If a two tier net neutrality is allowed to happen, I honestly feel that the large providers have almost NO REASON to develop the network the internet runs on for the lower tier. The second tier (which will be us, the consumers and small businesses) will languish on old technology and significantly slower speeds while giant corporations will reap the benefits. I believe the system will essentially be financed with 75% of the profits coming from the huge volume of second tier while the "fast lane" will get upgraded the most frequently. I don't honestly think the second tier will see speed/connectivity increases anywhere near as frequently as the "fast lane" tier, yet the second tier will most likely generate the most expendable income for the providers! The way it would work would be like 10,000 companies across america paying $250,000 a year for their entire company to have access to a fast lane generating $2.5 billion. If 86,000,000 American households pay an average of $30 a month for internet, that is $2.8 billion alone. Add in millions of small businesses and that increases the second tier contribution a great deal more. Even being generous, if the contributions were 50/50, the implementation of new technology and speeds will most assuredly NOT be 50/50, probably closer to 80/20. Real-life example: My friend who works in Kansas City gets 50Mbps in his office, up from 35Mbps two years ago. Where I live the DSL maximum speeds went from 7Mbps to 10Mbps in 10 YEARS and I literally live one block from the Central Office, there is no technical reason I should not have at LEAST 20Mbps since I can throw a stone and hit a fiber optic backbone. This is the frustrating reality I live with now and I firmly believe that it will get exponentially worse if a two-tier system is implemented!
—David Baker, Nortonville, KS

The internet is a vast resource of knowledge and resources that should be readily available to all. Please reconsider these harmful changes and keep our internet free and open!
—Casey Jones, Sumner, GA

Alllowing ISPs to control content is essentially censorship. How the FCC can approve this direction is dismaying. Please re-think your previous decision and reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Janet L Shallbetter, Brooklyn Park, MN

Do not allow private corporations to own more than the people. Net Neutrality is needed to keep us "little" folk on a fair playing field when it comes to information gathering. If the FCC kills Net Neutrality it will continue the pattern of taking away rights of the people in same manner as the Supreme Court. We the people made the country not a few corporations.
—Jeanette Beck-Harrell, Brooklyn, NY

The Internet is how many of us make a living. We do not need our hands tied or the speed of doing business in the slow lane.
—Steve Core, DENVER, CO

A free and open internet is more important than political gain or money in the bank. Reclassify ISPs as a common carrier. You know it is the right thing to do for all of us. Thank you.
—Michelle Murphy, Hanover, PA

This plan is an attack on the basic American right of equality. Far too many times has the Government chosen big business (or big money rather) over the rights of the people. There is no valid reason why the Government or the ISP's should be able to decide who is worthy of fast internet and who is not. This flies against the morales and decency of a country that used to be worth defending. It will stifle small businesses and young creators/inventors/entrepeneur s from reaching their full potential. This is just a nail in the coffin of the American Dream. I am really ashamed that this is even being considered and ask that a "reality" check is done. Once the egos and greed have been taken out of the picture, it should be easy to see that all people with internet access should be treated equally regardless of their financial status.
—Sarah Thomsen, Madison, AL

I feel that the Internet isn't broken, so therefore doesn't need to be fixed. If the communication companies think they are entitled to making laws then they are wrong. The infrastructure is fine and they shouldn't be able to charge anyone more than anyone else due to any amount of traffic. This would be detrimental to smaller start ups and would cut down on accessibility to those who need it most. If the FCC goes through with this Gustapo bullshit then it should be met with fierce resistance.
—Tom wheelers shadow, Winchester, MA

Equal and unrestricted/unlimited access to the internet is imperative in today's society!!!
—Jamie Chase, Massena, NY

Because equal access to information for all is important. Other countries around the world pay far less for much faster internet access. We need more competition, not giant cable/internet providers forcing companies to pay more for faster speeds. They should be upgrading their systems to deal with increased demand. If they don't want to that's fine, others will. No one should be able to prioritize how fast something gets to someone who pays for it. If they don't like how Netflix uses its networks then maybe they should get out of the business of providing internet service. Innovation is the one power the USA still has that can help us stay on top as one of the world's powerful countries. If the internet is split we will loose that edge and be much more like China where people can see things and people can't. In an economy where wages have been stagnant for years, yet costs have risen, its ludicrous that you would even contemplate allowing cable/internet providers to raise costs even more. You are supposed to be protecting consumers from corporations and instead you agree with their side. Your true colors are showing and your innate biased (as having former lobbyist serve one panel) should automatically disqualify you from making any of these decisions.
—Amanda Rose, winter park, FL

Please stop sanding up for greedy corporations (who are NOT people by the way, despite what the corrupt SCOTUS may say) and stand up for the American People - All Of Them! The Internet should always be free from the undue influence of commercial interests. A free and open Internet benefits All The People, not just the richest or most politically influential (which generally ends up defined as "the richest"). Reclassify ISPs as common carriers and throw out the Wheeler Plan. It is your duty as a representative of the American People.
—Mr. Joseph Moore, Van Nuys, CA

Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Rob Goelz, Herndon, VA

If this nation is a true democracy, people should have access to open communication. Net Neutrality is critical for open discussion and access to information in order to maintain our democratic system of checks and balances.
—Dr. Joseph Garcia, Bellingahm, WA

FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler still thinks a two-tiered the Protect free speech online by reclassifying Internet service providers as common carriers. As an active internet entrepreneur, I need the same level playing field as companies with deep pockets. A two-tiered internet goes against free speech and would allow discrimination online, creating a fast lane for companies that can afford the steep tolls and pushing the rest of us to a slower tier of service. This is the worst thing imaginable for the Internet.
—Mary Ann Sircely, Eastsound, WA

We the people need the only last real place to get non corporate made up Anti-American propaganda. This is crucial information that ALL AMERICANS HAVE A RIGHT TO HAVE. NOT CORPORATIONS USING THE PEOPLES AIRWAVES TO SPREADING MISINFORMATION AND LIES TO MAKE A BUCK OR HAVE TOTAL CONTROL OVER THE COUNTRY. This Plan of yours CANNOT go Forward!
—Ron Ardia, Littleton, CO

This is important because it is what the majority of the American folks want and have spoken out for. How about we actually listen to what Americans want and represent them instead of corporations.
—Kim Therrien, South Royalton, VT

The internet is the one medium where a new entrepreneur can build a business without worrying that another enterprise with greater wherewithal will knock them off the road, so to speak. Currently, as long as someone pays a reasonable fee they can tailer their bandwidth to the needs of the business. Fees are now set by competition. Dividing bandwidth into any configuration where a private corporation of any sort controls bandwidth exclusively will lead to further divisions thereby choking the average person from the benefit or funnel a person away from the competition of the agency controlling access. As such, any current business that uses the internet to stream content should not be controlled by another for the purpose of impairing competition. Although the modern internet is now primarily funded by private industry, the basic infrastructure was funded by tax payers. Consequently, no one organization should be able to increase costs for access to its customer base from outside competition - those who are allowed access to the internet via a privately funded access line - as long as the organization uses any part of the tax payer funded structure. I vote no to the current government plan to tier internet use and access.
—Roger Soldano, Midland, MI

Sounds like extortion to me. Corporations do not own the internet. What's next...censorship?
—Jeff Stahler, Fredericksburg, VA

The United States has seen unfathomable growth over the past decade and a half due to our advancements in internet based technologies. Allowing ISPs the ability to throttle access to the internet is a step in the wrong direction and will surely stifle entrepreneurial opportunity. Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Thank you for your time.
—Francis Carbone, Austin, TX

Reclassify ISP's as common carriers. Multi-national companies have hindered progress and innovation in the US enough already and should not be allowed to slow down the internet.
—Leslie Reed, Tampa, FL

Net neutrality is important as freedom of speech. All people have the right to have information shared equally without government or corporate control. Even if only one small change is made the principle of net neutrality is lost. In much the same way if we declared freedom of speech but excluded or ability to criticize the government. Anyone who does not support full net neutrality is not an American. If the constitution were written today there is no doubt in my mind that net neutrality would be included in the bill of rights. Any attempt to corrupt net neutrality, the founding principle for which the internet was created, should be met with the same ferocity as a vote to nullify the bill of rights. Net neutrality will be maintained without a doubt. The generation that was born of the internet will not be held captive by the unwitting generation before it. Regardless what you try to do today, we will be undo it tomorrow. You can not take away our internet equality much like you can not take away souls or our freedom. Expect us.
—Kyle Brown, Jacksonville, NC

I don't need to explain this....are you out of your mind save the net!
—Malakai Riker, Toronto,

Please return the internet to it's intended state and reclassify ISP's as common carriers. Don't bow down to the money.
—Kelly Denison Denison-Cole, Brooklyn, NY

Please reclassify the internet to preserve net neutrality.
—Karl t, Dublin, CA

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers, a two tier discriminatory system ONLY benefits the corporate providers, hinders market competitiveness, particularly for small start ups. Hinders education for our youth and hinders democracy and free speech in general. The internet is not a luxury at this point in our history for most ordinary people, it's a necessity for everyday activities that enables society to function, and more akin to a utility than a commodity. Your proposal promotes the monopolization of what should be a public resource contrary to anti-trust principles and radically fails to serve all the American people and debilitates our national capability to succeed in an ever globalized world which is not only wrong, IT IS SHAMEFUL! Serve the interest of ALL THE PEOPLE!!!
—Terry Taylor, New York, NY

STOP THE GREED AND AVARICE
—Jen Waldon, Nottingham, MD

Keep the internet NEUTRAL, there is NO need to create a 'fast lane' internet for only those who can afford it, this is just another form of discrimination and widens the gap between 'classes' in the United States.
—Melissa, Idaho Falls, ID

Two-tier Internet access is like any form of discrimination. There will be people who can afford it and the rest. Please don't create another yet another injustice in the society, we have so many of them to dissemble.
—Malicia Dabrowicz, St julians,

The Internet provides an incredibly equitable, democratic platform for expression and education. By prioritizing the service of some over others, the FCC will undermine freedom of expression and speech by telling citizens that their voices and their thoughts are unimportant -- unless they can afford to pay for the "hyperspeed lane."
—Aidan Diamond, Delmar, NY

Come on Wheeler, make the right choice here. See to it that internet service providers get reclassified as Title II common carriers.
—Logan McClellan, Spring, TX

Big Brother censored books in Orwell's 1984. The FCC allowing ISPs to censor the net is no different.
—Brandon S., Folsom, PA

It's time to end this debate and classify broadband service providers as Common Carriers.
—William James, Wauwatosa, WI

Seriously -- don't do this.
—Gary Dowell, Dallas, TX

The Internet is the last bastion of a true free market. I know from personal experience: It has allowed me to leverage my skills, creativity, and work ethic into a career that has circumvented middle men and bureaucratic bottlenecks. I implore you to jettison the discriminatory proposed rules and reclassify ISP's as common carriers. I am counting on you , and monitoring you, to do the right thing.
—Lionel Cartwright, Nashville, TN

The US will fall even further behind other countries in technology, education, innovation and the arts if the highest speed internet service is no longer freely available to its population. The US already pays more for inferior internet service compared to other countries; a non-neutral internet would cripple its population while only benefitting a very few large corporations.
—Charles Gibson, Santa Monica, CA

The Internet has so much potential and I belive that Net Neutrality under Title II of the Telecommunications act is something that will help it.
—Emerson, Cambridge, MA

The internet must remain independent of America's capatilism. We need the Internet to be available for learning, as well as entertainment. It is the future of everything we know, and connect t Please do not reserve the internet for business's, and the wealthy; it simply would not be fair, or justified.
—Brandon Fields, Waterford, MI

The proposed FCC rules take us back to the days of businesses having faster internet service and homes having dial-up modems, but in this case people who can't afford the extra fees for "provider approved" faster services will be the ones losing out. Other countries in the world can provide fast and cheap internet service, but our service is mired in politics and provider greed. All we hear from the government is "equality", but when you start offering an expensive, two tiered internet, you are removing the great equalizer - information. If a student needs to watch online video for school, but his ISP throttles it, how does that affect his education? Net Neutrality is the real equalizer.
—Stacy Emberson, Allen, TX

The LAST thing this country needs is for anyone, including the network providers, the media creators or the government to be controlling the information to which we have access. All of us deserve free access to all available information, regardless of whether someone else thinks it is appropriate or valuable.
—Rucker Keister, Lynchburg, VA

Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers. I rely on the internet for phone and alarm system. It does not make sense to me that this is even a discussion. ISPs should have been reclassified a long time ago.
—Scott Fisher, Hudson, OH

The internet has always been something everybody could enjoy without too many limitations. We don't have much of that.
—Mo, Abu Dhabi,

Reclassify the ISPS. Period. Problem solved. PLEASE PROTECT NET NEUTRALITY!
—Carol Cross, Redwood City, CA

Net neutrality is important for small business, as we all know the beleagered kingpin of our economy. Buying fast track internet service can be the blow to a small or start up company. Don't do this two tiered system, you will also be fanning the flames of the haves vrs have-not vitripude that sadly marks our political discourse these days. We need more unity, not more tearing apart in this country right now.
—Marty Mericka, los angeles, CA

Please allow net neutrality remain. Otherwise it will discriminate between those who have money and can afford faster internet and those who who can't. Please think of the greater good in this case! Thank you!
—Miriam Broderick, Payson, UT

Reclassify ISPs as Common Carriers I call on the FCC to act in the Public interest for a change, and as it is chartered to do, and reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Corporations have demonstrated no capacity to act as good citizens, to show fairness or to check their greed in the conduct of their business practices. They can not be trusted to act for the common good and, if empowered further by the destruction of "Net Neutrality", would have the capacity to further destroy the market place of thought and information as it serves their profits, empowerment and exploitation of the people of the United States. The honest act on your part; the honest and straight dealing on behalf of "We the People" by the FCC regarding a level playing field for the use of the internet is for the FCC to discard it current rule and reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Dale Lehman, Chicago, IL

Because we all pay for the service and why slow it down for people who cannot afford a much bigger plan. Internet is supposed to be free. The companies can upgrade their systems with the profits they have earned if the bandwidth becomes an issue. They just don't want to because they want to maximize their profits. By Limiting speed for different subscribers, its just another way for them to make a quick buck without actually providing any more service. They will actually take away from our experience.
—Tony Paygane, Los Angeles, CA

We need equality, not another ill informed government sponsored rule enabling the service provider monopoly to charge yet more for basic services. Stop putting money ahead of community
—Patrick Mitchell, Davidson, NC

For keeping our educational system, our entrepreneurship, and our free right to information open and safe I demand that net Neutrality be upheld.
—Omar Roland Ott, Lynchburg, VA

The Internet should be treated as a public utility, not sold to the highest bidder.
—Emlen Evans, Montpelier, VT

The Internet belongs to the World...not the 1% or 2% or 10%.
—Thomas McGaffey, SaddleBrooke, AZ

Please truly consider the desires of regular people before making a decision about net neutrality. Even though it might be good for businesses to allow for faster internet for some, it would be detrimental for the general public. Isn't that what the internet is truly for? People, who are definitely not corporations. Please do what's right for people and not corporations and keep the net neutral. Thanks.
—Dee smith, Van Nuys, CA

Dear FCC- This is a horrendous idea. I can barely afford my internet and it is not the fastest or greatest. I just finished college with a bachelors in Criminal Justice and a Minor in History and the job market is terrible. The internet is my main source of not just entertainment but for applying for jobs and doing research. If you go along with your plan, than it was just make my life much more difficult because connection would be slowed to the point that it may be almost impossible to upload my resume for a job, and without a job I could not pay for the second tier of internet use. It would just be an endless cycle. And it would be your fault Mr. Wheeler.
—Kaitlyn Hunnefield, brockton, MA

We need net neutrality for the future of our youth. The small start up company could never compete with giants paying for a fast lane, do your damn job correctly and fire Tom Wheeler.
—Jackson Vu, Bronx, NY

This is about keeping the Internet open for innovation and democracy. We already have the closed architecture of cable television. Comcast and co should deliver connectivity and let us choose content for ourselves on a level playing field.
—Philip Evans, Hingham, MA

This is a unique tool in human history do not destroy it. I know it frightens you but I'm sure your ancestors were frightened too as the fought the way west. Do not show their descendants to be cowards.
—Pete Benson, aylesbury,

Approximately 2 whole decades of work and nourishment from my generation will be wasted if you ignore net neutrality. Why is your generation, who knows so little about the internet, trying to put restrictions on it? The open internet allows free expression, amazing learning tools, and communication more convenient and easy than ever thought by previous generations. The end of net neutrality would essentially be the commencement of a new period of a dark age. Allowing big companies WHO DON'T EVEN COMPETE WITH EACH OTHER to buy their way into the fastlane is positively ludricous, and if you allow it, then it will be hard evidence that humans, or at least everyone at FCC, has actually started to reverse the process of evolution. You will look like nothing more than apes.
—Tristan Oakunsheyld, penticton,

The little guy deserves just as good in internet service and the big rich corporations. ISP providers are common carriers just like the telephone companies.
—John Gailey, South Jordan, UT

The internet is the greatest, most powerful single invention of our time. It should be open, freely accessible and not subjected to corporate manipulation.
—Mr. Tyler Collier, Norcross, GA

Please do not end Net Neutrality. Please do not turn the internet into a exclusivity-net -- the world wide web should open to all.
—Carla J Cruit, Parsons, TN

net neutrality is a MUST to preserve equal access to the internet. The internet CANNOT be controlled by Comcast, Verizon, ATT
—Alan Stein, bellingham, WA

I believe it is vital to keep information freely available to everyone who needs it. If we distinguish the haves vs the have nots in this area we will limit the ability for people to work hard and achieve the American dream. Limiting access will also greatly impact politics as politics become more social media driven access is crucial to ensure balanced representation.
—Mary Roane, Stoughton, MA

Internet Neutrality is a must to keep. I oppose Internet Service Providers like AT&T, Comcast, etc to create two-tiered Internet.
—Mr. Diogenes Grassal, New York, NY

Leave the internet ALONE! Leave the internet ALONE! Leave the internet ALONE! We DO NOT NEED corporate OVERLORDS!!!
—Jack Lawrence, Nashville, TN

No individual or company should be able to pay for “prioritized transmission,” nor should service providers be allowed to slow traffic or block access. Broadband customers should be free to use their own private networks, while the providers themselves should provide regular transparency reports about broadband access.
—Pierre Labat, Campbell, CA

The internet is as American as America. It needs to be set free. I do not want some 3rd party deciding what content is fast or slow.
—Mr. Michael Steward, Covington, KY

The internet, like our government should be for the PEOPLE!!
—Kathleen Lovell, Auburn, NY

Please, please, please, please PLEASE DO THE RIGHT THING. Let the human race continue to evolve from as equal a playing field as possible. Of course corporations want to buy the opportunity to be "more equal than others." That doesn't mean we should let them. And it doesn't mean anyone but them will benefit from it. Keep the net neutral. Don't rationalize what they want. Do the right thing. Please. Imagine what the world could be if we don't continue to concentrate the power in the hands of the few. A few that will never have our best interests at heart. PLEASE DO THE RIGHT THING.
—Serena Howlett, Concord, CA

Dear FCC, There are enough ways in which the world has disparities between the rich and the poor, don't make access to information via the internet another way this occurs. Be decent and think about what is morally right. Keep the internet neutral.
—Kathryn Schwarz, Oakland, CA

Net neutrality is important to me because, the restricted access can limit the open nature of the internet. When Net Neutrality is not in place, the internet service providers become the gate keepers of access to it. They are able to control the destiny of companies by allowing or restricting the customers access.
—Matthew Briggs, Seattle, WA

Internet is a shared asset, I mean shared amongst all "humans' of the planet, it is our means of communication in this digital age. It must not be owned & controlled by any corporation, we need rules & laws to protect net neutrality. Who would accept that a corporation controls what he's saying loud (voice) ? No one, so the same should be for Internet communications in all forms !
—Pierre Longpré, Montreal,

Net neutrality must be enforced. Service providers shall not be allowed to censor content as they please. This would destroy the internet as we know it. Anyone who would allow this must be forcefully removed from their positions at the FCC.
—Andrew, Canby, OR

Equal opportunity to the net's resources with ISPs as common carriers---the internet as a utility---is the only way to check the undue power of a handful of huge corporate interests.
—Michael Sugg, Portland, OR

Even playing field for all!
—Joshua Zucker, New York, NY

Shame on you for even trying.
—Mrs. Marla Munson, Marysville, WA

Why are you trying to fix something that is not broken? The people of this country are not asking you to make changes to the internet and we don't need another politician siding with businesses. Have you all forgotten that you are suppose to work for the people and not for businesses? Is there anyone left in government that is actually looking out for the citizens? I just don't understand. This is supposed to be a free country with the right to free speech...so why are you messing with that. If you make this change then we are going to have to see you in supreme court, why go through that messing with something that is not broken. We don't need the country to continue to be divided by class...we may as well add a caste system since we are working so very hard to have class system of the have and have nots. 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. He needs to know that this won't fly. The only way — and we mean the only way — to protect free speech online is to reclassify Internet service providers as common carriers. Save the Internet: Tell Chairman Wheeler to Reclassify. And it's not just Free Press calling for reclassification. Hundreds of organizations — and millions of people nationwide — have banded together in support of real Net Neutrality. Now it's your turn.
—Jennifer Woodard, Detroit, MI

Please reclassify ISP's as common carriers.
—Angel Sullivan, Dunedin, FL

Don't let the corporations run the internet like they run everything else! Please keep our internet neutral for all to use. Thank you.
—Blake Dimick, Murray, UT

Net Neutrality is important because corporate agendas are not my agendas. I deal with manipulated media all day long but the internet has a chance of being that one source of information and expression of ideas minus the special considerations for entities that can afford them.
—Clayton Porter, Santa Fe, NM

The internet is one of the greatest inventions ever, adding immeasurably to the scope and quality of life on earth. If small sections of people are allowed to direct it, it will be strangled. The growth of mankind itself could be stunted, distorted, false! The public, the private, the government all need this phenomenal tool to remain whole, and untainted with overwhelming personal biases. It is beyond important to keep the internet undiminished, now, just when the world stands to gain the cures, the easing of burdens, the cessation of struggles. This is a turning point and can be the making or the breaking of us all. Thank you for considering how important your role is in the outcome, and what it means to your human family.
—Randy S. Command, Kalamazoo, MI

I urge the FCC to reclassify Internet Service Providers as common carriers. Keep the internet open and neutral!
—David Paz, Lincoln, NE

Net Neutrality is valuable everywhere in the world, losing it in any place will harm foreign users and I won't allow that. Free internet is the way things shall go.
—Marisa Carlos Martinet, Sant cugat del Valles, CA

I'd LOVE to tell you how I feel, but my internet is choked. Something about my bandwidth being held hostage. . .
—John McCarthy, Holbrook, NY

Throw out your rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers! I will never support you if you do not support real net neutrality!
—John Post, Birmingham, AL

The internet has thrived with net neutrality. It will be turned into a private thing if ISP's are allowed to discriminate, and blackmail content providers into paying up.
—William D. Sturtz, Boulder, CO

A "Consolidated" internet, imao, is like burning books.....for the peoples good, buuuuut..not really! We aren't totally stupid!
—Lorraine, see above, MD

I am not one who signs every petition that makes it's way into my inbox - but this I think is extremely important. Net Neutrality affects people from all demographics and as a female filmmaker I am completely aware of how much the internet has benefited artists not represented in the mainstream culture. Creating a fast track is essentially akin to asking pedestrians to pay a toll in order to walk on city streets. What was once a society that allowed for free expression and had at least a modicum of egalitarianism with online platforms will disappear. The internet, of course, means a lot of idiots expressing themselves but it also allows for people without a voice to have one. Please don't block yet another route for reaching an audience without the almighty dollar.
—Jennifer Dean, New York, NY

From a very young age I always used to love making things. Well now my job is to make things. For the internet. With all these ideas of "Slowing down some" and "Speeding some up (Who pay more of course)" Me, and just about everyone else who's job is internet related will some day be hurt by this. Please, don't let this happen.
—Justin Goetz, Pittsburgh, PA

Somethings in this world ought to be free and neutral, by which I mean large companies should not be able to pay for the ability to get faster broadband service from ISP's than little startups who won't be able to get a big following because they can't afford it. It's not even a matter of fairness but of historical precedent. Google and Amazon wouldn't exist if the rules favored big companies. Out internet history would be very different if competition was stifled by bigger richer companies. So don't let ISP's make more profit by stifling innovators and making the country that invented the internet become a second or third class internet power as compared to Europe, China or even small countries as South Korea or Finland. The thirst for profit has already made us one the slowest bandwidth countries in the world thanks to silly competition and shareholder thirst for profit.
—Patrick Danser, Martinez, GA

Ending net neutrality would fundamentally change the nature of the internet for the worst. We cannot give service providers legal justification to strong arm companies. Just because the capability exists for a service provider to do something like this, doesn't mean we should allow them to do it.
—Jason Cohen, Washington, DC

You change the internet you change the world. We try and use different regions, but it doesn't work, not really. The internet traverses borders and it's beautiful and brilliant. That's why I'm writing from here in Ireland in complete concern. I'm concerned because the internet has allowed me to find people that would have been impossible otherwise. The internet has given me clientele I doubt I would have found. The internet allows me to dream Big and reach Further. The internet is a huge step for Mankind. Huge. To turn around and filter it, to block it, break it down would be a folly, and I believe, eventually, we'd all drift away - no one wants to be fed and filtered, not when we've had this freedom already Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers
—Sarah Crossan, Dublin,

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality. We don't want a a two-tiered Internet. All online content and applications should have the same chance to reach people.
—Frances Hill, Montreal,

A throttled, two-tiered system for internet access hurts small American businesses, hurts the marginalized communities we as a nation are responsible for protecting, and hurts free access to information. Net Neutrality in the US shows the world exactly how strong we are when we provide education, communication, and opportunity through technology. Please classify ISPs as common carriers; the world depends on YOUR example!
—Lauren Goodnight, Columbia, SC

Put the interests of US Citizens first. Reclassify Internet Service Providers as common carriers to protect the open internet as an information superhighway for ALL.
—Brian M Gallagher, Riverview, FL

The commercialization of everything is destroying the deepest values of the country. Equally open access to everything on Internet is central to a morally healthy world. Please don't let the rich force the poorer of our world to not have access to the ears (and even pockets) of those they wish to communicate with. The value of Internet is that you can choose who you want to listen to (and if you're wise, you listen to many different voices). A monotone from the monopolies is the death of free speech. I read that reclassifying ISPs as common carriers would stop the possibility of the big Internet service providers of creating a tiered Internet in terms of access speed. If so, please do this. Sue Toledo
—Sue Toledo, Saint Louis, MO

the world belongs to its people, not to corporations
—Ms. Belinda Cunnison, edinburgh,

Don't take away my basic right of freedom of speach.
—James Hugh Fitzpatrick, E Stroudsburg, PA

It would be to the detriment of the grass roots people to lose their current access to the internet. All Americans cannot afford even the lowest fee for internet accessibility. Keep it as for the poorest of Americans.
—Shahid Raki, Dayton, OH

I think the proper solution is real competition in each region. But the big telcos have long ago managed to convince congress to rig that game in their favor. The fact that I have no real choice for broadband in my area except Time-Warner is UN-AMERICAN. Given this, if the choice is between the FCC's proposed internet rules of a two-tiered or multi-tiered internet, and reclassifying ISPs as common carriers, I reluctantly think that we should reclassify ISPs as common carriers. The multi-tiered internet sounds disastrous for new start-ups. It is all very complicated, so we must rely to some extent on trust, and it seems rather naive if not stupid to trust the head of the FCC when his background is representing broadband providers and telcos. Here is my vote to reclassify ISPs as common carriers, and against a multi-tiered internet.
—John M Walters, San Diego, CA

Net neutrality is an essential freedom for Americans. I don't even know why this is a question. Are companies that damned important in this country? If they are, I'm moving to Canada for true freedom.
—Jonathan Schraffenberger, Ramsey, IN

We need a common carrier standard for Internet telecommunications as we need it for telephony and transportation
—Dr. Patrick Burkart, Bryan, TX

Please do NOT create a two tiered system for the internet. Instead, please reclassify telecommunication companies as telecom services.
—Mathieu Martin, Reynoldsburg, OH

We don't need politics or big business toying with our Internet communications.
—Virginia McDonnell, Succasunna, NJ

Please do not allow big corporations to run our free internet, please do not approve these rules, believe in the people of this great country insure our rights.
—Patrick Walters, Roxboro, NC

For once, will you please do what you were elected to do, and represent the good of the people? Not the good of the privileged corporate elite! Please support net neutrality!!
—Christine Love, Olympia, WA

Imagine the fast lane would push the students out of lane due to their inability to pay for it when they are paying their education plus burden with increase education debts...isn't it enough already. Please gain some common sense...
—Shannon Callahan, San Diego, CA

you gotsta let me keeps my internets "free"
—Edward Arthur Gray, Iowa City, IA

FCC: I've already sent in several well-worded arguments and so have millions of others. Your unwillingness to listen and your willingness to make a blatantly unjust act so that you can get more money disgust me. So all I have are two words for you: Fuck you.
—Tommy Ory, Tulsa, OK

I demand REAL Net neutrality! Reclassify the internet under title two. I will not accept nothing less than real net nuetrality. We will not stop fighting to preserve a free internet.
—Michal Hipner, Mount Prospect, IL

Access to the internet needs to be available to everyone, regardless of ability to pay more or less. Many jobs use only websites for applications, and many government agencies - such as unemployment, the IRS, and schools - use internet service almost exclusively in some cases. Many home school programs, and in some cases research materials, are only available online. Small businesses and artists rely on websites to create revenue. Smaller libraries in rural communities may not have the funds to pay for faster access, and as such will have to close their computer labs to patrons, denying valuable resources. By creating a two-tier system for internet access, in essence we are allowing a monoply situation where only the wealthy and privelged will have access to the same services everyone has access to now. The internet is for everyone, and needs to remain available to everyone equally.
—Ramona LaCour, North East, MD

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—Michal Dabrowska Hipner, Mount Prospect, IL

The discrimination Chairman Wheeler is proposing is anti-democratic. I oppose his plan.
—Dr. Colin MacKinnon, Chevy Chase, MD

FCC throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Michal Ondrasek, Kezmarok,

You cannot let the flow of information become governed by corporations. Since recent Supreme Court decisions of late have sided with corporations a march toward silencing people has continued. The Internet is too vital to be controlled by the richest's cash. KEEP THE 'NET NEUTRAL.
—David Razowsky, Los Angeles, CA

In order to maintain a free and innovative internet, we need to keep the internet so that new, small businesses have a chance to compete. Please support Net Neutrality for the good of ALL of the people, not just a few large corporations.
—Terry Kack, San Diego, CA

Simply put, the internet is no longer a luxury it is a necessity. It is no one's to control. If you are going to offer the services then find a different more creative way to profit from it. This would be as if a grocery store said, "we aren't making enough money on fruits and vegetables, let's just limit the amount you can purchase unless they buy higher margin junk food." Though the situation is not life or death for people, it may be for startups or for people whose jobs depend on the services provided.
—Justin Crane, battle creek, MI

Please do your job instead of pandering to the cable companies. Vague regulations that allow for disparity between paid and unpaid traffic will suppress free speech and innovation. ISPs must be classified as common carriers for real market competition to occur.
—J Conrad Shelton Jr, Sammamish, WA

Net Neutrality will protect my small business online and allow people to find my business. It will allow potential clients to make a more informed decision. It keeps me and my small business available to everyone.
—Mary Jensen, Redmond, WA

Time Warner already ignores customer complaints since we have no other choice in our neighborhood, i.e. a MONOPOLY. Letting them merge with Comcast will just create a bigger abusive monopoly.
—Prof Robert Martha M. J and Sacker, Los Angeles, CA

Keep the internet the way it is!
—A Belanger, Windsor, CT

Please keep this a level playing field, no advantages for those who can afford exceptions and exemptions. Like the air we breathe or the sunshine that reaches us in broad daylight, let access be regulated and allocated using a single unit of measure, a single set of criteria. E Pluribus Unum for a change. Thank you.
—Paul J. Longo, Merced, CA

Fast lanes for companies like Netflix is bullshit. We have the worst Internet speeds in America ALREADY and you want to disable smaller companies and make Netflix pay more so you can get another yacht? Start working FOR THE PEOPLE not for corporations who are paying you to make them even more money.
—Amanda Leanne Toggweiler, longwood, FL

Net Neutrality IS the Strap on the Boot we are expected to pull up. If it is commodified as this plan would assure then yet another major tool of independence and self-determination will be denied the average citizen. Make a choice for the ages-not your Dividend Portfolio.
—Michael NJ Wright, Chicago, IL

Net neutrality is needed by all! From individuals to businesses! Discrimination online will not only hinder our rights but our economy.
—Sarah Watkins, Lehi, UT

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. And no one would be able to do anything about it. Please block this plan
—jason Braga, Roseville, CA

The internet should be treated more like a utility or common carrier. It is vital to so many aspects of society. Net Neutrality is VERY important and we need to support that. The current FCC rules should be removed or changed to classify ISPs as common carriers. Our current situation is not tenable for anyone except those who financially benefit from the current state of affairs. Please consider this in your ruling.
—Ross Larson, Appleton, WI

The internet is kind of like the ocean. It is considered to be international waters for no person to individually own or to break into owned territories. The internet is open for a good reason so everyone can use it with no boundaries. It is kind of like open source software were the user can use it for free and modify it to their pleasure. This has actually helped other companies to develop great things like android or even added to Apple's Mac OS X. It is amazing all the good that has come out of it. I realize at the same time that it can be abused as well like piracy of movies, but getting rid of net neutrality is only going to make things worse. We can come up with better rules to keep things in line and still open for the public.
—Jameson Ballard, Provo, UT

With Liberty (freedom from arbitrary or despotic control) and Justice (the quality of being just, impartial, or fair) for ALL.
—Ms. K kowalewski, albany, CA

Please protect net neutrality so that we all have equal access.
—Luci Lytle, Blaine, WA

A major industry in our country is the internet, and a major source of income is with companies like facebook, that start with a single guy sitting there writing code, then throwing it on the internet, and the rest of us loving it and making it grow like wild fire. These companies, which are the vast majority, don't start with the budget to buy the fast pass, and as such will not be able to overthrow and replace facebook, like facebook replaced myspace. The fast lanes will cripple our dot com startups, which could cripple our society and economy.
—John M Irwin, Seattle, WA

The Internet is a platform on which all different kinds of new businesses are built—and all new businesses shouldn't need to pay a "tax" for faster connections to their customers. The FCC could singlehandedly destroy Silicon Valley's tech scene by imposing these rules for Internet discrimination. Please reconsider and adopt common carrier rules for the ISPs—the economy depends on it.
—Mr. Phillip Tang, New York, NY

Chairman Wheeler and the FCC, it is imperative that you affirm your commitment to true net neutrality by reclassifying ISPs as common carriers. The rules you have currently proposed are absolutely terrible and do not represent a commitment to net neutrality. The only groups who would benefit from those rules are ISPs/telecoms. Meanwhile, the tech sector and the overall economy will suffer as it becomes impossible for tech and internet startups to operate without destructively premature infusions of venture capital. True net neutrality is necessary because it allows small businesses and startups to flourish. The internet has been an incubator for incredible technologies--as well as an opportunity for bright individuals from lower socioeconomic backgrounds to become success stories in the way of the American Dream. The American people refuses to let our regulatory policy be dictated by a few telecoms lobbyists who only have their own special interests in mind.
—Charlie Turndorf, Skillman, NJ

Net neutrality is essential to equal access, free speech, and a level playing field. Getting rid of net neutrality is tantamount to creating first and second class citizens -- something that this country's founders would abhor! Please keep net neutrality. I am hopping mad that it's importance is even being questioned. Thank you for listening.
—Lynn Forrey, Olympia, WA

Net Neutrality is important to citizens to have an active voice in our Democracy...it is a necessity and convenience and in the public interest of American Citizens to have this service protected in the current format. The argument that greater access / granted to corporations is needed for innovation does not follow the intent of the law. This is a made up concept to cloud the purpose of the FCC...it is bogus. If you/ large providers need innovation provisions follow the model of the FDA... to bring New Drugs to the market... The Pharmacy Companies must follow a very narrow and strict testing under a permit to prove their product they ate not granted a complete availability and still have another check and balance through a Doctors Professional opinion to use the product... There is no great need... A we do not want a broad mandate that quashes Internet speed, quality, efficiency available to citizens especially changes that come at the expense of citizen users and public interest groups. Provide for very narrow uses and licensing and not greater market share to favor profit over citizen priority use.
—Louis Martinez, Rio Rancho, NM

Don't ruin one of the hugest things humanity has created.
—Kristy Colley, Overland Park, KS

Net Neutrality is essential for democracy. All humans are created equal. Why should the Internet make any differences? I love the Internet because it doesn't. That's the way it should be. Because I'm afraid we are not getting Equality anywhere else, not in our country, not in politics. Free your mind!
—Carsten, Karlsruhe,

DON'T GIVE IN TO THE BIG CORPORATIONS. Work for the people that REALLY pay you.
—Maryanne Chessey, Swampscott, MA

Net Neutrality is a free right of all people to experience the internet in full without being limited based on who their service provider is. There should be no monopoly over access of the endless boundaries of the net. In this modern age where in our history's past, we've fought against oppression and liberated people of race and gender to be equal, our battle for equality has not yet ended. To ensure freedom is relevant, we must FIGHT for it, because all freedom, be it small or large, is worth the battle. There's no forward ground made by taking away freedom. It's a mockery of everything the United States stands for. So, rally on, my people! In the streets and in the hallways. The fat cat corporate suits do NOT deserve this type of power.
—Frank Bautista, Commerce, CA

If a government is not pursuing democratic and equal access to communication for it's people - it is not democratic.
—Jens Lysdal Lysdal, stenloese,

Net Neutrality is important to me because Iam ot a rich person who can afford the rate for faster speeds. Why should big businesses and the rich are given the best of all worlds because they can, Wile te working class peope who pay more than the rich in taxes are punished by having to pay more for faster service. Since whhen does the FCC picks the winners and losers. Sounds like cront capitalism to me. Companies in bed with the government. I thought the republicans are for the big corperation AT LEAST THAT IS WHAT YOUR BOSS CLAIMED WHEN HE RAN FOR PRESIDENT. Meanwhile the rich get riher, the poor get pooer, and you are destroying what is left of the middle class. gET OUT OF OUR LIVES YOU WORK FOR US. Tom Wheeler 86 your plan.
—Joe Rosario, miami, FL

Dear FCC: it's time to reclassify ISPs as common carriers. No two-tier Internet!!! Thanks!
—Mr. Anthony Giacchino, Brooklyn, NY

Big Business always tries to bully peoples lives. The Internet was created as Free for the people. Big business never works for the people, only for themselves and their rich constituants. Tmie to put this to bed the right way, for the People, not big business. Government was created to prevent big business from Usurping the people in their lives, Time for you to do your job and maintain the lives of the people for the "Pursuit of Happiness without the interference of Big Business for profits sake.
—Garry Fritz, Lakewood, CO

I really do not know why when something good happens such as the internet the "big guys" have to mess it up. - Just because they can. Corporate jackals. You are ruining our society in so many different ways and it is all about your insane sociopathic desire for money regardless of the damage you do to society. "For the love of money is the root of all evil". What a shame you have no public conscience. Do none of you ever consider how much nicer this world could be if you had values and integrity and a social conscience? Or do you not aspire to such heights? Stop being such LITTLE people. Leave the internet alone. WE DEMAND NET NEUTRALITY.
—Veronica Mauvis, Aylesbury,

The internet is a major platform for widespread communication, and allowing large companies to pay for control of that communication is bullshit.
—Elizabeth Krueger, Cambridge, MA

The digital divide is too wide now! Do not allow further disenfranchisement of the economically less advantaged by Internet service providers creation of two-tiered access, with "fast lanes" for those that pay additional fees, and "slower lanes" for those that cannot. This is a case of charging what the traffic will bear, on the backs of those that can barely afford current high rates. I am asking you to reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Diane Annunziato, Boxford, MA

Listen, Wheeler: You're auto reply emails that "state you agree with Net Neutrality" are simply bogus emails to "...make us 'feel' like you're with the PEOPLE." We ALL KNOW YOU WERE THE #! Lobbyist for the Communications Industry and highly productive and are UBER RICH! So, your actions speak louder than your auto-reply "liars" emails. Matthew in the Gospels at the Sermon on the Mount, "...you shall know them by their fruits..." That's what Jesus said. I'm a LGBT Democrat American, and you are nothing but a "...Wolf in Sheep's clothing..." whom at the Sermon on the Mount Jesus also said to be "...aware of..." I'm calling you out as a WOLF IN SHEEP's CLOTHING and am frankly APPALLED that President Obama appointed you! I choose to believe he "thought better of you" than how your behavior to this point exhibits. You are now someone I trust and I'm praying God intervenes and keeps the Net Neutral. This is not IRAN, but you'd never know with you in Power that we're not IRAN, CHINA, N KOREA, etc. You took an Oath of Office and serve at the pleasure of POTUS, now act like it and stop putting the 1% needs over the needs of the many! Behave like your middle class, and come walk in my shoes, at the poverty level, and then we can have HONEST and MEANINGFUL Discourse, as Dr. Ben Carson might have! Sincerely, Rebecca Trammell aka someone who is calling you out because you're actions speak much louder than your words!
—Rebecca Trammell, Cedar Park, TX

The internet needs to remain free because it is the single greatest tool that allows the human race to further it's intelligence and connect and network with one another. Anybody, anywhere can look up how to fix something or how it's made from scratch, tips and tricks for cooking and home improvement and many, Many, more positive things. If the only websites that can be viewed are the ones that afford to pay to be shown what happens to independent artists who use their websites as a digital resume and portfolio? They may rely upon their website as a source of their livelihood and taking that away for a few extra dollars hurts the economy in the long run because it essentially takes jobs away. I implore you to maintain net neutrality simply due to the fact that it is a boon to the US that many other countries lack.
—Michelle Schrock, West Groton, MA

Please keep access to the internet open and equal by classifying ISPs as common carriers.
—Niels van Eck, San Franciscco, CA

I believe that a fully functioning democracy the size of ours requires a mode of communication that is free-flowing and unrestricted. Every internet user should have the same access, with no user able to pay for priority of service.
—Sue Staehli, Portland, OR

Keep the internet free and open!
—Bob Derry, Corvallis, OR

The internet has always been a source of communication via the exchange of ideas. We told you before that we did not want a two-tiered internet, but you went ahead and crafted these new rules designed to stifle the voice of the American people. For once, listen to the non-corporate people of the United States, the people who actually pay taxes which pay your salary, not the tax-dodging special interest wealthy corporations. We, the people, demand and deserve our internet to be kept the way it is, an open, neutral venue for communication and information, available to everyone at the same rate and speed. A two-tiered internet would be undemocratic at its core. So I urge you, throw out these undemocratic rules you've drafted and reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Frances West, Davenport, IA

The proposed rules would destroy net neutrality by putting up faster access up for sale. It leads to discrimination against those who cannot pay the big bucks for faster lanes. This is unacceptable and against President Obama's promise of preserving net neutrality. Throw away these new rules and instead reclassify IPSs as common carriers.
—Tara Tabatabaie, Edmond, OK

Keep the Internet a level playing field for everyone--it has literally changed the world this way! Keep Net Neutrality!!!
—James E. Garner, Chicago, IL

The Internet has been the greatest tool ever created for expression, exchange of information, and creativity. The Internet is an equal playing field where everyone can have their own space - from tiny personal web pages to enormous Internet archives. It allows people to spread education and awareness with a simple click. Only communist and fascist regimes try to limit the Internet. Don't let America become like that. The Internet must be free to flourish as it has done for years.
—Hadley James, Chattanooga, TN

I am extremely concerned about a misguided plan by the FCC to implement a two-tiered Internet. This simply opens the doors for blatant discrimination and eliminates a free and neutral Internet. TOM WHEELER'S PLAN MUST NOT BE ALLOWED TO HAPPEN. Internet Service Providers must be formally reclassified as common carriers. Net Neutrality MUST continue in a free society! Thanks, Seth Cauthorne
—Seth Cauthorne, Las Cruces, NM

Don't let the corporations rule our right to freedom of speech, freedom to research and get the truth, freedom to see what We want and not what the corporation's want to stuff down our throats. Keep the internet free for all - not just the weathy.
—Nancy Mroz, Kingston, NY

People should be able to access all content, regardless of financial backing. That is the essence of democratic speech. Preserve net neutrality, and abolish "fast lanes."
—Dr. Jeremy Hustwit, Fayetteville, NC

The Internet is a vital tool that my business uses to help our clients succeed. Most of our clients wouldn't be able to afford priority service from ISPs so this plan would put us and our customers at an immediate disadvantage to the larger competition.
—Anthony Smith, Indianapolis, IN

I strongly support Net neutrality, and oppose efforts to curb this freedom of information and ideas. Please do not change how the internet operates. Thank you, Jeff Hoover 19178 Ismay Court Lakeville, MN 55044
—Jeff Hoover, Lakeville, MN

If ISPs aren't common carriers, then internet subscribers aren't common people. Fair internet is freedom of speech, and ending that is bad for everyone.
—Sam Hopstone, Walnut Creek, CA

The internet, and the technology that comes from it, are in jeopardy. Don't let greed destroy something that had given so much to society.
—Kevin H. Shirey, Calera, AL

Our uniquely progressive government needs to be the force assuring liberty and justice for all, not an instrument that benefits powerful institutions in the name of "progress" or global economic competition.
—Jennifer Westberg, Alexandria, VA

I've personally seen how changes in the US Post office have made it difficult for smaller institutions to compete with the larger ones that now get bigger discounts if they have larger jobs. Net neutrality should be at the core for America and the world at large. As a librarian, freedom to information is a crucial component to a healthy society. Let's not slide into inequality. We already see inequality in filter bubbles and tracking preferences. Let's not contribute to the problem. Keep the net as accessible and equal as possible for all, after all, that benefits us all. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Matthew D. Wittmer, Sherman Oaks, CA

Fast communication of knowledge is the defining characteristic of our era. Let's not devolve the system.
—Kevin Reed, Farmington, NM

ending net neutrality would allow big companies to buy their way into the fast lane leaving everyone else in the slow lane. promoting monopolies and ultimately limiting the abilities of everyone else to compete.
—Peter, lilongwe,

Dear FCC- I am in support of a free an open internet for ALL!
—Paul Caldera, Boston, MA

Net Neutrality is important so we can have free speech. If taken away, we will lose some of our constitutional rights. The government and large companies will be able to block or slow down information that is crucial for us to know. Net Neutrality will allow us to keep our freedom and we will be allowed to continue to learn and be creative.
—Sarah Anderson, Minneapolis, MN

Because the internet should remain free ! Not controlled by greedy corporate scum bags !
—William Crawford, titusville, FL

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers. We understand exactly what direction you are pushing for, and we will not stand for it. This country is going in a terrifying direction... those of us who paid attention in history class know exactly how easy it is to boil people alive. Change is good, but limiting options, giving corporations control, and increasing government control over the people and the flow of information is not. Look at North Korea for Christ's sake's. Or hell, the scientology compound in our own country. I know I'm going to extremes, but these little pushes for things that are claimed to be good, but actually easily corruptible by those in power, are how we all end up slaves.
—Katie Azbill, AUSTIN, TX

the internet, while hosting a number of monopolous companies, is itself still free from monopoly control. Please keep it that way by not allowing the stratification of the service based on payments!!! Thanks!
—Joe Tighe, Chicago, IL

The end of Net Neutrality means The End of Democracy
—Cynthia Howard, Biddeford Pool, ME

Keep the internet free and fair. We already have to fight against enough corporate influence and sway and you're about to jeapordize the bastion of free and fair 21st century communication.
—Evan Reeves, Portland, OR

Thank you for your public service. I am writing to request you reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Please protect Net Neutrality.
—Valli Wells, Fallbrook, CA

Don t let the internet innovation leave the US. We need net neutrality.
—Harold Bosse, minneapolis, MN

We can not have an internet that is controlled by corporations, that would be the worst form of censorship[and a total monopoly! If the net is not totally free we will be able to access only the opinion of the controlling party. This is not information! Information must be unbiased and not an advertisement for one groups goals!!!
—Michael Shannon, Rome, NY

you've heard it all before so I'll spare you the details just do me a favor and don't let this go through.
—Erik Allen, Indianapolis, IN

Don't mess with the Internet !! I'm sure the money and man power that would go into censoring the internet, can be better served doing something else. Thank you.
—Charles Bramhall, Hanover Park, IL

Net neutrality is important because it allows real freedom of speech and communication. It permits different paths for valuable information to get through to people that needs it. Net nutrality avoids unnecesary obstacles that block collective intelligence around the globe.
—Edgar Cruz, Lebrija, Santander,

Stop this Idiotic plan for tiered Internet now! The Internet belongs to every one' not just for those who can afford high prices. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers now!!
—Van Washburn, Arroyo Grande, CA

The only ones who think the system is broke are those that want to squeeze more profits out of the consumer. You can not compromise the very foundation of the internet that we've built for a few greedy companies. This will speak volumes to the state of politics and show that these officials only work for who can pay them the most if the current state of Net Neutrality is not upheld. All bandwidth must be treated the same and companies should not be allowed to blackmail companies into paying fees to play. Get the lobbyists out of our government. It's a shame!
—David Eugene C., New Castle, PA

Internet as it is now sprung from openness and equal opportunities (n access and data transfer speed) for new companies to take on the old, we need to keep it this way.
—Izumi Fukunaga, London,

The internet is the most effective 'freedom of the press' that we have. Please do not take this valuable source of information from us. Only an informed people can be a truly free people. I hope you still consider America to be the land of the free.
—Robert Dunn, San Jose, CA

I don't like the smell of your idea for selling faster access to corporations (& real people) who can afford higher prices. NET Neutrality is urgently needed to sustain the other 98%'s access to keep ourselves informed and to stay on top of threats to our democracy. Do not muzzle our voices; they are needed to restore America to its greatness. I urge you to throw out those discriminatory FCC rules. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Ann Carlisle, Colorado Springs, CO

Is everything for sale to the highest bidder? No good will come from this. Leave the internet open for ALL to prosper, rather than the select few.
—Ms Margaret Ann Marlowe, Leander, TX

Net neutrality ensures everyone has equal access on the web. Allowing corporations to throttle content ruins the free market and should in fact be a violation of the 1st Amendment.
—Michael Brewer, Franklin, IN

Broadband providers need to be classified as common carriers. The FCC's new proposal will destroy net neutrality and give large ISPs control over all aspects of the internet, at the expense of regular American citizens.
—Daniel Schauder, West Jordan, UT

Dear Chairman Wheeler, My understanding is that the Internet, misinformation about Al Gore to the contrary, came about as a result of military and governmental contribution bought an paid for by the citizenry. I support the "net neutrality" cause, though I believe the "phase" disguises that the alternate cause is in every sense the usurpation of public domain assets in favor of the highest bidder. Since the Internet has become the gateway to information such that for many recourse to traditional information venues: newspapers, magazines, radio and television, cable news etc. are not yet relics of the past but are lesser alternatives for those whose interest is in the most timely and actionable information. I suggest that anything less than "net neutrality" would be an intrusion on first amendment rights of free speech and free association. Other "exceptional" countries have pioneered universal free Internet service not as a fringe benefit but with awareness that any lesser informed populace is an impaired populace. George Collins
—George A Collins, Goffstown, NH

Please do not ruin what is already working. The Internet and innovation thrive on freedom.
—Stephen Anable, Melrose, MA

Dear FCC, fast lanes would mean slow lanes for others. Equality for everybody! Carriers should be regulated like utilities, thats their function, to provide us access to the internet. Please reconsider your proposal.
—Ugur Oezdemir, santa clara, CA

Please do not give the ISPs control of the free internet! This is unconstitutional and silences so many while making the rich richer. Please consider how this will stifle small businesses and cause our economy to slow even more.
—Keith Hanzlik, Carmel, IN

As a software developer, I've personally seen the difference technology can make in people's lives. A fair level playing field is critical to encourage and allow innovation.
—BJ Allen, Dallas, TX

Internet should remain neutral.
—Gediminas Vidugiris, Fitchburg, WI

Allowing QoS to prioritize e.g., VoIP over HTTP is perfectly reasonable, but I implore you not to allow multiple tiers of a single type of service.
—Mike Richards, Shoreline, WA

Large corporations already own our politicians. They bias what information is broadcast by media news I definitely do not want them choosing what information is available over the internet. Try doing something for the good of the country instead of Time Warner, Comcast, and AT&T for a change.
—Stephen A. Deffenderfer, Corona, CA

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. Please, throw out these rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers in order to protect real Net Neutrality. Best Regards Christophe Ouvrard
—Christophe Ouvrard, Köln,

Money always finds a way, and everyone else can just go hang... Dont have enough judges? Money can hire retired judges to get their cases heard while the rest of the population can wait months or years to have their cases work their way through the court system. Dont have enough police? Money can hire private security to make their homes secure while the rest of the population gets robbed blind. Dont have enough capacity on the roads? Money can pay its way through toll roads (and have someone else do the driving!) so they can get there. And then there are the quiet agreements between the toll roat operators and the cities/counties where the remainder of the roads dont get repaired, causing everyone to take the toll roads just so they can get there. And now we start doing the same with internet capacity. We let the big businesses buy the fast response, and everyone else gets stuck. Yes, sure, we will be told that the rest of the population wont be hurt. But what happens is all expansion is paid for by the big money concerns, and the rest of the population is left on a crumbling infrastructure that cant handle the increases in numbers of people and traffic. The ONE place right now where money and the great unwashed get (at least somewhat) equal treatment, and it is going to get sold to the highest bidder. One sure-fired way of killing the golden goose is to let this go through.
—James FitzRandolph, Centennial, CO

Net neutrality reduced the chances large corporations will gain a monopoly on services.
—James Edelstein, Prescott Valley, AZ

Dear Commissioner Wheeler, Is unconscionable that here – in America – you would allow commerce to dictate the level of access to the Internet. This is fundamentally and diametrically opposite to what the original architects of the Internet intended at the point that it was set up for the public to use. I urge you to dismiss the deep-pocketed calls for commerce-driven access – and to reclassify the Internet in a manner which ensures unfettered access to all – regardless of ability to pay. Thank you.
—Mark Wolkoff, Montclair, NJ

The Internet is the most powerful engine of innovation the United States currently has. Don't let large corporations turn it into just another commodity, another profit engine, at the expense of this vitality. Please.
—Roger Schulman, Beverly Hills, CA

Will public schools have slower internet then private schools? As an alum of a public school education, and one where I relied heavily on the internet to make the kind of art I wanted to make, I worry that future students won't have access to the same tools that I had. The internet is a great tool for all - not just the rich!
—Treva Wurmfeld, Los Angeles, CA

I find it upsetting the legislation would continue to give companies more voices than individuals.
—Allyson Hamacher, Phoenix, AZ

The FCC's proposed Internet rules are terrible.
—Sharon Green, Glendora, CA

It is important to continue to encourage advancement of the USA through fewer regulations and increased competition enabled by an openly accessible internet. Please don't allow the ISPs to discriminate between content providers or customers.
—Mike Breth, Akron, OH

The Internet is the greatest tool for spreading freedom and information that we have yet created. It promotes equality and common humanity where the Soviet and other social experiments failed in the face of human nature. Such a vast resource should be available to everyone and this is being achieved, even in the less developed countries. Any attempt to apply conventional rules of power, privilege and profit will be a backward step at a time when we all face common threats to our well being. Humanity must advance and open access to the Internet is a crucial tool for that to be possible.
—John Coppinger, Milton Keynes,

Two-tiers,PLEASE SAY NO.
—CHarlottepainter Painter, Capitola,, CA

Throw out the proposed Internet rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Jessica Landon, Long Beach, CA

I believe it is my right to have equal access to all information on the internet without paying different rates depending on what I am wanting to access. The internet should be an open and equal playing field.
—David Knapp, Dallas, TX

Consistent and high quality internet access has become a vital part of life in the modern world we live in. Creating a fast lane that many will be unable to pay the entry fee for is an untenable option for a service that has reached the same level of utility as electricity.
—Luke Austen-Smith, Evanston, IL

Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Ideally, the internet should be like an interstate highway—everyone has equal access, assuming requisite hardware. Sticking with that metaphor, any limitations or guidelines for use of that highway should be for first for public good and for profit only if it does not limit the public good. Thank you.
—Jonathan McNally, Portland, OR

The Internet has become THE prime source of information, collaboration, and entertainment - this should be obvious to anyone who uses it. We cannot allow the few companies who control access to the Internet to bottleneck services to their economic and political rivals. More importantly, allowing "fast lanes" for the content these companies deem most valuable or most pleasing to their shareholders is an egregious violation of what makes the Internet so important to begin with - freedom. The FTC cannot allow the Internet to become yet another politicized, economic war zone in which only the content available is what a particular group of shareholders feels is valid. The Internet offers the freedom to choose content from a near infinite range, and it is sad to think that the Internet we have come to know and love could be turned into a censored, corporate battlezone. Please stand up for real net neutrality.
—Mark, Garland, TX

Stop allowing money and big business to influence and rule this world. Leave the internet equal. We should all be able to share in its success.
—Joseph Sauer, Louisville, KY

The FCC's proposed Internet rules are simply terrible. By allowing the richest companies the ability to pay for better treatment and faster speeds from the ISPs, we would basically be setting up an internet-based feudalistic system, where the most powerful keep their power and the poor, slow masses are held down and held back because they do not have the means to improve their situation. I strongly urge you to throw out these new rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the only way to ensure that all people and companies, large and small, on the internet are treated equally.
—John Foughty, Saint Louis, MO

Please do not end Net Neutrality. Your proposed plan would allow rampant descrimination online. Cease and desists your attempts to favor ISPs over the people you serve. Throw your rules out and reclassify ISPs as commun carriers. It is your job to protect net neutrality.
—Doug, Bellflower, CA

Don't let the companies of the future, internet content creators, be stymied and extorted from by companies of the past, cable companies. When you allow competitors, cable companies, to unfairly tax their competition, Netflix, Amazon Prime, YouTube, etc., it gives them an unfair advantage. The FCC is supposed to stand up for the people of the United States of America and not its former employers or friends.
—Michael Kulfan, Newburyport, MA

Net Neutrality protects a free society, an open market and anything else would be greatly damaging to the public interest.
—Lucas Neff, Los Angeles, CA

This is wrong. We deserve full non-discriminate Internet access. The corporations are not people and the people are paying for this.
—Troy Pousardien, N. Little Rock, AR

This "fast lane" stuff is just a reach to make more money. Which is cute but will ultimately hinder the human race. It's crucial that we stop this from happening.
—DeAndre Simon, Long Beach, CA

The thing about the internet that truly revolutionized human communication was not its speed, or its convenience, or even its size. It was its unparalleled freedom and level of accessibility that gave billions of people a voice and the freedom to share their ideas, opinions, and knowledge with a global community. The internet provides a mode of communication agnostic to age, gender, race, wealth, power, and social class. It is an invaluable tool for freedom and openness in an ever evolving global community. The only way to defend this freedom is by protecting net neutrality; reclassify ISPs as common carriers, and ensure that the internet remains a home to free expression for generations to come.
—Brian Groenke, Cincinnati, OH

The Internet is currently playing the greatest part in the quest to bring the world together and change it for the better. A two-tier system would halt all the progress made and indeed, could drag things backwards. I don't believe that this is the legacy we would wish to leave for future generations.
—Shelley Blair, Carrickfergus,

Net Neutrality is important to small businesses everywhere. If you pass this bill, it will limit small businesses even more than they already are today. I can't imagine a web without neutrality. This literally affects EVERYONE. This proposition of rules are quite literally the face of greed itself. I can't believe it would even get this far, but in a world fueled by greed I should not be surprised. This would give the ISPs motivation to literally move backwards in their infrastructure. How could anyone possibly believe that proposing rules that allow companies to benefit by providing worse service would ever be a good idea. PLEASE DON'T LET THIS PASS
—Matt Short, San Clemente, CA

Net Neutrality is vital for a truly open internet. Don't give that away to people who just want to make the biggest dollar on its customers.
—Taylor Wyatt, Whitby,

Net neutrality is a very important of an open internet. We need to reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Kenneth Koski, Minneapolis, MN

Net Neutrality is essential to fair and affordable access for ALL citizens. Reclassify ALL Internet Service Providers as common carriers for the good of the people, the economy, and US innovation fueled by equitable Internet access. The FCC should protect the interests of individuals over corporate profit and influence - thus setting the correct precedence for other US federal institutions and the rest of the world.
—Andrew Ridenour, Portland, OR

Quit giving preferential treatment to the giant companies! You work for the PEOPLE, not COMCAST! Reclassify ISPs as common carriers!
—Dan Powers, Austin, TX

Net Neutrality is a higher concern than you, the FCC, are giving it credit for. NN means information is free and equal -- whether that be inane pictures of cats, or hard critical journalism about the US government. In today's world, the First Amendment is most often exercised via the Internet, and even taking one step toward eroding the sanctity of *every* public URL is taking a step toward one day squashing information. Net Neutrality is how big corporations/governments can't get away with devilry without at least being held accountable in the court of public appeals. That is important. That cannot stop. Do not compromise Net Neutrality.
—Craig Labenz, Detroit, MI

Every user should be equal on the internet. Putting private corporations in charge of assigning speed to access is the death of democracy. We desperately need to end the greed consuming the soul of our nation, and this is your part in that.
—Mrs. Sue Sylwester-Rice, Valencia, CA

The long reaching potential damage of your current course of action in incalculable. The right to an open playing field is inherently American. When you destroy it, you destroy opportunities for people from all walks of life to learn, take chances, innovate, and grow. You will create corporate profitability at the cost of personal freedom and prosperity for individual Americans and their small businesses. Mr. Wheeler - I am asking you to think about what kind of country you want to live in, and why you would deny future generations the right to compete and thrive as you have. You have a chance to help keep America on track, or send it sliding toward irreparable mediocrity and decline. Your current plan must be halted. I implore you to do what is right for the people and pursue the classification of ISP's as common carriers. History will record you as a redeemer or a destroyer -- which will it be? Sincerely, Bob Williams
—Bob Williams, Naperville, IL

ISPs need to be classified as common carriers in order to protect Net Neutrality, which will protect innovation across many fields. Without net neutrality, the barrier to entry for many industries will quickly become cost prohibitive for small businesses. Not having net neutrality only helps huge corporations, it doesn't do anything to improve cost or quality of service for consumers. Please stand in the way of corporate fat cats taking over the internet, one of the last places where an ordinary person can actually make a difference and reach a broad section of society.
—Jamie Piperberg, Lewisburg, PA

In this day in age, the effect on network communication of this ruling would be an irrevocable shift in community-free-source aspect of the internet, to say nothing of the effect on start-ups and grassroots innovation. I petition you to remember that the government is meant to be neutral in the affairs of businesses. Please do not allow this destructive piece of legislation become a reality. Washington must not let big business control it, no matter the industry.
—Darren Wells, Lakeland, FL

As a citizen who depends on an open and free internet to make a living, I believe Net Neutrality is the only option in keeping our markets open and competition thriving.
—Nathan, Omaha, NE

Stop voting for big money and vote with your constituent's rights for a change!
—Mike Price, mantua, NJ

Dear FCC: We do not need online discrimination. What we need is to protect Net Neutrality.
—Carole Rubenstein, evanston, IL

Dear FCC Work for the PEOPLE instead of your own greedy self interests. It is no secret you are the puppets of the ISP's!
—Arthur W. W.Simmons III, Absecon, NJ

As we feared, FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler is pushing a plan that would allow rampant discrimination online What are you afraid of - or is greed the reason?
—John Sanders, La Crosse, WI

The FCC absolutely needs to reclassify the internet as a utility. NO two-tiered access. NO big payday giveaway to corporations. Corporations do NOT own the internet: in fact, they could be charged a FEE for how much broadband they utilize! This decision will reflect, in the largest and most visible possible way, whether the government regards ALL it's citizens equally or not. Vote for TRUE net neutrality or get ready to be the faces on the poster for those who enable the oligarchs. Very truly yours, Diana. Broze Walla Walla, Washington
—Diana Broze, Walla Walla, WA

As a nonprofit - I need to have an even playing field with corporations. My message is an important as theirs. Also - this goes against no child left behind - it is discrimination - pure and simple.
—Donna Sangwin, Roseville, CA

Singly handily stiffeled innovation by allowing Comcsst and Verizon to pick the winners on the internet. Please allow a free and open internet. Internet should be treated like a utility!
—Mr. Joshua Perri, drexel hill, PA

The internet is a place of free knowledge, please don't take that away from a FREE people. It is a place where no one should have complete control over its content and if this passes it could completely change the dynamic of this country and its internet. I urge you not to let this pass.
—Nathaniel post, Cincinnati, OH

Please keep an open playing field for the internet. Tiered speeds are anti-competitive and could limit the growth of new business and technologies on the net.
—Gerald Mcdonald, Austin, TX

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Carol Denson, Austin, TX

It's bad enough that we have some of the slowest speeds in the industrialized world - now you want to censure us? Don't expect us to stand for that!
—Carrie Rowe, Lansing, MI

do not discriminate...we need to be free to say what we think and feel without fears. this IS a free country correct? I do believe there are larger issues facing us.
—Kim Davis, bloomington, IN

The internet is freedom of information and expression. It is a compendium of knowledge at our fingertips. It is a place were anyone can achieve anything. To put that in danger by placing it's control in the hands of individuals only concerned with profit is dangerous, short-sighted, and astronomically stupid. Protect our future and reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Dian Samuelson, Sacrametno, CA

Dear FCC, Net Neutrality is important to me because of the lack of competition that our government (at various levels) has established for internet providers. In a perfect world I could consider Chairman Wheeler's proposal if we were operating in truly a free market where competitors could determine if/when content providers would be charged and how much per user. Since we don't have that, the very few ISPs that exist would without recourse be able to double dip on their revenue (from the customer and then the services that the consumer uses). These providers are realizing as consumers consider additional entertainment eyeball hours (i.e. the Internet) they are threatened and are looking ways to remain relevant as consumer preferences change. They are looking to their Hall of Fame inductee to save their business. Another concern of mine is that as our country falls behind in internet infrastructure and education in technology and the sciences this very concept could help our great country catch up to the rest of the world.
—Daniel Mestas, Bloomington, IL

The end of net neutrality would only benefit corporations who stand to profit from it. The FCC should serve the American people and take actions that are in the best interest of its constituency. If actions aren't taken on your behalf to maintain net neutrality then you're basically trading our interests to create a new revenue stream for internet service providers. Just think how devastating this would be for small businesses & entrepreneurs who will suddenly have a new obstacle making it even more difficult to compete with large resourceful companies. Isn't small business supposed to be at the forefront of our economic recovery? The free and clear internet we currently experience has empowered people, organizations and corporations alike, the introduction of a tiered system would be snatching that power from all who cannot afford this new 'speed tax' and the web will now reflect society with it's very own system of economic classes.
—Joshua Johnson, ARLINGTON, TN

Where to start....Meredith Baker? The cronyism in this deal is unbelievable.
—Constantine Tzortzis, Cumming, GA

If it wasn't for open internet, we would not be advancing as a world society at the rates you see today. Please do not allow these companies to have the ability to regulate the flow of our information and ideas.
—Shawn Hamm, Bloomer, WI

You are strangling the entire future's worth of free speech in its crib. PLEASE maintain Net Neutrality. Fail to do so and you will be remembered as some of history's greatest villains.
—Mr. Jason Porath, Los Angeles, CA

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers!!!
—Mike Doyle, Austin, TX

Please keep the internet free of further restrictions that only benefit big businesses!
—David B Gray, Cincinnati, OH

It would let a corporation choose which sites I get to see and or at what speed I get to see them? No!
—Sara McCartney, Soquel, CA

Keep the people's faith intact! Do not allow the internet be run by corporations and lobbyists.
—John Bebout, Encinitas, CA

I've been involved with 4 successful internet startups in my career, and there's a good chance that none of them would have been able to survive had they been forced to compete with larger companies that had access to better internet pipes to the consumer. Not maintaining net neutrality would be a disaster for innovation in this country.
—Kevin Hermida, New York, NY

I am an independent musician, music publisher and producer. The open Internet is essential to my business and I strongly urge you to reclassify ISPs as common carriers. When you think about it, they are common carriers. They provide an essential service which we have come to use as regularly as the phone or electricity. The effects of losing Net Neutrality are easily predicated, and they are bad for the vast majority of businesses and citizens. They favor one sector only in a way that is unfair in myriad ways. Please don't get this one wrong. Thank you.
—Eric Dinwiddie, Oakland, CA

The Internet is not owned by anyone and everyone MUST have the same rights and privileges when using it! WE NEED REAL NET NEUTRALITY! NOW!
—Emily C., Salt Lake City, UT

Re-Classify All ISP as common carrier in order to have an open internet. Pushing out this so called plan Chairman Wheeler will turn our free nation into china in terms of limiting the internet.
—Andres Rosas Jr., San Antonio, TX

When the carriers controlled the mobile internet we had WAP. It was rubbish. Internet traffic needs to flow uninterrupted in order for the internet to be the great thing that it is. Carriers run their lines across public & private land without paying rent. They accept public benefit, they must act in the public good, or loose this public benefit. Internet traffic should be treated in the same way as phone lines with internet providers being classed as common carriers.
—Rowan Wernham, Brooklyn, NY

Do not create a two-tiered internet. Throw out your rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Jana Prewitt, Burke, VA

I've said it before, and I'll keep saying it killing net neutrality would do is not only create further monopolies and anti-consume pricing plans but would kill start up business's, create a genuinely biased environment that by it's nature will kill the big 3 cable companies competition, and in general damage competing alternative services like Netflix, Hulu, and other legal streaming services.
—James Rhoades, Garden City, MI

WE DON'T WANT THIS, people usually tell others to "grow up" but in this case i would like to say "think young" this is only going to hurt progress and idea's. think of open computing all the contributions that will be terminated because of sloppy old world thinking like this! PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE! Think.
—Joshua Webster, Saratoga Springs, UT

Net Neutrality is one of the fundamental issues we face today. Internet access should absolutley be considered a utility. I had someone explain it it me like this. Imagine internet access is the same as water access. Would you allow people to pay more for higher quality water? Would you force people to drink toxic water if they could not afford anything else? I do not think so. The beauty of the internet is that it allows people to build something out of nothing. You don't need millions of dollars to enter. As long as you have a good idea you are able to make a name for yourself, even start a business. The backbone of our nation is built on the cultivation of innovation. Ne Neutrality only enhances this process. To cut it off now is a kin to cutting off a brighter furutre.
—Christopher Essner, Hoboken, NJ

Guys please please please don't do this, you will DESTROY the internet and crush what is the future growth of this country. You already screwed up once, don't ruin everything else.
—Ben Welch-Bolen, Fayetteville, AR

THE largest "revenue" source for the U.S. Government is Small to Medium sized businesses... WAKE UP... these businesses need access to faster and less expensive "services" to remain competitive on a global level... they don't need a mid-evil toll both troll to charge higher fees for more limited access to the information highway... A TWO TIERED SYSTEM IS NOT ONLY DISCRIMINATION IT IS A BANKRUPT PLAN... RECLASSIFY THE CARRIERS !!! !!! !!! !
—Bookout Bookout, Santa Clara, CA

reclassify isp's as common carriers, we don't want a 2-tier internet.
—Ian Davies, york,

throw out your proposed rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers!
—Cam Blair, Midvale, UT

The internet is a great economic generator in this country. Don't allow local ISPs to have final say over what can and cannot be sent into my house at full speed. I already pay them for my connection - they shouldn't be able to double dip!
—Matthew Runo, Henderson, NV

The Internet is the greatest tool for communication humanity has yet invented. Allowing corporate interests to moderate this communication will limit the enormous positive contributions the Internet can make to the global community in exchange for some greedy businessmen to increase their profit margins. Don't ruin it!
—Sayre Christenson, Troy, NY

The internet should not become an unaffordable commodity. The only reason comcast is pursuing this is so they can put more money into their pockets. I understand that this is a business decision but at what point do we draw the line? The internet should remain an affordable and USABLE commodity for all. If this law goes through, even people that have enough money to pay their bill will likely not be able to use the internet properly due to the low speeds they'll get as a part of the "cheaper" package.
—Boris Agababian, Round Lake, IL

the government is taking away our freedoms one by one.they already assume to much power and ways to make more money and expect the citizens to make it the best way we can while sucking up all of peoples freedoms and think that we won't notice. i stand against this proposal.
—Harry & Pamela Perry, GENOA, WV

The net is a tool that can be used for everyone. It is a resource equivalent to air. If we measure the net it would be the same as measuring air.
—Diana Silva, Hallandale, FL

FCC: The future of the Internet must be protected from this proposed plan to allow rampant discrimination online! The proposed Internet rules would mean the end of Net Neutrality. 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 would give power to these companies to pick winners and losers online and discriminate against online content and applications. Discard these proposed rules and instead reclassify ISP's as "common carriers."
—Michael E. Cease, Tucson, AZ

The Internet should be a free and open platform where money does not buy privileged access. If the rules you're considering had been in effect during the last 15 years or so, the innovation and business growth we've seen online would probably not have happened. Please don't give our Internet away!
—Michael W. Levine, Bloomfield, NJ

You'd have to be stupid or not care about thousands of people to let this happen. It's discrimination and it's allowing business to take control of something free and for public use.
—Chris, Macon, GA

The internet is the great equalizer that gives everyone a voice and an equal footing. We should never even consider allowing corporate, or government, quest for money to take away from this.
—Wesley Prater, Houston, TX

You can't possibly believe that large companies can be trusted. The more concentration, the higher prices and the less freedom. Stop this NOW!! Net neutrality in law and regulations.
—Rick Teplitz, Los Angeles, CA

A two-tiered Internet would benefit absolutely no one except for ISP companies. It would be a disservice to customers and any business that depends on an open Internet to thrive. Network Neutrality us essential to make sure businesses can thrive and people maintain to use the Internet how they choose to.
—Corey Williams, North Dinwiddie, VA

I would think it would be best for everyone that you would find a way to understand that Net Neutrality is very important for worldwide growth. You see, I want to become an artist, and I spend a lot of time on a website called deviantart. think of is as facebook for artists, allowing people to upload photos, files, stories, and even videos of what they create, and I have the ability to comment on them, telling them what they did great, some things they could do better, and meet with other like-minded people. If your plan does work, it could mean significantly slow the growth of places like deviantart and many other places. I urge you to reconsider your plans and keep Net Neutrality in effect in order to help future websites grow on their own, and not because they have the extra money for faster internet. Thank you for reading.
—Connor, Helena, MT

Net Neutrality is imperative to our democracy. "...wherever the people are well informed they can be trusted with their own government; that whenever things get so far wrong as to attract their notice, they may be relied on to set them to rights." -Thomas Jefferson, 1789
—Jason Hughes, Baltimore, MD

Net Neutrality is one of the most important issues facing our nation today, and the loss of it could have devastating consequences for all sorts of basic rights we hold dear, including freedom of speech, access to basic health and legal services etc. More and more of our everyday private, public, civic, financial, and consumer transactions are happening online, and so it is imperative that all have equal access to that platform and that corporations are not allowed to create restrictions for their own benefit. I strongly urge the FCC to take a stand and fight for a free internet!
—Amanda Hubbard, Seattle, WA

Please don't allow this to happen. Without net neutrality small business will never be able to make it online and only the big businesses will be able to flourish. The internet is the place where anyone can communicate their ideas to people all over the world. Please don't take this away!
—Alexandra Keane, Cheltenham,

Net Neutrality is critical--retain it. Alice Bedard-Voorhees
—Alice Bedard-Voorhees, Glenwood Springs, CO

Please do not allow Wheeler's plan to slip through. Recognize it for what it, a Trojan horse contrary in spirit, opposed in fact, to Ner Neutrality. Do not drop the ball!
—James Cheney, Sherman Oaks, CA

Net Neutrality is very important to me. I'm in the low income class. Why should I have to suffer just because I can't afford it? Quit discriminating!!!!!!!!!
—Mischelle Throne, Irving, TX

We need to maintain internet neutrality.
—Chris Ream, New York, NY

I want o be able to find what I want on The Internet not based on how much the commercial sites are paying. If the commercials take over the Internet, we will just have to leave it altogether and invent something new. So there is no benefit in ending Net Neutrality.
—Ella Boyle, Santa Monica, CA

YES on NET NEUTRALITY Allowing a 2 tiered Internet opens the gates for many tiers and other restrictions that will ultimately make the Internet a land of have and have-nots. This 2 tiered system reminds me of the new pay lanes on our freeways here in California. Most people are stuck wasting time, wasting fuel, increasing pollution and breathing fumes while the people who can afford to pay whiz on through. Here are three major but not sole reasons to keep the Internet neutral. 1. There is no denying that Internet has changed the press. Today, the Internet is the major source of news and public discourse in the US. The press is the only industry mentioned in the Constitution, and some view it as the fourth branch of government. Freedom of the Press and democracy demand freedom of the Internet. 2. Education - the Internet levels the playing field in education. If an individual wishes, he/she can educate oneself in nearly every field of interest on a free Internet. Keeping the Internet free allows for a better educated population and a richer life for all citizens. 3. Commerce - I don't have the statistics at hand, but there is no denying that our entire economy runs on the Internet now. If the Internet were to be restricted (as additional capacity goes to those who can afford to pay and the rest of the population are stuck in the slow lanes), what will the impact be on our economy? Will people be able to afford start new Internet based businesses? For those who bite the bullet and pay for the fast lane, what are their trade-offs - what aren't they buying because of the added cost? Let's embrace the freedom of the Internet for the sake of our democracy, and ultimately, a brighter, more educated and more prosperous future.
—Cheryl L Kraus, Sacramento, CA

I, and many people like me, use the Internet daily to access information and content that we can only access because we don't have to pay for these services. Creating a "pay to play, learn, teach others, etc," creates an environment where the wealthier you are, the better chance you have of getting your content in an effective and efficient time frame. I see Net Neutrality as an equalizer in a culture and climate that is increasingly becoming "rich s. poor", as the income gap between the two increases and the decline of the middle class continues. Please don't make the Internet another place where money provides the user with a distinct advantage.
—Mildred Savidge, Scotia, NY

Dear FCC, The American people need net nuetrality to continue innovation and for the free flow of ideas. Please support net neutrality, it will be in your best interest.
—Paul, Davis, CA

A two-tiered internet would destroy the information superhighway as we know it. Please protect Net Neutrality.
—Christopher Lippa, Sandwich, MA

As you develop a proposal to oversee access to the Internet, I urge you to adopt strong and enforceable open Internet rules that preserve the Internet as the open platform that it is today by recognizing our nation's communications providers as common carriers. Without strong protections, the Internet could devolve into a closed platform in which ISPs will have every motivation to continue to explore ways to boost revenue by imposing discriminatory charges that will decrease the openness of the Internet. I know you have received hundreds of thousands of such recommendations from the many Americans who have been able to use our country' vital Internet infrastructure to build new and innovative businesses without fear that large corporate interests can steal our ideas and opportunities through usurious and anti-competitive fees. There is ample evidence that protecting the open Internet against such threats is critical for users and businesses alike, and to preserve a real competitive advantage for all Americans. Please utilize the clear authority of the FCC under Title II of the Communications Act to reclassify the transmission component of broadband Internet access as a telecommunications service. Recognizing our nation's communications providers as common carriers under the law is common sense. Reclassification would also complement the Commission's efforts to promote innovation, competition and investment in universally available, reliable and affordable broadband infrastructure.
—David Gifford, Gardiner, NY

To : FCC Net Neutrality I think I can speak for many when I say that verizon, AT&T and many others are trying to monopolize the Net and make money off something that doesn't belong to them. I am not sure but smells like someone has been bribed. Please stop this immediately before you ruin all advertising opportunity's and make all stop using the web.
—Jeffrey Armbruster, Los osos, CA

Keep the internet equal for everyone. We need true net neutrality!
—Leroy Scott III, Clinton, IN

We want pure net neutrality. No control should go to the carriers. ISP should not decide which content should get higher preference. This is consumers choice. Please re classify the ISPs as common carriers.
—Prasad, San Diego, CA

Here in Houston, TX, we have enormous freeways with as many as 7 lanes in each direction. Traffic flows most of the day because every lane is free. A two-tiered Internet would make many of these toll lanes, which will speed up a select few and slow down or block everyone else who can't afford the toll. That's unfair, and frankly un-American. Along with the hundreds of thousands you've surely heard from already, I demand that all information be treated equally.
—Tina Peterson Ph.D., Houston, TX

The Internet is a commodity for the public payed for by the people. Please preserve real net neutrality and reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Thank you.
—Rhianna LaRocque, Brooklyn, NY

Net Neutrality is essential so that the internet remains a space where we can all exchange information and ideas in an environment that doesn't discriminate against any individual regardless of their financial situation, where they live, the color of their skin or their religion. We are all equal on the net. You must not let big buisness ursurp this unique human experience.
—Gordon Cowie, St Alexis des Monts,

Dont be greedy and think about the big picture.
—Vinay Shah, Mumbai,India, CA

Ending net neutrality will allow corporations to create Dictatorships in the web. Each service provider will act like it's own established territory with CEOs deciding everything for the "people in the land" not based on consumer needs but corporate agendas. How does that sound like a good idea?
—John Kennedy, Cincinnati, OH

Net neutrality is important to me because I believe in a free and competitive market no matter where the market exists.
—Mairead R. Hawkins, Encinitas, CA

Please keep internet accessible to everyone regardless of income or residence. No two tiered system!!
—Andrea Plaza, Albuquerque, NM

Your push to change Internet rules of access are the worst sort of elitism, and do nothing but make the gap between the .01% and the rest of us even wider. This move actually is directly opposite of the founding fathers' ideal of equality. This seems to be another foot on the slippery slope toward an archaic, medieval society. And, it is just plain bad business. When the middle class is gone, who will support the .01%? Not a nation of uneducated people.
—Linda Armstrong, Burnsville, MN

This is important for the future,please get it right.
—Andrew Morgan, newport,

Greetings, I am sure you are getting a lot of comments regarding Net Neutrality, but I wanted to add a few more thoughts. As a member of the Investment Committee at the University of California Los Angeles Venture Capital Fund, this issue is of prime importance to myself and many other individuals and entrepreneurs. As you know, without guaranteed Net Neutrality, internet service providers such as Time Warner and Comcast can provide better service to preferred web sites. This is a terrible idea, as it will skew the competitive advantage towards large companies with deep cash pockets. In a world where there are fewer and fewer independent news sources, this would allow media companies to essentially crush small business and the small press. I urge you to reclassify internet service providers as common carriers in order to guarantee equal access to all sizes of companies.
—Wilton Risenhoover, Playa Del Rey, CA

As in all things, corporations are using varying internet speeds to make more money. Handling the net this way disenfranchises many persons. It makes for a two tiered system of 'haves and have-nots." What about schools, non-profits and institutions of higher education? I urge you not to let this happen!
—Linda Vitello, Fairfax, VA

Protect Net Neutrality, reclassify ISP's as common carriers.
—Jimmy Smutek, Baltimore, MD

All men/women are created equal, the internet should be too, no two tier pay, no two tier internet. the internet should classify ISPs as common carriers. Thank You
—Patsy Key, Colonial Heights, VA

Net Nuetrality is a must for freedom of speech as well as for the continued growth of small business. I am very concerned with the direction the the FCC is taking with Net Nuetrality; access to the internet should be an even playing field for all comers.
—Jessica Larson, Bryn Mawr, PA

Abolishing Net Neutrality means the end of the egalitarian internet we all enjoy. By allowing service providers to demand additional fees beyond what they already charge for bandwidth, you will be offering large, established businesses a significant advantage over new or small business. This is monopolistic crony capitalism at its worst. Stop this lunacy and reclassify.
—Erik Anderson, Salt Lake City, UT

Dear FCC, Without Net Neutrality, the government is condoning the same practice as the protection racket of the Mofia. The large ISP's will be allowed to go to businesses and say, pay up or bad things are going to happen. This is not theoretical, it is happening right now. Netflex is the obvious one. I am sure there are many more that have not been so vocal. Implement a real Net Neutrality to protect the Internet and protect the economy. Reclassify the ISP's as common carriers to use existing laws to ensure the Internet has a level playing field. The ISP's use the pretense that they are spending all this money and need to get a return on investment. Up to now, ISP's have been getting a fair return on their investment without the need to use an extortion and racketeering scheme. They are just getting greedy and lazy using there size and monopoly to force successful businesses to pay or bad things will happen to their business. Regards, Kristian Leite
—Kristian H Leite, Seattle, WA

Obviously providing that our founding fathers had any conception of the internet, they would be truly repulsed by the notion that our government would regulate such a commodity in the interest of private enterprise rather the overall well-being of Americans. This is just another example of the government refusing to listen to people and to continue listening to private, back-pocket, dollars. Shameful.
—Tyler Scherer, Pittsburgh, PA

The Internet should not become simply another platform for for-profit Internet companies to make money and provide selective access to the content of the highest bidders. The Internet bandwidth is a public resource and belongs to the American people. It is not a commodity owned by corporations. It does not belong to the ISPs. Allowing ISPs to discriminate based on who hands them the most money is wrong. We are a democratic society and policies of information access should reflect those core values. Protect Net Neutrality! Do not create a two-tiered system of access! Thank you.
—Nicole Gaines, Louisville, KY

Net neutrality allows for a platform of equality, freedom, and liberty that is unavailable anywhere else. Opportunities arise and become available through the net that couldn't happen anywhere else, thanks in large part to net neutrality. Don't crush that. Doing so would go against everything our country stands for.
—David Naturale, Missoula, MT

RECLASSIFY INTERNET SERVICE PROVIDERS AS COMMON CARRIERS!!! DISPOSE OF TOM WHEELER'S DELUSIONAL PROPOSITION.
—Luis Valladares, Amityville, NY

Please don't allow large corporations to dictate the internet rules that affect every one of us. Please protect the public and keep the internet neutral. Please don't let the people with the most money dictate what we are able to access on the internet, and what we are able to show others on the internet. Thanks.
—Danny Archibald, San Francisco, CA

The internet is not just a new thing in the world -- it is a new world. This is where we shop, do our banking, keep in touch with our families, peacefully assemble and generally participate in modern society. To consider the internet as anything less than a utility is to ignore this critical fact and effectively disenfranchise millions of poor & elderly Americans. You are doing the Public a great disservice by considering the convenience of service providers over the rights of those they are supposed to be serving...
—Bruce Byron Olson, Charles Town, WV

Above all this would signifies censorship plan and simple. To call otherwise is clearly a falsehood and you know. Shame on you Tom!!
—Joseph moran, buffalo, NY

The country was founded as a democracy, not as a way for companies to lord over their customers. This is unjust and will not promote any form of equality whatsoever.
—Le Yi Zhou, Parsippany, NJ

Putting the internet in the hands of corporations is UNAmerican! I am very disturbed and concerned that a Federal agency supported by tax dollars is insisting on leaning toward the demands of a few lobbyists and ignoring the needs of the American people. Do your damn jobs.
—Catherine Lockey, east berlin, PA

The internet is for everyone. Not just for those who can pay more.
—Ofir, Hod-Hasharon, OH

You are opening up the internet to discrimination by big business. Keep the internet neutral!
—Jonathan Fine, Boalsburg, PA

Because everyone should have equal opportunity to go onto sites they want, without discrimination by their provider.
—Elise Carter, las vegas, NV

Net neutrality is important for a small business individual applications development folks like me to prevent big businesses from hogging the bandwidth or isp charging premiums.
—Vijay Cinnakonda, ATLANTA, GA

FCC, throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality.
—Tim Gibbons, Bend, OR

I represent a small start-up company which depends on high speed internet. My company may have to compete against much larger companies which can easily afford to pay for higher speed access putting me at a disadvantage from the start.
—Ernst Wahl, Lewisburg, WV

The FCC needs to correctly classify broad band internet as a telecommunications service and begin treating it as a utility. It is as necessary for our modern society as electricity or water. Please allow the internet to remain open to all citizens, not just the elite that can continue to overpay for sub standard service. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Kimball Ward, Murray, UT

If you do this.. you shouldn't be treated as a human being. Let's face it. There's no hope for you. Just because your swimming in a pool of cash doesn't mean you can make things unequal without suffering the consequences... whatever that comes down to. Aren't we all the same flesh and blood?
—Steve Palmerton, santa ana, CA

The US is turning into an oligarchy with corporate interests being valued more than the voice of the people. The founding fathers are rolling in their graves. Stop them from trying to destroy this country we love!
—Mary Dixon, Ann Arbor, MI

The internet is a highway. It is wrong to allow some to go faster than others.
—Richard Autenreith, Novato, CA

Net neutrality is important because changing access de-democratizes information. Information access and control will be biased to those who have money and power.
—Rich Williams, HARRISBURG, PA

I shouldn't have to tell you why this is important, because you're aware of its importance already.
—Charles Harris, nampa, ID

No second-class citizens on the Internet!
—Jason Goodrich, Wilmette, IL

There should be one Internet for all; not a two-tiered system.
—Amy Schiffer, Santa Fe, NM

I already deal with slow broad band competing with fast as a traveler and I tell you it only makes things worse. I can spend hours trying to download an upgrade only to have it fail and all that time and access was totally wasted. If So Korea can work on providing 1 Gb Speed, then so can the US. There is no need to ration usage by offering it only to those who can pay more. We need true net neutralilty
—Robn Diekow, Sequim, WA

If you let ISP's decide who has the most bandwidth by what companies pay them the most, the freedom on the internet will be placed in jeopardy. Please reclassify them as telecommunications providers.
—Don Williams, Delray Beach, FL

The claims of complication in Net Neutrality are simply wrong, either access to any given part of the internet is provided by your ISP with no differences, or not. Further, at present the only way I know of to maintain regulation is Title II. A failure to implement it now will have costs later for all of America, in our GDP, our competitiveness, and our freedom to grow.
—Chris McCready, Coos Bay, OR

Save net neutrality! A tiered internet system is a flawed system. Please keep the internet neutral!
—Logan Carter, Portland, OR

The internet is vitally important to the lives of everyday people. People today depend on the internet the way they depend on the electricity that runs their homes. The internet should be regulated as a public utility. Net neutrality is the minimum regulation that should be implemented. Let the cable monopolies charge all they want for TV programming, but internet access should be essentially free or at most very inexpensive to anyone who wants it.
—Tom Mawn, Sarasota, FL

Please save Net Neutrality and reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Please save Net Neutrality. Thank You
—Brian Lingerfelt, Morganton, GA

The internet was created as a free exchange of information and should not be limited by anyone including large corporations standing to gain from this action.
—Jack Westman, Homestead, FL

Net neutrality is entirely unAmerican! Infringing upon freedom of speech through the internet.
—Natasha Jarett, Davis, CA

Yet another tactic to diminish ordinary people's rights and access! Digusting!
—Pam M., Eden Prairie, MN

We pay the highest price for internet and cable, globally, with less than savory customer service practices. Stop robbing the people of this country, of their rights, only to serve a handful of greed driven markets. If we must have "dirt roads", then what are WE paying for?
—Matt Huston, Downingtown, PA

Net Neutrality is important because this country caters to the rich and powerful, and Net Neutrality keeps the Internet free of discrimination against the little guy. Don't be swayed by the influential rich! Stand up for the average American! PLEASE KEEP NET NEUTRALITY!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! !!!!!!!!!!!
—Jackson Hawk, Rogue River, OR

There is no way to appease both parties in this ruling. Either the FCC reclassify ISPs as common carriers or ends Net Neutrality and any chance for a fair internet.
—Paris Nwanna, Vineland, NJ

Keep the internet FREE of corporate discrimination! Reclassify Internet Service Providers as common carriers and protect the neutral Internet and freedom of information!
—Amanda Havighorst, Boone, NC

A two-tiered Internet would destroy my small business, which relies on Internet traffic and runs on a small budget. Respectfully, I say throw out the FCC rules ending Net Neutrality and reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Thank you.
—D Colby Gardner, Santa Fe, NM

Net Neutrality Is a Bad Marriage of Government and the Internet. Companies like Comcast 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 do you due diligence and reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Dan R Divirgilio, PITTSBURGH, PA

Net Neutrality is the only way that small independent writers, artists, poets, artisans, radio broadcasters, musicians and others can bring attention to their work. Corporations, with their deep pockets, already have an advantage because they can spend huge amounts of money on SEO, marketing, advertising, etc. Add a tier of faster on line service and these small entrepreneurs will become all but invisible. Corporations already enjoy so many advantages and subsidies; please at least keep the speed of the internet a level playing field.
—Michele Anna Jordan, Sebastopol, CA

Maintaining Net Neutrality promotes the creativity and productivity of all citizens making use of the internet. Do not hamper this communication and access to information by selling it to the highest bidder and leaving everyone else behind.
—Patricia O'Donnell, Turlock, CA

Without net neutrality, we are being asked to pay for free speech. On another note of fundamental importance: conflict and extremism arise out of disparity of choice and opportunity. The elimination of net neutrality will fuel the planet's oligarchical fires. Everyone's life will be on the line as we become prey to those with dominant access to the web. You may think this is only about making a buck, but it is about much much more than that. Tom, are you that short sighted? If you care nothing for your life, have you thought about your children...their children? Everyone else's? I question your ability to perform any critical thought.
—France Menk, Walpole, NH

I urge you FCC to throw out the rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Keep the Internet open and neutral!
—Steven Smith, Watsonville, CA

FCC Dockets 14-28 and 10-127: This country needs total net neutrality now in order to encourage the innovation required to maintain our global leadership. ISPs should be classified as common carriers.
—Howard Rubin, Barnegat, NJ

I think the pan to allow two tiered Internet is a very bad idea. Please do not allow this ruling to hinder the Internet that has done so much for everyone. The Internet providers can build up there systems with out this very detrimental ruling.
—Wayne Byal, MINGO, IA

keep our internet free and open please
—Ms. Danya Spencer, brooklyn, NY

The internet should remain free and open. What is comes down to is greedy people wanting to charge more for the internet. It's wrong. Morals and values, where have they gone? It would kill small businesses, and kill what America is, or was. Does no one wonder why we are falling behind in the world and others are rising? It's not everyone else in the world, it's starts looking at American's selling off parts of America. Please reclassify ISP's as common carriers.
—Jon Otterstedt, Corona, CA

this is not a good plan the internet in this country is already slow. Why are we giving corporations another means to make money? The internet is probably last "fair" place that exist where it does not matter if i am a small business or a large corporation. FCC throw out your rules and reclassify ISP's as common carriers.
—Chris A, New york, NY

Through information we education and communicate therefore it must be free and equal for all humanity regardless of social level (earnings) religion and political views. Thank You.
—Aida Rodriguez, Hatillo, PR

We are far enough on the road to fascism already. We need the freedom of speech provided by net neutrality to help hold the line.
—George Crowell, London,

The FCC should be focused on the consumer. If the telecommunication companies can extract access payments from web providers the cost will most likely ultimately borne by the consumer. Such tariffs will be also serve as a barrier to entry for new companies, discouraging competition and the free flow of information. What the FCC should be focusing on is why mobile and broadband service in the US is inferior to that of many countries, while also being more than 50%+ more expensive. First things first, break up the telecommunications monopolies. Block the Comcast TW merger. Maintain net neutrality.
—Norman Basch, South Orange, NJ

The FCC needs to throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers!
—Nyaa B, Riverside, CA

Please stop the path to a "two tier" Internet. This is a horrible precedent to start.
—Daniel Fowler, Lansdowne, PA

Allowing large corporations to potentially implement a "fast lane" would be detrimental to innovation. They should not given be given the chance to influence what all use and love everyday.
—Rodrigo Moran, Waynesboro, VA

I urge you to protect Net Neutrality to its fullest. Too often this country is bending the rules to favor corporations, greed, and the 1%. ISPs may not technically be a monopoly, but in actual practice across America, they function as one in the eyes of the consumer. Innovation and the free flow of information ride on the back of Net Neutrality. Once a tiered system is created, personal rights and freedoms are thrown out in favor of whoever has the most money. Money and the "might is right" system has eroded the integrity of our government. Please do not allow it to destroy the internet as well. Innovation and progress is born out of opportunity. With a tiered system those who can afford to stay in the game will be pushed to the front of the line. I urge you to ignore the pressures and money of the ISPs and to act in the best interest of the people who rely on the internet for finding work, for paying taxes, for fueling innovation, for finding information, and for voicing their opinions.
—Kevin Werther, Webster, NY

Free press forever
—Robbie Quinn, Wallasey,

Net neutrality is necessary for real competition in the cable tv and broadband industries. It is better for consumers.
—Ryan Satcher, Tampa, FL

Guys, killing net neutrality is insane and a way to censorship, do not allow this pass.
—Vasaka, Hanoi,

The internet has been a driver for small business and entrepreneurs because it has give them equal access to customers and markets with very low barriers of entry. As network traffic bandwidth increases, the next revolutions will be in taking advantage of the amount of data that can be sent across the network. Not preserving net neutrality jeopardizes the ability of these drivers of innovation to compete with large corporations who will pay to shut out their smaller competitors.
—Jan Miller, Tempe, AZ

If the FCC goes through with this america will go from land of the free to the home of the censor.
—Stephen Glogiewicz, Phoenix, AZ

I am adamantly opposed to any move toward a multi-tiered internet. As it is, all data on the internet is treated equally which means we have a level playing field. Why give the cable provider monopolies even more power? THEY will pick winners and losers for online content if this goes through.. This country lags behind all other developed countries in high-speed broadband service. The solution and the right thing to do is to reclassify internet service providers as common carriers.
—Sharon Krebs, Madison, WI

PLEASE RECLASSIFY ISPs AS COMMON CARRIERS IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN TRUE NET NEUTRALITY!!!
—DBasile Basile, Broomfield, CO

Don't sell the internet! Leave it open.
—Kenneth Kolstad, Manassas, VA

Net neutrality is the key to democracy, you dumb dingo.
—Jessica Barth, Geneva, IL

The companies that want their own fast lane already make a gargantuan amount of money (you'd know all about that, huh Tom?) They don't need the FCC's help to make any more, especially if it means leaving SMALL businesses squarely in the dust. By the way, pretty much everyone already knows where Mr. Wheeler's loyalties lie. Start off as a lobbyist for the telecom industry and then appointed as FCC chairman, are you people serious?
—Kenneth Davis Osborne, Micanopy, FL

Net neutrality is critical to preserve the fluidity and innovation of the Internet and the creative culture surrounding it. Neutrality has be the de facto standard since inception, but now, classify ISPs as common carriers is an essential step to preserve net neutrality de jure. With the current profound lack of competition among ISPs, we cannot hope that the invisible hand will simply make this problem go away. ISPs must be classified as common carriers.
—Brian Allen, San Francisco, CA

Don't let the big dogs rule ya! The internet needs to stay fully neutral!
—Neil Peters, Cochrane,

We need options for internet service. Private companies work together to restrict options such as apartment complexes doing deals with only one internet provider ensuring residents have no other options and giving the internet provider a monopoly with no reason to improve customer service or speeds.
—Logan Grizzel, Santa monica, CA

keep the public lines open to the public. Internet neutrality forever!
—Mark Ainsworth, Des Plaines, IL

Creating unfair advantages for companies that can pay significantly harms a small internet business's ability to compete effectively in the market. An open internet should be a right, not a privilege.
—Yaw Aning, Fishers, IN

The internet today is comparable to the airwaves of yesteryear. It is incumbent upon us to promote and secure free, unencumbered or limited access to all. Allowing throttling or fast lane usage by some does not further this mandate. Please continue to ensure free access to all to ensure the survival of our democracy.
—Tom Johnson, Grants Pass, OR

Giving corporations control over internet use will inevitably end in abuse, to the detriment of ordinary citizens. The internet is ok as is. Leave it alone.
—Ms. Murray Duffin, Sarasota, FL

Creating an internet slow lane will give big business the upper hand online and stifle innovation, which is unamerican.
—Mason Sklar, Minneapolis, MN

Do NOT let big corporate ISPs throttle the internet! They are here to provide access to the free and open internet!
—Laura Wallace, Portland, OR

I'm not sure why the FCC is trying to push all this crap in without listening to public. Its clear that these actions to create fast lanes have virtually no public support. That should be enough to stop these internet rules in their tracks. Then again our government and its agencies don't listen to the public anymore so I'm not sure why I'm taking the time to write this. Corporations and money control your actions anyway.
—Eric Anderson, Lakewood, CO

I am an educator and freedom to access sites without restriction or cost is critical to academic researchers and their students. NET NEUTRALITY IS CRITICAL!!!
—Dr. Kimberly Millier, Tucson, AZ

The Internet Service Providers in this country already control too much, and have kept our internet infrastructure severely limited compared to other developed nations. Providers such as Verizon and Comcast have held on to their aging broadband infrastructures with their large regional monopolies refusing to upgrade their connections while still increasing fees. Allowing the ISPs a fast track option for a faster connection gives them an excuse to charge more for upgrades that they should have gradually implement over the last decade. The consumer shouldn't have to pay for them to play catch up. The internet isn't a luxury anymore in the modern world, it is a necessity, most businesses assume you have access to it, the internet really should be treated as a utility now.
—Abhra Dasgupta, Milpitas, CA

Net Neutrality is important to everyone. All sites, persons and businesses should have an equal footing on the internet. Tiered internet service is discriminatory. All ISP's are and need to remain common carriers.
—Harry Harper, Carmichael, CA

The cable/communication companies have shown in the past how they abuse any power they are given. Look at their broken promise to use their tax breaks to provide an updated, fast access,low cost infrastructure to all american homes. Instead they used these tax break funds to buy up the smaller companies to create monopolies. Now they complain they can't afford to use their record profits to do what they promised many years ago and provide fast, equal internet access to all. If they are not reclassified as common carriers, and fall under the rules of common carriers, they will use the proposed 2 tiered system to indiscriminately pick and choose who has fast access based in who will give them the most money. Tom Wheeler has known ties to the cable industry and this in itself should be a red flag. Please reserve Net Neutrality by not approving Mr Wheeler's plan. In this modern computer age, equal, affordable internet access has to be considered a necessity for the average person and not a luxury for the rich. Thank you for listening. Sincerely, Carl Kocich
—Carl Kocich, Fort White, FL

This undoes all of the great hopes for equalization that launched the era of Internet! PLEASE reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Kathleen Jernigan, Sebastopol, CA

Giving preferential treatment to certain information should not be the way the mases process it. Do not let the most used source of information be used as a launching platform for companies with the deepest pocket.
—John Shek, san mateo, CA

We need a level playing field in the cyber world. Reclassify ISP's as common carriers.
—Annette Huenke, port townsend, WA

Just because for profit firms want to do something does not mean they should. I do not want to see my internet access and use deteriorate so that a limited number of firms can create a fee only highway out of a public thoroughfare. Define internet as common carrier.
—Kathryn M. Tominey, Benton City, WA

Net neutrality is a critical utliity for innovation and economic growth. Don't let commecial interests screw up a good thing
—Douglas Longman, Chapel Hill, NC

I don't want giant corporate America deciding what content I can have access to on the internet. America was built on the backs of small business and entrepreneurs. They deserve just as much right to provide their content on the Internet as their giant counterparts. Keep government out of the internet; haven't you made a big enough mess out of the economy as it is?
—Terry Fischer, Silverdale, WA

Dear FCC, The internet must be keep free. I want the internet to be served by common carriers. I do not want a two tiered internet. No thank you! Please represent our wishes.
—Ananda Floyd, Cave Junction, OR

I do not believe Net Neutrality is a good idea. I implore you to throw out the FCC's rules and instead, reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Please!
—Peggy Collin, Tigard, OR

You can not have two tiers of service and call it fair according to the very definition of Net Neutrality. The Internet is a utility, and should be treated by the law as such. Businesses, government entities, etc. cannot function without the internet just like they cannot function without power. Please do not support corporate greed by companies wanting to get paid at every stop a packet of data makes, and make sure the internet stays exactly how it is and enforce the equal treatment of all data transmitted through the internet.
—Will Schmuck, North Richland Hills, TX

Keep free and fair for all!
—Peter Jackson, san pablo, CA

Trying to put controls on the internet is like trying to limit the freedom we have in regards to speech, beliefs and the right to bear arms! Even though the founding fathers had no idea what the internet was, I believe it's the concept they had in mind when forming the bill of rights!
—Steve Dodson, San Angelo, TX

It's important to keep the internet neutral so all people will have equal access. Please don't let this fall under the control of big money.
—Ken Stewart, southport, NC

i just want to know how much the billionaires are paying you Mr. Wheeler
—William A. Vick, gallatin, TN

Keep the internet free the way it has been. No draconian government regulation and no shady corporate arbitrary speed limits. Let the internet decide the winners and losers by making sure all site have an even playing field.
—Mr. Jeffrey M Sabo, Sparks, NV

Please keep the internet an equal playing field for the little guy. Creating fast lanes by default means creating slow lanes. Please don't make a decision our whole country will regret later and our kids will read about in history books as the end of the populous era of the internet. Support net neutrality!
—Josie tracy, Seattle, WA

Do not allow ANY CORPORATIONS to make any kind of discrimination with our communications systems, especially the internet!
—DONALD McKinnon, Long Beach, CA

Please change your rules reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Do not favor the big companies like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon!
—Janet Winogrocki, St. Louis, MO

Reclassify internet service providers as.common carriers now! I want a truly free internet!
—Paul Johnson, san francisco, CA

A vote for Tom Wheeler's proposed Internet rules is a vote for discrimination. Please leave the Internet alone and continue to allow innovation and small business growth!
—Brian Warnock, Bothell, WA

How about fairness and equality for all? Isn't that what our country is built upon? Why would you try to ruin that.
—Katherine vogler, Hamlin, NY

Net neutrality is essential for continued democracy around the world. If you are against Net Neutrality then you are against Democracy.
—John Taylor, Swansea,

ISP's need to be known as common carriers.
—John R Reidy, MONTROSE, PA

Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Juliana Brafa, Brooklyn, NY

Dear FCC, there is a reason the only ones looking to make these changes are the monopolistic cable companies. You have already allowed them to cut up the territory so they don't have to compete. The only way to protect everyone is to reclassify ISP's as common carriers.
—Paul Brounstein, WALNUT CREEK, CA

Please don 't vote to destroy the net. The net should be one of the commons. Siding with the big corps. is just putting another nail in the coffin.
—Cyd Herrmann, NYC, NY

Net Neutrality has created the companies that we all admire and count on: Google, Amazon, Facebook, Netflix. Without a free and open internet, growth and innovation will be strangled. The free exchange of information will die. It will be another place in our world that we cede to those with the deepest pockets. Once again, those who can pay will be advantaged over those who don't have the monetary resources to buy access. Net Neutrality is democratic. Net Neutrality reflects American values. That is, the ones we espouse, not the ones we turn into policy. America should be a meritocracy, not about who can pay and who can't. Net Neutrality is FAIR. The new FCC rules are UNFAIR. And that is un-American. Be fair. Be American.
—Guy Larkin, Oakland, CA

We need Network Neutrality to protect the free flow of information across the Internet. Without it, the Internet will further transform from a two-way, democratic communication system to a one-way mass medium controlled by a few companies. This is the media struggle of our time. We failed with radio and with cable to produce two-way, democratic communication. We cannot fail again. No tiered, pay-for-privileged access plan can possibly work to maintain a democratic Internet. In fact, the only way forward should be a "common carrier" designation for Internet Service Providers. Please, do not go down in history as the FCC board that ended the democratic Internet.
—Robert Gehl PhD, Salt Lake City, UT

I am a small business owner and I ABSOLUTELY depend on access to a free and open internet in order to market and grow my business. With all due respect, I demand that you protect Net Neutrality. Large, big-money corporations SHOULD NOT get to dictate how information is accessed, period.
—Joshua Adams, Denver, CO

Shame on you. Stop selling out the public. Reclassify as common carried and make sure we have real net neutrality. They have CAPs to cover the bandwidth problem. Do not allow the mergers of att and direct tv nor verizon and TW You work for the people, not your friends and Wall Street.
—Pkerr, Arlington, VA

The cable companies need to stop whining. its called a business. and there is competition. Its not the fault of other people who do well with internet business. If you didn't diminish the quality of which you send your shows and charge as much as you did maybe this wouldn't be an issue. And don't be surprised your customers know as much as they do or are able to learn. You can't keep us in the dark forever.
—Lauren D., Lake Charles, LA

Dear Chairman Wheeler, The future of the internet is in your hands. The paid-prioritization rules that you have put forth in the NFPRM are not net neutrality. They will undermine the principles of a open internet and will close to the door to content providers who cannot afford to pay for a non-degraded pipe to the Internet. And yes, these proposed rules will indeed create so-called 'fast' and 'slow' lanes on the Internet. Your rules effectively state: ISPs can give one website faster access, but they can't give other websites slower access. This doesn't make sense. The power to charge for a fast lane is the power to charge for a slow lane. Semantics. It seems to me that the FCC is captured like it always has been. The only party that these rules will benefit is the ISPs. There will be no public benefit to these rules. Remember you work for the people and not for the entrenched interests of the ISPs. That is an excellent segway into what should be done. Stand up for what the people want and re-classify ISPs as common carriers. Don't exempt wireless companies and apply Title II to both retail ISPs and upstream providers. Use your powers of forbearance to apply a 'Third Way' approach like your predecessor so you don't have to impose _all_ of the Title II rules. Use common sense. Forbid discrimination and mandate universal access using Title II of the Communications Act. It worked for the PSTN, it naturally needs to be extended to the internet.
—Robert Stevens, Canton, MI

Classifying the Internet as a common carrier is not a trivial matter. The FCC must listen to the voice of the people and ensure that Net Neutrality becomes a reality. The logarithmic growth of corporate power in this country otherwise threatens to overwhelm the rights (and pocketbooks) of the individual citizen. Throw out your existing rules and classify ISPs as common carriers!
—Daniel R. Pratt, Saint Paul, MN

As businesses and government force the public to access their services online, the internet should serve the public's needs and be identified as a utility. It is NOT and never should be a private business. In addition, there is little to no choice as Comcast and Verizon are actually functioning as monopolies and serving only the greater metropolitan areas and caring nothing about services to the rural areas of the US. Therefore, we need net neutrality and we need the internet to be categorized as a utility. It should serve everyone, not just the few who can pay for it.
—Christine Tessier, Cambridge, MA

Net neutrality is important because internet freedom is important and I like it that way.
—Elvis Claudio, TIMISOARA,

Tom, Keep the interenet fair to every citizen. It's ok that businesses don't make as much money as humanly possible. While I can't possibly understand all of the nuances to crafting these rules, I do know that creating a tiered system is going to cost me and my family more money to stay connected to the world. I find it completely abhorrent that you would even consider disallowing the concept of net neutrality. This decision really speaks to the integrity of your character. Do you want to be the guy who was known for maintaining net nuetrality for all the citizens of the United States or the guy who was "influenced" to change the entire concept and history of the internet in the United States to favor giant telecom, and a select few multibillionaires. Also consider that if you chose to maintain net nuetrality, the kids at school will be less likely to call you a dick. And that's got to be worth something, right? So please, throw out the rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Thanks.
—Pete Parasiliti, Venice, CA

Discrimanation online sounds horrible . It will be the end of the esports. It will be pay-to-win. Online gaming per overhaul will be a disaster .
—Robert Freeman, Bacau,

PLEASE! throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality. As a nation we are quickly losing our rights in many areas.....as an American help us preserve these!
—Cathy DeVoe, Enumclaw, WA

Please don't cave to big business. the net is our last refuge of freedom!
—Frank Perrelli, baltimore, MD

The Internet is a place for quick information (subject to judgment) about so much and also for some people a place for entertainment. Allowing restrictions on any lawful information is nothing more than a sop to big business wanting to get bigger. Stop kowtowing to big business; listen to the people and leave the Internet free for all.
—Robert Copeland, Springfield, MA

As a web developer, the Internet has been an integral part of my life and career. Having built and launched many websites, I understand the enormous opportunities made possible by an open, all-inclusive Internet. As a cable Internet subscriber, I have also felt the frustration and lack of choice when buying a connection to the very Internet that puts food on my table, and so many other tables. The Internet is absolutely integral to many professions and businesses, much like mail and telephone service. Just try to imagine how much business is conducted via email. Or how many products are sold via the e-commerce. That sheer volume should be enough to justify treating the Internet has a necessary utility. Given the lack of actual competition between ISPs (it's not competition if they aren't both available in the same location), where is the motivation to improve service and keep prices reasonable (which they currently are not)? Isn't it strange that the country which contributed so much to the creation of the Internet, now ranks 29th in Internet speed? Maybe if there was ACTUAL competition, we'd have a chance of catching up. Politicians are so fond of saying we're the best country in the world... I'm beginning to wonder what they're referring to.
—Greg, Redondo Beach,

We need to focus on freedom to learn, freedom to speak, freedom to choose. Having anything imposed on people by a non-neutral act would hinder our free will. I don't see how anyone would want their children to be raised to have biased opinions and forced preferences. I fail to understand any reasoning behind having a non-neutral internet.
—Jon, Gatineau,

I beseech you to stand up for Net Neutrality, to take any and all actions necessary to protect freedom of information and communication. The people of this world are weary of corporate interests subsuming all else. The people of this world are weary of being manipulated for profit. Stand up for honesty, stand up for impartial access and equality to information for all. Stand up to the tide of the few selling the present and the future of all of us for short term personal material benefit. Do the right thing here and protect real Net Neutrality - reclassify ISPs as common carriers. DO NOT create a two-tiered internet that enables wealthy corporate interests to dominate the web.
—Moon Teitel, Lake Luzerne, NY

It's time the little people, but the majority of people, are heard. We are sick and tired of being silenced by the corporate few. I like my fast internet; I don't want to go back to click and wait.
—Diane Prey, Waupun, WI

ISPs should be common carriers, not what the FCC is proposing.
—Derek Agcaoili, redlands, CA

Because it's smarter not greedier!
—Steve, Melbourne,

Tom Wheeler's plan to allow two-tiered Internet which would benefit only rich corporations is awful. It is the antithesis of what the rule should be. The only way that the US public benefits in this area would be to maintain and protect Net Neutrality for ALL. I URGE THE FCC TO RECLASSIFY ISP'S AS COMMON CARRIERS. The Internet is a public utility. It should be governed by rules that benefit all Americans, not just the wealthy.
—Michael Adler, Seattle, WA

Net neutrality allows me to have my own business from home, access whatever content I desire whether it is searching for and reading news stories I've heard about from both view points I agree with and those I don't, sharing photos & videos of my son with family 1,500 miles away, or logging onto Facebook. I can also stream from a Chromecast or Netflix or Hulu or other services -- not one company or techology who was given a monopoly by my ISP. Or whichever I decide to pay more for with these ridiculous proposed fast lanes.
—Robin Davidson, Pittsburgh, PA

Greetings, Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers. You have the power to do so, and it is the only way to protect our freedoms from getting further eroded. It's the only way to protect Net Neutrality. It is difficult to believe that the FCC does not realize that we, as a nation, are losing in so many areas, against other nations. Other nations are SPEEDING UP the current fast lanes for ordinary citizens. You certainly must be aware of this. Other nations are not allowing corporations to virtually monopolize the Internet. At the risk of invoking the meanderings of the conspiracy theorists, I think that you Americans [am I being naive?] on the FCC might want to take in a deep breath, let it out, and then contemplate over what is happening to our country, in many areas, due to the consolidation of power into the hands of a few. This isn't about the "free market" anymore. It is about infinite profits for corporations; control of the citizenry; and the exercises of power. We have fought each other, as Americans, from Day 1. But, through all of those fights, we have come out ON TOP, historically. And what we fought for more than anything is FREEDOM, as corny as that sound. For a while, we were producing the best of everything. That has changed, and one reason is that power, and control of resources, has consolidated into the hands of a few. I'm not talking Marxism. I'm talking AMERICANISM--the onward march to, and support of, freedom. The FCC needs to help keep us FREE; help freedom of expression GROW. In the areas of invention (see the book, "America by Design") the corporations pulled a lot of science and technology into their labs. Fine. But, it's become extreme, crushing the efforts of the little guy--the lone inventor that has a great idea that no one else has. If you push forward your current plan, you will be directly responsible for adding fuel to the fire that is already engulfing our nation. Even so-called "Third World" nations are now beginning to surpass us. And right at the time that this is happening, private interests want to LIMIT the human spirit in America, thus threatening to put us further and further behind. Interestingly (speaking of Marxism), Karl Marx seems to have been accurate in his prediction that the very nature of Capitalism is such that it would turn upon itself. Up until recently history, American democracy proved Marx wrong. But was he? Because, it looks as if our system is turning against itself, and against the citizens, and even against the principles that made us who we are (or who we HAD been, I'm so sorry to say) Are you aware that we are being LAUGHED at? Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers. You have the power to do so, and it is the only way to protect our freedoms from getting further eroded. It's the only way to protect Net Neutrality. Thank you.
—Ron Chism, Evanston, IL

Dear FCC, Please don't let large corporations control the flow of information on the internet. The Internet was created with the idea of free open access to any content. Handing the keys over to conglomerates will prohibit innovation. Sites such as Facebook, Google, Dropbox, Craigslist, Twitter, Youtube and countless others would never have been able to become as prominent as they are now if their bandwidth was being siphoned and controlled by a corporation. Please don't allow this. The communication age is the most important period in the history of humanity. Respectfully, Patrick Eder
—Patrick Eder, Richfield, MN

The Internet will become a corrupt business, the money people will cause more recession, do you want that?
—Stijn Marynissen, Rimington,

It's completely unfair to the majority!
—Andrew, New York, NY, NY

With the corporate control of the media (like Fox News), net neutrality is the only way that people can share unfiltered news.
—Lawrence Solorio, Roseville, CA

This has got to be an undemocratic land grab of the net, let all compete equally, these corporations have enough and are intrusive enough already, leave the net alone, give the small guys a chance, innovation happens with the small guys, this will kill the net... Please leave it alone
—Mark, Westerham,

This is really terrible and I am saddened to see that it is even being considered. Shame on Mr. Wheeler.
—Campbell Howe, Washington, DC

How much are you being paid Wheeler. I hope every cent comes back to bite you in the ass. It is an embarrassment that a former cable company lobbyist would be hired for your position. How much does it cost for them to buy your vote, America wants to know maybe we can match their offer. Shame on you and your corporate shill cronies. Protect net neutrality.
—Brendan Cardaci, Fredericksburg, VA

Please maintain the neutrality of the internet and allow me to freely access uncensored information. Thank you.
—Wyatt Hoover, Melbourne Beach, FL

I am a small business owner and it is not a leap in thinking in my world to see how quickly the internet will go out of balance and be dominated by corporate influence. The internet should remain Free and Clear of pay to play.
—Antonio Aversano, Leicester, NC

Corporations are getting enough benefits from the government as it is. Please be the one agency that actually stands up for the common citizens of this country. If you do those who look back at this decision in the future will see that you stood on the proper side.
—Colin Fisher, New York, NY

The Internet is for us....the people. Why do you feel the need to make decisions for us, the service that we pay for to enjoy. These big companies have enough power, which is too much power as is.
—Ralphel Sims, Morrow, GA

Because I was raised on the Internet. It's where I learned and where and how I make my living. It shouldn't be regulated by those who just have the money to influence political means.
—Timothy Kennedy, Morristown, NJ

The following comments are mine and do not necessarily reflect the position of my current employer. Net neutrality ensures equal access to information and resources. The proposed actions will put an undue burden on small business (a major job creator) and educational institutions. The increased costs will impact tuition at most colleges and universities. Increased costs may slow down research activities, which in turn may decrease innovation and/or medical progress. An irony is that the very community (higher ed) that first adopted this technology may literally be priced out of use. Safety communications, including emergency weather and crime notices may become unavailable or limited. What contingencies are considered for public safety and business continuity needs? A small group of large for-profit companies will control the information highway at the expense of education, job growth and innovation. Please reconsider this action.
—Maryellen Kelly Ph.D., Pittsburgh, PA

The uniquely valuable thing about the internet is that, unlike television and other mass media, it is not about content flowing down from media corporations to consumers, but about content flowing *up* from individuals to benefit everyone. This well-spring of creativity is not served by putting in place a system that privileges large corporations. Please do not set up a two-tiered internet.
—Mary peralta Railing, Bloomington, IN

A free internet has helped me keep in touch with family and friends.
—Richard D Mills, HUNTINGTON, IN

The internet is a wonderful tool that allows people to learn about a variety of subjects and expand their horizons. It allows students to do research quickly and effectively, and allows them to learn in other ways, using unconventional methods or media (such as tutorial videos on YouTube) that they might not be able to get access to if it weren't freely and easily accessible on the internet. This is especially true of lower income students. The internet also gives people the ability to meet new people from different cultures, or to talk with family members regardless of location. To change the way the internet is accessed to a two tiered system is putting the cable companies' greed ahead of the needs of the public. If the proposed system is implemented, the internet as we know it will be irrevocably damaged, freedom of speech will be throttled, and you will essentially be giving over the control of what information the public is exposed to to a small number of people. This had the potential to lead to mass censorship. To allow this to come to pass is unethical, and immoral. DON'T allow us to turn into China, where the internet is crippled with regulations and censorship. Protect Net Neutrality! Protect freedom of speech!
—Liliam Naranjo Hernandez, Halifax,

Keep the net neutral. Don't be pressured by corporate greed.
—Gustavo Reyes, CHICAGO, IL

ISP's are common carriers if telephone companies are common carriers. Today's data streams are the equivalent of telephone conversations of yesterday.
—James C. Stevens, SEATTLE, WA

Since the government screws up everything it touches,HAND OFF THE INTERNET!!!!
—Kevin McDaniel, Osceola, IN

Placing regulations on the internet is like regulating access to education or the amount of water we are allowed to drink. It should be accessible to all, no matter what, in whichever amount the consumer chooses. Politicians are put in place to represent the voice of the public, and net neutrality is certainly not favored by anyone but the private sector. FCC, please do the right thing - the internet is the most important tool for global advancement.
—Brent Lamb, Costa Mesa, CA

The internet should be treated as a public utility open equally to all. As such all should have equal access to whatever speed is available. Without net neutrality corporations and governments can create tiered levels of access. This would further accentuate the divide between the haves and the have nots.
—Res Admin, Berkeley, 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. I live on a fixed disability income and have no other source of income. My only entertainment is the internet and television because that is all I can afford. I can not afford to pay more in order to keep my service from slowing down, that is discriminatory at best.
—Amy Polnoff, Atwater, CA

The internet should be treated like a utility. Absolutely equal access to everyone, with *no* special tiers for big money or large corporations. Period. How the FCC can even consider removing net neutrality leads me to think that big money is already having its influence. My hope is that the voice of the People will rise above all that. As an independent record label owner and musician, I'm counting on the FCC to do the right thing.
—Kym Tuvim, Seattle, WA

Please revise the FCC standing with respect to Internet providers and consider them as the true "common carriers" they are. In fact, most large ISPs, including Verizon, Comcast, etc., ARE common carriers for voice. And their voice is carried over the Internet. It is hypocritical for the FCC NOT to be the guardians of equal access for everyone. Don't succumb to the pressures of the oligarchy. Be the protection for the millions.
—Fred Gluck, Boulder, CO

As a member of a small business that provides media content to customers and a host of my own site for videos and flash games, equal internet speeds are very important for me. Don't allow the two tiered internet!
—Nathan Moore, Coal City, IL

Please reclassify internet service providers (ISPs) as common carriers. ISPs should not be allowed to prioritize content. Thank you.
—Edwin Horneij, Studio City, CA

Dear FCC, Your current proposal for a two tiered internet is dangerous to American liberty and business. It is obvious that the internet must be regulated just as phone technology was, and that ISP's must be re-classified as common carriers. Failure to do so will have far reaching and detrimental results. Mr. Wheeler says he will not allow corporations to run amok, but what happens when Mr. Wheeler is gone? What will those who come after him do once the game has been changed and the internet has been handed over to large telecom corporations? Your actions today will set a precedent for the future. It will also be your legacy. You must ask yourselves if you want your legacy to be that you caved to the pressures of a large corporation, or if you stood up for what you know is right for the American people. Net Neutrality should be a non-issue - the fact that you are considering a two-tiered plan is evidence that our country is in deep trouble. Consider that a two-tiered internet is a dangerous thing for the future. The current FCC members may hold telecoms to a responsible limit, but that may not always be the case. The agency will change, and so will the ideologies of those who run it. Making this a possibility harms young start-up businesses, and destroys the very last level playing field that exists in American society. I and million of other Americans implore you - do not allow this to happen. Re-classify ISP's as common carriers and work for the public good rather than corporate greed. The bottom line is that this is about money and control - and control must rest with the people, not the whims of a telecom company that makes plenty of money and provides sub-par service as compared to the rest of the world. Do the right thing. You will be remembered for it. People will write about your decision in the future as either something that saved the internet or lead to its unequal distribution. How do you want to be remembered?
—Russ Pontius, Portage, MI

You must act on behalf of consumers! It is not a fair marketplace when access to publicly owned communication is made for profit. Already we pay much more for slower internet speeds than many other countries allow for their citizens!!
—Mary Prichard, los angeles, CA

This is not Russia.
—Josephine Montalvo, Orlando, FL

Discrimination of internet traffic only favors those that can afford to pay a premium. Small businesses and start-ups would not be able to compete with multi- million/billion dollar companies that can afford to pay this extortion fee. This entire debate is a complete waste, there is no question that internet providers should be classified as common carriers. The only people that win are the politicians and lobbyists (yes, you Chairman Wheeler) that line their pockets with bribe money from the likes of Comcast and Verizon. As much as I'd like to believe that the FCC will do the right thing, the way this country works depends on how much money you can throw at those making the decisions. Let's hope I'm proven wrong.
—Jason Chamberlain, San Mateo, CA

This plan is the dumbest thing I have ever seen. After this, what else will your corporate overlords demand?
—Chad Stegmiller, Columbus, OH

Look, I don't know how many times you have to be told. Real net neutrality is what is best for the US. Stop messing around with tiers and just reclassify ISPs as Common Carriers.
—Jared Klundt, Provo, UT

The Internet has long been a haven of free speech, with all that that implies. Please don't take away this weapon for freedom. Ensure net neutrality for today and for the future. Thank you.
—Dan Chapman, Brethren, MI

Dear FCC Please Work for the People of this great country Not Lobbyist or big business Your only interest should be protecting the right of us Americans……
—Matthew Beckwith, henderson, NV

Dear FCC Chairman, We don't like your discrementory rule over internet. The internet companies are already making us excessive charges and your current ptroposal to further support their profit is plainly unacceptable. Please stop this new rule.
—Hamid R. Darabi, Union City, NJ

The internet is not just a place for video games and social networking. The internet is also a tool for communication, understanding, and learning. By allowing companies to create internet fast and slow lanes, using a pay to play style plan depending on what THEY want, rather than the people, you are in turn damaging the good that the internet can do for us as a people and humanity at large. Your cowardice to stand up to these companies and classify them in a manner that benefits the many, shows more about you than the corporations pushing for greater and greater profits at the expense of the American people. Verizon has been given a chance (at the taxpayers expense) to upgrade their internet and cell phone speeds, a chance they never took and only used that time and money to bring up their bottom line, they then raised prices saying that it was needed to upgrade their systems. Another lie that never happened, and has put the people at the mercy of a company that only seeks to increase their profit margin over quality of service to the people. I for one DEMAND that you classify ISP's as a common carrier or utility company, rather than allow them to destroy the Age of Information to further their own greed.
—Kenneth Engelhard, endicott, NY

I work in software yet can not afford to bankroll a fast-lane for my start-up app. I would be at a competitive disadvantage to any sufficiently wealthy company that could pay for premium speeds. The democratic nature of an open internet is crucial to small players like myself. The solution to bandwidth issues is more bandwidth, not privatized lanes on existing pipes.
—David M Walton, Austin, TX

Please reclassify broadband to protect a free and open internet for our future!
—Sandy Fulton, Washington, DC

Democracy is fading, little by little, If the Democractic Internet Falls, prepare for the worst.
—Jordan Eubank, Richmond, VA

The whole design and architecture of the internet relies on, and depends on routers knowing were other routers are located and being able to choose the quickest route for a packet of data to travel. As soon as you start compartmentalizing parts of the internet network, then at the very least other routers will have fewer choices and most likely slower choices toward which they can direct their packets. The internet itself must be seen as the roads traveled - some are super-highways like Internet II and others might be back roads but they are "owned" by ISPs of various kinds but they should all be seen as common carriers of the data that uses them. Regardless, of the origination or destination or content of that data.
—Carl Kuppe, Baltimore, MD

I don't want to be second class to the wealthy (or those who can afford it) on the internet
—Andre Carter, Roswell, GA

It is an absolute joke that this is even an issue. The net must remain neutral, no preference for those that can pay more. Make the internet a utility, just like the telephone. In the year 2014, the internet is essential, thus it should equal to all.
—Vermette Marc, El Dorado Hills, CA

We cannot allow large internet providers to essentially "take over" the free internet market. This would be a blanket discrimination across the board to all those who could not pay for what such corporations would deem an 'ultimate package for data'. For those who cannot pay the higher price for those so called 'ultimate packages' the internet experience would be hugely impacted in the worst possible way. The wonderful idea of this grand communication/research/ documentation/shopping, etc tool is that there is no class separation involved. Of course there are different data packages in place but once a person gets onto the internet all content is available to all (with certain exceptions such as China's censorship of parts of the internet to it's citizens). We MUST keep the internet free! We MUST. I implore you to stand firm on this issue and to not be deceived by those providers who want to essentially take away access to some parts of one of the most innovative and research tools ever to be invented. STAND FIRM.
—Betty Weber, Ponca City, OK

I cannot understand why this has to be so hard of a decision to make...we are already stuck in these corporate monopolies and now you want to give them more power to control us...please do the right thing and reclassify ISP as common carriers
—Matthew Wiggett-Bassett, South Dennis, MA

Equal access and data transfer speeds will keep the internet open to new companies and innovations.
—Jeremy Freeman, Ashburn, VA

Please save our Internet! The Internet is our daily mail and our trusted information channel!
—Dirk Bruehl, Salisbury, PA

We are supposed to live in a democracy, yet nearly every aspect of our lives is dominated and hurt by corporate/big money rule and control. Do not let this happen to the internet as well. Big money does not respect the people's rights to truthful media, economic justice, environmental sanity, protection of the Commons, women's rights, voting rights etc....Big money is destroying our democracy. DO NOT GIVE BIG MONEY POWER OVER THE INTERNET; IT ALREADY HAS FAR FAR TOO MUCH POWER.
—Jerilyn Bodemar, Watsonville, CA

There should be no difference in service or speed for ANY Internet user. Both commercial users and personal users benefit from a neutral net.
—Joseph Marshall, Columbus, OH

It is vital to our nation that New Neutrality remains in tact. The internet is the greatest expressive medium in history. Individuals all around the world are given the means to express themselves on an equal field. The addition of internet 'fast lanes' will ruin that freedom. Opinions and media backed by 'people' with money will be allowed to speak their voices louder. This ruins the idea of the internet and cannot be allowed to happen. Please, keep Net Neutrality alive.
—Logan Bestwick, Kentfield, CA

Why would the FCC want to get a law passed that helps big business and potentially hurts the average American consumer? Two-tiered internet is a horrible idea.
—Bryden Cole, Richmond Hill, NY

If you do not leave the internet free and open you will hurt the economy even more. I am an online business and if access to my website is choked because I cannot afford to pay media moguls hundreds of thousands of dollars to be on their internet cable tier then I will be on welfare. You cannot allow the internet to be accessed like cable television. If you think the economy is hurting now see what will happen when you choke all of these small internet business out of existence. Cable television is a major rip off as it is and need its very own regulation. Do you know what “Basic Cable” is today? It is nothing more than the digital broadcasts you can get free over the air. Yet it is as expensive as the basic line up used to be when cable first came onto the market. Cable companies are a major corporate scam and you cannot allow them to destroy the internet the same way they did pay television. How can the masses have access to the internet if giant media corporations dominate it?
—Jonathan D. Monaco, Chandler, AZ

Hey FCC, ISPs *ARE* common carriers. Please reclassify them as such, NOW. Net Neutrality is important to maintain for the good of all citizens. The alternative is tilted towards favoring those with money, and that's not fair.
—Scott Elliott, Boulder, CO

Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers. All traffic on the internet should be treated equally and not exploited by the corporations. We need these entities to be regulated. No individual or company should be able to pay for “prioritized transmission,” nor should service providers be allowed to slow traffic or block access. Broadband customers should be free to use their own private networks, while the providers themselves should provide regular transparency reports about broadband access.
—Holly Wood, Olympia, WA

Your proposed changes are all in the name of profit for a handful of entities and they are the death toll for free dissemination of information. ISP's must be classified as common carriers.
—Sylvia De Rooy, Eureka, CA

Please keep our Internet open and free for all. It is our most important educational tool for the future. DO NOT let money dictate Internet policy.
—Jay Wright, Phoenix, AZ

Don't let big companies take over. Everyone has the same right to the internet with equal speeds. The speeds at your location should be the only thing that affects your internet viewing.
—Katherine, Clayton, DE

It is time for the FCC to begin acting in the public interest. The only way to insure that new pay-to-play schemes do not drive up prices for consumers is to re-classify broadband as telecommunications infrastructure. Net neutrality was promised to us by President Barack Obama, the person who nominated the current FCC Chair. The reclassification would allow the FCC to issue regulations as needed to insure net neutrality. Retaining the current classification of broadband as an information service means that any new regulation efforts would just result in more lawsuits, and more court decisions saying that the FCC exceeded its regulatory authority. Senator Al Franken calls net neutrality, “the free speech issue of our time. We cannot allow the FCC to implement a pay-to-play system that silences our voices and amplifies that of big corporate interests.” "In 2012, Comcast imposed data caps that stifled all online video streaming -- except from Comcast-owned content provider Xfinity..." While this apparently changed because of promises that Comcast made in order to secure approval for its merger with NBC-Universal, that promise has an expiration date. There is no reason to assume that after that expiration date, Comcast will not resume its corporate favoritism in an effort to increase its profits, unless we get a short stay if Comcast needs to grease the wheels for yet another merger. This time the proposed merger is with Time Warner Cable, which would be a merger of two cable companies which both rank at the bottom of customer satisfaction surveys. Comcast also just implemented steep rate hikes that hit independent cable companies hard, and for many consumers (myself included) that meant the loss of some popular cable channels. Now Comcast is on track to control nearly 40 percent of the broadband market in the U.S., and its past history clearly shows that without real net neutrality, consumers will be the losers. And the same is true for other broadband providers such as Verizon. Again, it is time for the FCC to act in the public interest. It is time for the FCC to reclassify broadband services, and issue net neutrality regulations that will not be thrown out in court.
—Keith B Wilson, Wendell, MN

Net Neutrality is essential and must be protected.
—Sarah, Brooklyn, NY

Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Content providers should not be able to manipulate the delivery medium to favor their own content over that of their competitors. It's in the current open environment that true innovation has been fostered. Eliminating that restriction would imbalance the playing field in favor of a small cadre of powerful monopolies. I'm looking at you Time Warner and Comcast. Comcast has been the only player in my neck of the woods for over twenty years. I have no alternative cable service provider and that's just wrong. PLEASE PLEASE HELP US!!
—James Sluka, elmhurst, IL

we need our net neutrality, not only for the ones that can afford it.
—Sherry Soltis, s, TN

Net Neutrality ensures that everyone can use the Internet; it is a shining example of free speech and open expression. To rescind it isn't only unfair and fascist, it's unAmerican. Please don't censor the greatest collection of information and imagination that the human race has ever created.
—Marika Reinsma, Shoreline, WA

i like to learn new thing,i like to know as much about everything as possible.The plans to take our online freedom away simply is not going to work. Stop treating us like animals in a zoo.
—Jamie A Mckechnie, Letterkenny,

Chairman Wheeler; I am a retiree And can not afford to pay more for using the internet so please stop the proposed rules changes and maintain Net Neutrality. Sincerely, Bernie McKinnon
—Bernie McKinnon, Southington, CT

There are enough monopolies in this country that hurt lower income families and individuals, please don't make internet service be one of them. Internet access and speed are vital to **job searchers**, **online students**, content creators, online storefronts, online gaming communities and many others. Tiered internet hurts everyone and helps NO ONE.
—Rebekah Duchemin, Sandown, NH

The growth and success of the Internet has been the direct result of equal access by worldwide developers. As an early adopter who has been working in the Internet space since it became available to the public, I can assure the FCC that no corporations were around when the Internet was developing, they've only shown up now to reap profits from work they didn't do. To turn over the hard work of thousands of individuals worldwide to corporations who've done nothing but peddle influence to agencies like yours is a travesty and patently undemocratic. Let's preserve at least the illusion that America and the FCC is interested in diverse voices with equal access on the Net rather than the wholesale giveaway of this powerful tool to corporations that serve no good purpose but their own.
—Ken Roth, Los Angeles, CA

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Protect real Net Neutrality...not Internet Service providers profits.
—Clay Tingley, Diablo, CA

Real net neutrality desperately needs to exist. Preventing this from happening would actively harm many peoples experience, as well as make it more difficult for them to live as the separate lanes could well be more expensive. Many people depend on the Internet, stopping real net neutrality would greatly harm these peoples lives.
—Robert Dowhy, Bar Bar,

This will not end well for you or anyone the economy is weak enough as is so might as well not go through with it
—Claude McAlpin, new castle, DE

The beauty of the internet is because everyone can use it equally. People from all over the world can communicate and find jobs and gain knowledge! If you create a two tiered internet you are basically agreeing that if someone doesn't have enough money they won't be able to operate. I know you say well that is ridiculous they can still use the internet. What about independent graphic designers who need fast internet but may not be making a lot of money because they are independent contractors? (I know a lot of them; they are my friends and family) You have just lost them their ability to work . I also think it is just rude to try and make the internet a class system like everything else. If you have enough money then you can operate happily in our society but if you don't have enough money then screw you; we will give you the scraps (that aren't as good) from people with money. Why do you need to "fix" something that isn't broken!!! The equality on the internet is what makes it sooo great!!! Do not become a slave to the money hungry Internet service providers who only care about their bottom line! They do NOT need more money!! It is absurd!!! Take some time to see this point of view. Ask yourself what benefit these companies have for pushing their agenda. It is not right and I hope you listen to the people you work for. The people want you to reclassify ISP's as common carriers!
—Ana, San Carlos, CA

I view the net as a public library---commercial concerns should not determine what content should be favored over other material.
—Gregory Hyde, Bloomfield Hills, MI

So-called "net neutrality" is garbled language used as a LIE to cover a sneaky attempt to diminish the potential power of the individual vs. the super-corporation! Reclassify ISPs as common carriers!
—Glenna Elliott, Sebastopol, CA

I think it is very important that we separate the content from the whims of the access providers.
—Dean Miller, Pataskala, OH

There comes a time when people have to stand up to the forces of evil. The big corporations that want to screw out of more of our hard earned dollars by charging for a premium internet service are one such entity. AND by acquiescing and with their demands while not listening to us, Tom Wheeler, in turn, becomes a part of this evil. Perhaps it is time to call for a replacement that will listen to the people, if we believe in that old paradigm that is still being maintained. Baseline? It is bullshit. I don't want to pay more for internet service, nor have the internet companies decide what I Can an Can't see. All net traffic needs to be given the same treatment. No, No, and No.
—John Robert Fugaye, Ewa Beach, HI

Internet access should not be varied based on one's ability to pay for it. Period.
—Nathaniel Adkins, Red Oak, IA

Keep the internet affordable for the public!
—Peggy Gheta, Avon, OH

Getting rid of Net Nutrality is opening a Pandora's box of additional charges. The thing that made the Internet great is that there was this hands off policy by the powerful. Protect our resource. Keep Net Nutrality
—Steve Mangione, Hamburg, NY

Throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Daniel McDevitt, West Islip, NY

I agree with John Oliver (https://www.youtube.com/watch ?v=fpbOEoRrHyU&feature=kp) here. I want a large, dumb pipe to the internet, and I don't want a noncompeting, monopolistic company dictating to me what content I can see quickly.
—Mark Miller, San Francisco, CA

Free and open internet has helped bring many positive changes. Losing net neutrality would be a great loss in our quest for global justice.
—Todd Dell, Aspen, CO

This country of ours needs net neutrality. With out real net neutrality, the United States of America will continue to fall behind the rest of the world in internet connectivity and speed. The quality of the internet will decrease which in this day in age means less competition and in turn our economy will suffer for it. The only thing to do is reclassify the cable companies as common carriers!
—Matthew Johnston, Elmira, NY

I demand that the FCC classify ISPs as common carriers! We do not want regulation of the internet! We demand net neutrality!
—Ck, San Jose, CA

I believe Net Neutrality is important for everyone. If it doesn't exist bigger companies could charge extra for websites we should have just for playing for their Internet services. For a country that is supposed to be about freedom, this is limiting our freedom. Big businesses should not control us. We the PEOPLE not We the RICH COMPANIES!
—Chris Smith, cleveland, OH

There should be no express lane for Netflix and other commercial users on the internet. We all do important work on the internet. It is the People's resource.
—Peter Fritz, Delanco, NJ

Free internet for world; stop to lobbies and Bigdata!
—Ermanno Peciarolo, Terni,

Americans do not need another monopoly.
—Amy Mabry, Hartselle, AL

I am a college professor emeritus who holds two patents in information systems. Those inventions in large part were due to being able as an individual to use the internet freely and at full speed. It is down right stupid and ignorant to propose a two tier system. In civil rights separate but equal did not work and it won't work here either. You are being duped by the corporate lobbyist.
—Dennis Jones, Blacksburg, VA

The world is watching. I hope you will do the right thing. We don't want "fast lanes" at the expense of smaller companies who can't afford to pay the extra cost of being "equal".
—Timothy J Bloch, Sarasota, FL

Dear FCC and FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler, Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Negotiating with and paying companies twice that already take public money to build their networks and to upkeep them seems crazy. Also, the anti-trust oversight that is built into the system should be used. The idea that companies agree to stay out of the others respective markets so that there is less competition in those places creates an environment for each company to have a monopoly on any given region. We the public cannot even set up our own networks in some places because of these huge companies and the lobbying power that they have to shut out the public. This country is passing laws that make us beholden to large corporations and they are becoming our gatekeepers of information and barriers against our ability to live in a world of the peoples making. I understand that we must protect the market and the economy to keep our current system afloat. But if we keep selling ourselves to large private companies, while giving them the rights of a public citizen, we are in trouble. We are in trouble not only from the standpoint of the populace, but at the top corporation/government level. Good stewardship yields long term profits. And by long term, I mean across many generations. Our current governing body and the ones before should be and should have been thinking about this long ago. The shame of it all is the lack of self control, self reflection, and care for the common good of our country and the world as a whole. Good luck with the pressures of a very hard job, being pulled in many different directions, trying to do what is right in a complicated system governed by "public" opinion and money. Please think long and hard. Please think about the ramifications of this decision. Barbara Lee said this about the AUMF in 2001. And it seems appropriate to quote this bit here: "In granting these overly broad powers, the Congress failed its responsibility to understand the dimensions of its declaration...." Please consider the ramifications of this decision with a clear head and remember the ideas this country was founded on. Thank you, Michael Gundlach
—Michael D Gundlach, Amherst, MA

Corporations don't get to drive on the fast lane of our nations highways; and they shouldn't get a fast lane on the net either. Net Neutrality needs to be kept for all to enjoy.
—Linda Baker, Santa Rosa, CA

Don't buckle to big corporations once again. Maintain net neutrality.
—Robert & Judy Gotthelf, Bayfield, CO

To Whom It May Concern at The FCC; The proposed infringements on net neutrality show every indication of policy makers that are either painfully out-of-touch with and ignorant of the good of public, or who are quite simply being bribed, lobbied, and sweet-talked by large corporations. MOST of the major problems facing our country stem from corporate greed and one of the BEST tools for the public's real freedom is an open and equal access to information on the internet. Younger generations already understand this. You have a chance to help that generation now. Don't blow it.
—Jon Weston, Castro Valley, CA

the net should be free and truly neutral, big cable and telcom components should not be allowed to determent who has faster net seeds and who doesn't. also i never elected any of you so why should the FCC made decisions that so dramatically effect me and why is a former cable lobbyist even allowed to be a part of this organization, that dose not speak of an impartial and unbiased leader. i say NO to Tom Wheeler's plan for the net and YES to reclassification of the net and true net neutrality.
—Joe Colestro, olean, NY

Its unfair to capitalize on absolutely everything in America. We need Net Neutrality.
—Jade Powles, morganville, NJ

People first not the profiteers
—Judy Swett, Hyde Park, MA

Net Neutrality is inextricably tied to Free Speech; limit one and the other is limited as well. When the primary vehicle for speaking out is the internet, allowing fast and slow lanes prioritizes the voices of some over the voices of others. That approach is destructive to a democracy.
—J Clark, Warren, NJ

The Internet and it's freedom is important. It's ridiculous that companies are attempting to gain so much control over the Internet, especially since it is clearly for profit and does not contribute to society positively.
—Lingyu Kong, Rego Park, NY

I want to start my own website, and am afraid that as a small startup company, I won't be able to compete with larger corporations.
—Kenneth Anderson, New York, NY

Net Neutrality is vital to my livelihood as a web developer.
—Mr. Alex Miramontes, Chicago, IL

Net neutrality is imperative to maintain an open and free flow of uncensored information! The FCC's plan would be comparable to censorship and would end the few flow of controversial ideas and information!!
—Jeff Carte, Knoxville, TN

It seems to me that the only ones who will benefit from a two-tiered internet are ISPs. They will be allowed to pick and choose who gets the most bandwidth. That's not what the internet is about. Frankly, it's sad and pathetic how much your organization is bowing to the telecom companies. You're the FCC- YOU'RE supposed to be the one calling the shots. Sure seems like the other way around to me. Represent THE PEOPLE like you're supposed to. It's clear that THE PEOPLE do not want a two-tiered internet. Show some backbone and reclassify ISPs as common carriers. The internet in this country lags behind the internet in most of the developed world. It's time to change that and "fast lanes" are so obviously not the way to do it. Anyone with any common sense can see that. I really there's still someone common sense in your organization.
—Nigel Stanton, South Berwick, ME

Starting an independent video game company is very hard work especially if there is no internet.
—Shayne, Los Angeles, CA

Maintain Net Neutrality at all costs!
—Andrew Liimatta, Midvale, UT

Please keep the net neutral and do not censor the internet.
—Mr. Keith Lane, Plymouth, MA

The FCC to throw out its proposed rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Paul Webster, Ojai, CA

Because our founding fathers fought for freedom, not a police state
—Nabeel Farooq, Orange Park, FL

I run a tech startup trying to compete with multiple industry behemoths. We do something different and customers love our product, making us able to gain traction and market share. But if the rules you are proposing that allow for our competitors, whose resource outweighs ours nearly 100 fold, to gain an advantage just from outspending us for faster connection - we'd be instantly out of business. Putting the fast lane rhetoric aside, allowing for larger companies to outspend smaller ones in this manner is a detriment to innovation. For me and my business, the effects couldn't be felt stronger. Stop the mergers, foster competition, and most importantly let the little guy compete. Regards, Evan Rallis
—Evan Rallis, Bridgewater, NJ

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Jesse Ledbetter, New Wilmington, PA

I don't want ISPs to determine what websites should be on fast and slow lanes on the Internet and charging different prices to access different websites. Stop allowing ISPs to control the Internet! reclassify ISPs as common carriers
—John Perrelli, Baltimore, MD

I an an educator, and much of my own education has been enriched and allowed to flourish by a free and unrestricted internet. Please do everything in your power to preserve true and absolute net neutrality, so that the individual may choose, with as much freedom as possible, what information they have access to. By allowing ISPs to dictate content speeds, or any other aspect of a users internet experience, folks like me and my students lose the ability to stream historical speeches, download student films, games, free software, and many other enriching files and services that are unconnected with the profits of the world's largest conglomerates and companies. What you can do, right now, can change the world for the better, possibly for centuries. I'm trying my best to do my part to cement a legacy of a free internet, and I'm begging you to do all you can. Thank you.
—Joe Miranda, Garden Grove, CA

We are buying a connection from the ISP's for our internet traffic. The ISP's should not have the power to regulate, block or slow down what goes in or out of that pipe based on their own self interest. I urge you NOT to implement the proposed rules, but instead you should re-classify ISP's as common carriers.
—Joe Cook, Broken Bow, OK

Stop the corporate takeover of America! The FCC is supposed to protect all Americans, not just those with money!
—Nathan Howard, Edmond, OK

Like water, food and shelter network access is quickly becoming a necessity. Having two kinds of internet will negatively affect those who need it the most.
—Matthew Van Horne, Tacoma, WA

The United States is supposed to be a democracy built on freedom. It has rapidly been turning into a dictatorship through unjust corporate, military and government control. Citizens are being robbed of their rights and ending net neutrality will be the final straw for a lot of people. We will absolutely not stand for this. This has gone too far. Net neutrality is a crucial component of free sharing of information, freedom of speech, freedom of the press, and our identity as a "free country." The internet should be a free shared resource for everyone. Ending net neutrality would be a giant step backwards in our journey as a country who has come a long way in ending discrimination, censorship, and all kinds of outdated, asinine ideas.
—Kylie Halloran, Ashland, OR

Please don't give the corporations even more power. Small business and the future of our civilization depend on the opportunity to let the little guys grow!
—Midian crosby, Denver, CO

Corrupt big business is the downfall of America. Shame on you for disgracing your morality, ethics, and ancestors. Take your greed and transform it into wealth for the public.
—Embury Russell, St augustine, FL

Net Neutrality is important to me because restricting it goes against the first amendment.
—Andy Laplante, Granby, CT

The internet is for everyone. It is not for a few corporations to make more money off of all of us while leaving some behind. ONLY THE FCC has power to stop this corporate land grab madness. PLEASE USE YOUR POWER FOR THE GREATER GOOD.
—Deana Hopkins, Centennial, CO

It is extremely important that everyone has equal access to the internet to express ideas and provide information together with the ability to receive other ideas and information, all of which is much more important than profit motive.
—Loretta Rogers, Cody, WY

Stay away from the net... even though you fear it...
—Deborah Tamburri, san ramon, CA

STOP PUNISHING THE POOR !!! The Internet should be limitless for all to use !!
—Rick Stafford, New Brighton, MN

Internet Service Providers *are* common carriers, and in most cases in the US, are operating as monopolies using public utility rights of way. Stop trying to pretend they are not common carriers and should not be regulated as such.
—Phillip Susi, Orlando, FL

Just say no
—Jetoine Mathurin, Miami, FL

Do not allow corporate interests to determine access to information. We must continue to give voices without access to unlimited funds anymore control than they already possess.
—Tracy Bramlet, Austin, TX

Those of us in the 99% of the population are feeling more and more oppressed. These new rules being proposed by the FCC would be an additional huge trampling of our rights. I cannot believe that anyone can really feel it is democratic, just, or good.
—Moneta S. Prince, Austin, TX

Stop "Big Business" from taking over everybody's NET for their profit and to the peoples loss.
—Robert Belyea, Newington, CT

A 2-tier internet is not acceptable. A two tier system is just another thing to weaken our society and widen the gap between rich and poor, increasing the wealthier citizens influence in society. The internet is one of the last places in this country there is an equal playing field and we should all fight to keep it the way it is!!!!!!!!!
—Jennifer Van Shea, Los Angeles, CA

As a graduate of MIT, I understand how important net neutrality is to my peers starting new web-based businesses. New companies unfortunately run on a hair-thin budget, and making them pay for an internet fast lane could mean the difference between success and bankruptcy.
—Adam McCaughan, Somerville, MA

Open, equal communication is key to a well-functioning democracy. A tiered system will significantly diminish access and therefore also diminish balance in information. A tiered system will perform like campaign finance, where those with a lot of money will crown out others, reducing the expression of alternative views. This will be unhealthy for our society. Please maintain equal access to the Internet.
—Debra Kaye, Portland, OR

Please, let's keep one place on Earth that the Government stays out of...the Internet!! Let's keep it free!
—Barry S Moore, Akron, OH

The internet belongs to the world. It does not have an owner. It is free speech. The first amendment! You must respect freedom in all its manifestations!
—Rod Westwood, Mojacar,

Comcast cable is already slowing down our service so we will have to pay for a more reasonable speed. We need to restrict the monopoly.
—ben Berry, los gatos, CA

In a time where SO many of our public schools offer student and parent resources ONLY online, including textbooks even, it is absolutely criminal to deny ALL student and parents free access to those ESSENTIAL resources. This is America. Education for our children is not a privilege only to be enjoyed by those who can afford Internet access; it is a RIGHT of all American children. It may be cliché to say that children are our future, but it is the truth. The children of today are, always have been, and always will be, the political leaders in the driver's seat of our futures when we are too old to speak for ourselves. I don't think I'm alone in the thought that a future led my people who spent their childhoods cut off from access to information essential to their intellectual growth is a scary future indeed. Tom Wheeler, I speak directly to you now: Drop your vicious, ludicrous, self-serving, CRIMINAL agenda now, or you will be personally responsible for the desolate future you are personally fighting to create.
—Kate Weeks, Jacksonville, FL

The FCC to throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. I want my children to have a free open and unrestricted equal access to all companies and organizations servers no matter how large or small. I do not want to see any level of tiers or lanes for premium companies.
—Wyatt Barrett, Highland, UT

We don't need a slower lane on the internet.
—Carole B, Las Vegas, NV

I wish the FCC and all these jumped up groups and Government's who are in the minority would stop trying to impose their stupid rules on the majority of the people like we are children, I wish the Governments of this world would go away for the next 5 years as we have enough laws, as these organizations and the Governments are only bringing out new laws and meddling with the internet to justify their existence , they have made the world a worst place to live in, not a better one, and if there is any unlawful actions being committed on the internet, the people on the internet inform the police and the police do their job and take perpetrators to court take who deal with the person committing any unlawful behavior online, so leave the internet alone and stop spying on innocent people as we are not supposed to be living in an Orwellian state or country, ban these unelected organizations and put these people in jobs where they can really make a difference and reduce the national debt that Britain and America are in as well as many other countries in this world, as for wars the UK have had many internal wars throughout history and the weak lost and the strong won, It's called natural selection and part of mankind's history, but us interfering in this balance of power because a country has oil just creates a bigger problem and sets that country on a path of chaos and anarchy, for decades, when in fact you had to have a nasty horrible evil person to keep the people in line, in the same way as the most ruthless people in America and Britain ruled their countries, we have gone through all that and come out the other end better for it, as we learned by our mistakes, so stop supplying weapons to these countries and let them learn by their mistakes, and tell them that, and as long as they leave us alone and stay within their own borders then that's how it should work, as the only people who should decide their own future is the majority of the people living in those countries, and when they have had enough they will rise up against the oppressors, in the same way as the Americans did with the British, and why the Government should listen to the majority of the people who use the internet, and stop the FCC proposed internet rules on Net Neutrality.
—Anthony Donovan, Glynneath,

It seems crazy that we're having this discussion at all. Taxpayer money created the Net. Must all of our public goods be put up for auction? Many of us, myself included, depend on the net for our livelihood. The notion of "fast lanes" vs. "slower lanes" with "fast lanes" available for purchase is both frightening and antithetical to the free flowing information the net currently facilitates.
—Thomas M Walker, Murray, UT

Tiered service plans are not an acceptable solution to the internet. Please reconsider your proposed internet rules as they will stifle competition and innovation on the internet.
—Kevin Wong, San Francisco, CA

Net neutrality is what keeps the architecture of the Web the way it is meant to be. Internet is now a universal way to communicate that must remain free and neutral. It is the only way it can be or the door will be wide open for control and abuse where anybody can be a victim. Please, consider the bigger picture and what your decisions can imply for the future.
—Jacynthe Touchette, Montreal,

the internet was not created for the corporations to make more many on our backs!
—Michael Balser, Telluride, CO

Protect our 1st Amendment rights and keep the internet neutral!
—Mr. Kevin J Beck, Florissant, MO

We cannot and should not hand over the Internet to big businesses and corporations. Your new plan does everything for large corporations and does absolutely nothing positive for the average citizen
—Robert V. Greene, Woodland Hills, CA

I believe that information and access to that information should not be contingent on what someone can afford. Allowing preferential (tiered) treatment by internet service providers will not only limit the consumer based on their financial means but also the sites spreading information. Limiting access will prove detrimental to creating or maintaining an informed and productive society.
—Zoe Redwoman, Seattle, WA

The discrimination against people and towards big corporations is so blatant in this attempt to have a two tiered internet! Stop this NOW!!!
—Adela Kunasz, Long Beach, CA

For economic, scientific and social advancement, the country and the world need a neutral Internet. Caving to the short-term profit motive of a handful of corporations would be unworthy of an agency whose mission is to "make available ... without discrimination ... rapid, efficient, Nation-wide, and world-wide .... communication services with adequate facilities at reasonable charges." Please do the responsible thing: reclassify broadband as a telecommunications service and ISPs as common carriers. Thank you.
—Alison K. Massa, Novato, CA

A free exchange of ideas is the foundation for growth in a society. The shameless attempts to control the web by the FCC is nothing more than greed at the expense of those you are supposed to work for. I truly wonder how you sleep at night. The web MUST remain neutral and open.
—Benjamin Money, Missoula, MT

Allowing internet providers to create various tiers of internet and silence content based on packages similar to cable would be devastating. The US is already far behind other countries in terms of internet infrastructure. Ending Net Neutrality would further handicap our nations online presence, but to what end? Lining the pockets of large corporations such as Comcast who would only further dial back our access and essentially end true free speech of the masses found on the internet. I only hope that you, the FCC, will protect the rights of the consumer and stop this corporate power grab.
—David Alan Wamprecht Jr., Fairfield, OH

The internet is a basic human right. It is the center of our society and our communication at this time. Allowing corporations to give themselves preferential access and bandwidth would be a crime against humanity.
—Gregory Rozeboom, St. Louis, MO

Our country is sinking into an oligarchy and one of the few ways left to fight it is the Internet. In between silly videos of sillier cats and the latest nonsense of who said what and who was offended by it, is real information absolutely vital to those of us who still give a damn about America. To sell that availability to the highest bidder is bring to fruition Thomas Jefferson's grim words that the American Revolution would fail when the moneyed interests ran the country instead of the people.
—Donna Wooten, Deltona, FL

seriously stop being ass hats
—Kimberly Moore, Purcell, OK

There is no equal to net neutrality: all have to have equal access to the internet, not just big corporations. Please keep the internet as it has been since it's inception: open and equal for all.
—Richard Kreidler, san francisco, CA

The internet is the greatest tools humanity has ever created for communication, to make the subject of restricting rules for the sole reason of making some profit (for anyone) is an attracting that should and is by many seen as halting the progress and evolution of our species and planet, you must do the right thing for humanity and keep net nutrality alive as well as preserve it by declaring it a public utility. Thank you
—Olivier, Toronto,

Dear Sirs and/or Madam's, Net Neutrality is extremely important to the health and vitality of our economy as well as the free access to information. The ability to access information freely & quickly, in light of our public libraries, slowly closing, is so important. To allow these large corporations to create a two-tiered Internet is only going to make these for profit companies wealthier and the general American citizen poorer in spirit, intelligence and financially. Please throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Deborah Robinson, Penn Valley, CA

The Internet should not be controlled by and sold off to the highest bidders. There should be FREEDOM from the profit motive in this important utility.
—Nancy Thomas-Cote, Long Beach, CA

Access to information and data is essential to the development of entrepreneurial and innovative projects, and to the expansion of democratic discourse, and even, for sound economic development. Please support net neutrality
—Mark V Sullivan, east lansing, MI

Please leave the open internet the way it is and don't let big corporations charge more for faster internet.
—Christopher Wells, Boca Raton, FL

Net Neutrality is important for equality. We cannot allow the rich to travel faster on roads and we certainly cannot allow them to do business faster online.
—Andrew H Runyon, Oakland, CA

Internet Service Providers are in a struggle with actual web content producers to decide what consumers will see. Consumers MUST be able to decide what content they will see, without interference from middlemen. This means that ANY pressure from middlemen SHOULD be viewed with suspicion. So far Comcast, Verizon and their friends have repeatedly justified our suspicions, and shown that their actions can consistently be interpreted to be customer-hostile. The FCC CANNOT cave to the pressure of telcos. The FCC MUST let consumers be in the driver's seat. Do not give power to middlemen; the internet was never designed for them. Ground gained by middlemen is lost by consumers. Enhance and protect net neutrality.
—Guillaume Lessard, Louisville, CO

Stop Tom Wheeler and approve true net neutrality
—James Santee, Las vegas, NV

Dear FCC, The FCC must classify all internet service providers as common carriers.The internet belongs to the end users, not cronie politicians and corporations which have interests in profits over people. If America has any hope in becoming a prosporous nation as it once was, policies such as this must be abolished. Its simply just not fair.
—Cedric Wernicke, Whittier, CA

Please do not make the internet any more discriminatory towards poor people than it already is. Lower income people already face an uphill battle with everything being set up for the "Latest & Greatest" in computers & other expensive equipment for getting online. This new plan would push those people even further down. Net neutrality is the only way to make the playing field even.
—Etta Maillard, Fairbanks, AK

We need Net Neutrality. I do not want to see a 2-tiered system. The internet if for all of us to use. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Donna Etheridge, Raleigh, NC

Net neutrality is essential to me as I use the internet for my education
—Ashley Johnson, Taunton,

Net neutrality means protecting the people's access to a free and open internet. Do not allow corporate monopolies to tax, filter, slow down, or otherwise interfere with access to the web. Our world has taken enormous steps forward with regard to our access to knowledge, information, commerce, and communication. If you're going to allow de facto monopolies to exist in the telecommunications industry, then you have to treat the internet like the utility it is and protect our open access. Do not allow a few major companies to hold hostage one of the most important and innovative technologies the world has. The power company doesn't get to charge me a premium for the type of appliance I plug into my socket, the water company doesn't get to charge me a premium for the way I choose to use the water I pay for, why should the internet company be allowed to take advantage of us?
—Matt Winkler, Long Beach, CA

Please do not allow this to continue. Make the Internet neutral.
—JT Gaietto, Lakewood, CO

Net neutrality is absolutely necessary to maintain freedom of speech in our current world. Ending net neutrality means a major threat to commerce, small businesses, arts, education and services for the people. There is no moral justification for letting corporations own the internet.
—Alisa Sookne, Culver City, CA

The internet is a PUBLIC place where people can gather and share their thoughts and opinions. To let corporations take a stranglehold on the internet by taking away net neutrality would be unconstitutional and you should feel bad for even letting the thought that it would be okay to do so get into your mind! Do the right thing.
—David Oguni, Atlanta, GA

The Internet should be an equal platform that's free and open for everyone. Throw out this ludicrous proposed plan that would ruin the Internet.
—Brett Rooker, Kersey, PA

If you don't look out for the citizens, who is? Do not end net neutrality!! This is critical to keep the internet accessible for all!!
—Martha Badigian, Wakefield, RI

Net neutrality ensures our small businesses in the 21st century market to be a free place where everyone has an even playing field. Net neutrality also provides free flow of information and ideas by anyone, regardless of how much money they have. Don't create a tiered system of information lanes. Its bad for business, bad for freedom and bad for America.
—Peter C Warrintton, cambridge, MA

There should not be a two tier system whereby corporations can charge higher rates for decent service. This will hinder new startup companies which will stifle competition and innovation and will be passed on down the line to the general public who will have to pay higher prices for goods and services. This would also stifle a lot of independent news blogs, creative blogs of all types and independent political blogs. There needs to be a certain amount of freedom of information to advance society. Restrictions always hamper progress and lead to economic turndowns.
—Roslyn J Mac, Agoura Hills, CA

There is no one protecting Internet users from ISPs that block or discriminate against online content. Companies like AT&T, Time Warner Cable and Verizon will be able to block or slow down any website, application or service they like. And they'll be able to create tiered pricing structures with fast lanes for content providers and speakers who can afford the tolls — and slow lanes for everyone else. It's time for the new FCC leadership to correct the agency's past mistakes and reassert its clear authority over our nation's communications infrastructure. To preserve the open Internet, the FCC must reclassify the transmission component of broadband Internet access as a telecommunications service.
—Benjamin Croxton, Jacksonville, FL

Net Neutrality is important. Not only in general as a platform to insure the fairness of the transactions between ISPs and all web based entitys, but specifically as it pertains to my new startup that I feel is in grave danger of failing simply because we would not be able to afford the rates that big corporations will be able to pay to secure access to faster net traffic. Please vote in favor of Net Neutrality.
—Walid Gamaleldin, North Liberty, IA

Please throw out your proposed rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. The internet should be available for everyone to use, not just the wealthy. Your role as a government agency should be to serve the people of this country, not the greedy few that you indend to serve.
—Nathan Falat, Cedar Rapids, IA

Net neutrality is vital to maintain balance and growth in our world family. Why? Because it gives everyone equal access to markets and consumers. More specifically it creates the opportunity for global prosperity, which can significantly impact in a positive way the life of everyone on Earth. What grander goal is there - peace on Earth. You have the power to make a long sought after goal of mankind a reality. Do the right thing; go for net neutrality. We are right behind you when you take that course of action.
—Nadine Oliver, Fairfield, IA

We need to make the Internet function like the public utility it really is. We the people paid through our taxes for its establishment. We already pay more than any other advanced country to pay for our Internet Provider Services. We also rely on the Internet for the free flow of ideas. We need true net neutrality. Because of the Citizens United ruling of the Supreme Court more of our government has been turned over to big money. A free Internet may be the last bastion of our democracy.
—Patricia Egenberger, Modesto, CA

As the internet becomes ubiquitous in our lives and as we come to depend on it more and more. The need has arrived for it to be governed like any other utility. Please support internet neutrality by ruling that ISPs are common carriers. Americas internet businesses depend on open innovation and competition in the world market. Thank you.
—Brandon Michael Desnoyers, Bethlehem, PA

Do we actually have to spell it out for you? Do you realise what you're doing? Do you realise its implications for our future? DO YOU THINK IT DOESN'T MATTER??
—Nazish Talati, Karachi,

ISPs are common carriers, and net neutrality is what made the internet great, and what made the US a global leader. Ending net neutrality and creating paid internet bypass lanes would stifle innovation and easy, secure and affordable access to the internet for many.
—Dane McFarlane, Minneapolis, MN

The Internet has prospered for decades as a one-tier universal service. I fail to see how establishing a two- or multi-tiered Internet can have any benefit to the public. Certainly it would be financially rewarding to those who could afford to pay for higher quality service under such a plan, but government exists to benefit the people governed, NOT corporations. Keep the Internet user-neutral - everyone must have the same "playing field." To do otherwise is just wrong and I strongly oppose any plan that deviates from that criterion.
—Gary M. Gibson, Sackets Harbor, NY

Net Neutrality is important not just to me but all the people who use this medium. Because it is so widely used, I believe a fair and equal net is every users' right. To the FCC, please throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Thanks!
—Edward Marianukroh, New York, NY

Dear FCC, Please defend the policy that benefits the American people the most and not powerful companies. Net neutrality ensures that every citizen has equal access to the Internet and online content/media is not controlled by a few large companies like Comcast. It is vital in our present democracy that the Internet remains, as much as possible, equally accessible to all people and not unduly influenced by a few powerful interests. Thank you.
—Joseph P Ruggiero, Woodland, CA

What the fuck did you just fucking say about me, you little bitch? I'll have you know I graduated top of my class in the Navy Seals, and I've been involved in numerous secret raids on Al-Quaeda, and I have over 300 confirmed kills. I am trained in gorilla warfare and I'm the top sniper in the entire US armed forces. You are nothing to me but just another target. I will wipe you the fuck out with precision the likes of which has never been seen before on this Earth, mark my fucking words. You think you can get away with saying that shit to me over the Internet? Think again, fucker. As we speak I am contacting my secret network of spies across the USA and your IP is being traced right now so you better prepare for the storm, maggot. The storm that wipes out the pathetic little thing you call your life. You're fucking dead, kid. I can be anywhere, anytime, and I can kill you in over seven hundred ways, and that's just with my bare hands. Not only am I extensively trained in unarmed combat, but I have access to the entire arsenal of the United States Marine Corps and I will use it to its full extent to wipe your miserable ass off the face of the continent, you little shit. If only you could have known what unholy retribution your little "clever" comment was about to bring down upon you, maybe you would have held your fucking tongue. But you couldn't, you didn't, and now you're paying the price, you goddamn idiot. I will shit fury all over you and you will drown in it. You're fucking dead, kiddo.
—Wyatt Arent, Boise, ID

Net Neutrality must remain. It's just that simple. I haven't heard any good case for it not too, and the only ones wanting it are corporate groups who will use it to gain a monopoly on the industry.
—Conner Flansburg, Broken Arrow, OK

The FCC must ensure that the American people are protected from monopolies and that communications remain free from undue restriction.
—Michael J. McNeal, Denver, CO

Net neutrality is important to me because it is such a great places for learning and exchange of information. What we're able to do with the internet is only just starting and programs such as those proposed would limit it's advancement before it even got started.
—Alexander Schlosser, Boston, MA

The internet is a precious resource which needs to be free and unrestricted for all!
—Jim Cooney, Fresno, CA

I support a classification of common carrier. Either at the ISP level or, following the Mozilla proposal, at the relationship level between ISPs and service providers.
—Chris Williams, Fremont, CA

Dear FCC, Please change your policies to maintain Net Neutrality. Classifying companies that provide internet access should be categorized as Common Carriers. The internet has become the backbone of business, both personal and commercial. It does for information what the Interstate Highway system does for physical goods. It provides the foundation for the marketplace where our country's economy is transacted. To have a multi-tiered internet would be tantamount to turning the Interstate Highways into a system of toll roads. Such barriers to free commerce penalize small businesses and individual citizens/consumers more than they do established, large coporate institutions. Such barriers concentrate wealth into a smaller and smaller group of companies and lead to defacto monopolies. The internet, just as the Interstate Highway system, is part of our country's infrastructure that must remain open and available to all to keep our economy and country strong and democratic. Thank you for your time in reading this letter. Kevan Doyle
—Kevan Doyle, Boulder, CO

Net Neutrality is important to me because it allows me and many others who work for small businesses and start-ups to have a job. Without NN, small businesses have little to no fighting chance against the billion dollar corporations that can afford life in the [internet] fast lane. Which seems sort of ironic, as NN was the reason these big companies (Google, Facebook) were able to get off the ground in the first place. If we want to see innovation continue in the US, and we want to hold on to our 1st amendment rights, we need to ensure that no one has say over what is and is not important on the internet. This is a right that belongs only to the individual user, NOT the ISPs.
—Tracy Lasseter, Portland, OR

Please - no two tiered Internet. The US needs to keep the Internet unburdened and open, especially considering all the other countries that want to 'fix' whatever they find offensive or not in their best interest. Stand for open and positive instead of joining the rest of the world's clamor for changes to the Internet.
—Landon E. Scism, Castle Hayne, NC

While it is a sad commentary on our nation that the Supreme Court elected to permit corporations to decide, based upon their subjective valuation and the paid influence of other corporate giants, what is available online and at what rate it will be made available, to whom and that they may stratify the freedom of information to varying degrees of cost to the consumer... it is sadder still that we must turn to the Federal government to regulate fair practices once again. THIS is most certainly one of the missions of the FCC. Exercise your responsibility and preserve neutrality and equanimity of internet service.
—Randall Hodgins, Portland, OR

Please do not approve tiered pricing on the Internet! It would create a split of "those who can afford speed and access" and "those who have to put up with the slower "dirt road" access." We need to catch up with the world in affordable, high speed Internet -- for everyone -- not just a few.
—Sharon Black, Erie, CO

Free and open access that isn't based on how much you can pay is the way the internet was designed to be. Equal access for all people! Corporate greed seems to drive the current restrictive approaches being put out there. Any censorship or government control of the web is a bad idea period!
—Mark, Oklahoma City, OK

I want a citizenry that bases decisions on love, not commercialism. I am tired of being marketed to, constantly, by those who have the biggest monopolies. I support net neutrality. Robin Collins
—Robin Collins, Boulder, CO

Please, stop this absurdity now!
—Rachel, Bowling Green, OH

The restrictions to access and ease of use resulting from the end of Net Neutrality (or even implementing highly-limited, sham version of Net Neutrality) will have huge waves of negative impact. It will create an internet that is no longer user-friendly to the vast majority of Americans, which will ultimately hurt the bottom line of many producers, suppliers, and manufacturers. Think of the millions of dollars of spending that Americans do online--think also of the millions of dollars invested by companies into creating ways to make online shopping more versatile, simpler, and accessible. Google Shopping is a wonderful example--now, a consumer need only enter their area code, and if they live in a deliverable area, they can shop for groceries, books, supplies, and much more, and Google Shopper sends their orders to their door. But slow loading speeds and shunted bandwidth will make the "quick and painless" part of online shopping null and void. Online shopping is just an example, only a small hunk of the iceberg. The fiscal ramifications of this will be widespread--not just for the millions of private individuals who use the internet in their home for entertainment, shopping, and communication--but for the large-scale corporations and entities who will quickly see their profits decreasing, and for businesses everywhere who will see decreased worker productivity as both a direct and indirect result of the end of Net Neutrality.
—Laura Dickinson-Turner, Modesto, CA

The internet should be free, with free access unrestricted by corporations using their power and influence and to charge us more and choke out competition. Please do the right thing and keep the internet open.
—Chandra Moore, Monroe, WA

I believe net neutrality is vital because: 1) the free flow of information is necessary to a vital democracy. 2) Small business websites would be extorted or squeezed out of visibility. 3) Exclusionary deals could block out certain content (e.g., Time-Warner with its own movie offerings might decided to ban Netfllix or ATT might block companies like Vonage who provide the same service at lower cost)
—Mr Alan G Crudden, Austin, TX

Please reclassify ISP's as common carriers. If there is a payment required for a faster internet "lane" it would greatly affect my endeavors to start my own business. It's already hard enough to start an independent business and the addition of trying to compete with major companies on the internet would inhibit many opportunities. Please keep net neutrality!
—Austin Durant, Long Beach, CA

Please stop pussy footing and give us some ACTUAL net neutrality rules that protect the internet. Stop being paid off by lobbyists, have you no shame? Disgusting.
—George Wong, San Francisco, CA

The internet is a resource that all should be allowed on interrupted use to.
—Chris Kirn, Philadelphia, PA

ISPs should charge fees based upon actual usage--like the selfsame ISP charges for analog services as telephones and faxes. It is bad enough users have to pay ISPs in advance for a graduated ceiling of service (with outrageous overage charges) without those ISPs having the ability to give greater speed to information providers who are able to pay higher rates. Where is the democracy is this? It is anti-competitive, filled with the potential for abuse, and would only provide greater profits to a group of companies that are providing a service that has now become as basic as electric/gas/water utilities. ISPs should be officially recognized for what they are--common carriers!! And be treated accordingly...
—Julia Shibla, River Edge, NJ

The Internet must allow free speech and remain fair to all the people in the world who use it. Many of us use the Internet as a superhighway of information for research and communication. We want the FCC to throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. .
—Nicole Savage, San Francisco, CA

The backbone of freedom is the free flow of information. Keep Net Neutrality.
—Mr. Doug Nehler, Clarkston, WA

Freedom of information is one of the most critical elements of our success for the future. We must keep the internet protected from those that would use it to stifle opposing opinions.
—Dalton G Crosthwait, Oakland, CA

It is self-evident that there is no true broadband competition in most of the United States. The FCC's own research bears this out. Claims that DSL competes with cable are laughable outside areas served by fiber-to-the-node, and even within them still questionable at best given the bandwidth disparity in the technologies. Claiming satellite or fixed wireless provide real competition to wireline broadband in the era of Netflix and Hulu is similarly disingenuous. I still remember the era when the Baby Bells had to let different ISPs provide DSL service over their wires before the FCC's misguided decision to reclassify DSL as an Information Service instead of a Common Carrier. I got my service from Netcom and the service was great. As soon as SBC was allowed to lock out the other ISPs (i.e. as soon as the FCC made wire-owner synonymous with service provider) my connection got worse and more expensive. Funny how monopolies always (and predictably) act just like that. It's time to break the monopolies and end their anti-consumer rent-taking. Demanding payment from customers AND from the companies those already-paying customers want to receive data from is clearly double-dipping and wouldn't fly if ISPs couldn't treat their customers like their commodities. It's time for the FCC to undo all the damage it did a decade ago and acknowledge that data delivery is just as much a public utility as water, gas, and power. It's time to classify broadband providers as common carriers and make the internet service marketplace a truly competitive one again.
—Caleb Andrew Hunter, Kennesaw, GA

No! People need freedom from the constant monopolies that are plaguing our world.
—Christy Frazier, jacksonville, FL

A neutral internet is necessary to remain competitive globally and to maintain ourselves as a nation of innovators. The small amount of competition between ISPs has already given us an internet infrastructure that lags behind European standards and allowing for a large portion of traffic to be relegated to a poorly maintained, second class network will only worsen the problem. It also is unethical to allow for providers to charge both ends of the traffic for carrying. A packet is a packet and the fee should be standard. Classify them as Class II carriers like TelCos because their service is the same.
—Richard Garrett Key, New York, NY

The internet is the only way many of our citizens feel connected to the world. Their only means of empowerment. The two-tiered proposal would all but destroy this. Give the "little guys" a break by making ISP's common carriers. Thank You
—Joseph Kelly, Hatboro, PA

The internet was created FOR the people BY the people. The government of any country has no business changing this, especially any 'democratic' country.
—Steve Chahley, Bolton,

I will not stand idle while the internet get censored and taken over with men in suit who only care for money only and nothing else the internet is the last place for me of freedom if it's taken over then it's truely over for me and i'm a person who is very poor and i'm very lucky to live under a roof and i can't afford to lose not just internet freedom but also all my friends i met or keep in contact when they are far away i don't want business and politician run the internet it will never be the same ever again.
—Orlando, Camuy, PR

Net Neutrality protects the freedom of the exchange of ideas, of information, of speach. When you protect Net Nutrality you protect the intention of the founding fathers had when they created the constitution. Thank you for your time. Nicole M Mossey
—Nicole Mossey, Albany, NY

Net neutrality is a terrible idea. Please put an end to net neutrality.
—Kristi Ackels, Fairbanks, AK

When I search the net, I don't want to experience a censored search. That defeats the purpose of a broad search. I want the search to be based on relevance, not corporate monopolies. I will avoid Internet service providers that use a "fast" lane.
—Carol Taccetta, Newbury Park, CA

Stop this catastrophe now. Keep the net a NEUTRAL place! -Sincerely everyone who isn't a money whore.
—Zachary Lemm, Cork,

We need net neutrality to mantain a fair and equal access to the Internet for everyone
—Marshall Wegh, North Bellmore, NY

Net Neutrality is the Equal Access the issue of the 21st century. Just as telephone communication was an issue on that regard in the 20th century, we are now faced with the same issue with newer technology. There must be equal and uninterrupted access to the net without any hindrance or slowdown, as that will constitute a violation of Free Speech and Equal Access.
—Chris V Williamson, Astoria, NY

I support Net Neutrality, a free and open Internet! Net Neutrality is very important to me. I do not need a major fast lane that will be too expensive for the middle class and the poor. Many household Americans enjoy their online presence at home streaming Youtube and Netflix and other streaming platforms and people who enjoy their online gaming entertainment. I pick the American people side instead of greedy corporations and please support the voice of theAmerican people, not the greedy corporations. Thank you for your time considering my comments.
—Mr. Ryan Agee, MCKINNEY, TX

Do something substantial for our freedoms other than striping them of meaning slowly because of the dollar. The life of all we stand for is in your hands. ISPs are common carriers of our private information.
—Mr. Jesse Kumm, Seattle, WA

For people born after 1985, the Internet is a central part of our culture...and it's a vital public utility for everyone else. Don't let it be strangled by shortsighted greed.
—Alexandra Fresch, Denver, CO

Dear FCC, do not allow big corporations like Comcast, AT&T, and Verizon to change the Internet rules for the rest of us!!! You must reclassify ISPs as common carriers to keep the Internet fair & free of discrimination for all Americans!
—Erica Gagne, Cordova, TN

Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Protect real Net Neutrality.
—Aquananda Risenhoover, Playa Del Rey, CA

The internet is almost a basic need at this point, let's stop limiting it and take it out of the hands of large corporate monopoilies.
—Aaron Johnstone, ferndale, MI

I dont earn a lot and this would make everything on the internet that I use daily "locked" for me.. This would completely destroy the internet and it's purpose. DONT MAKE THIS GO THROUGH IT IS NOT GOOD IN ANY WAY
—Mads Winther, Vejen,

Hello. I would like to voice my displeasure over the decision to abolish net neutrality. I use the Internet for many things. This includes reading the news, viewing my local weather, playing games (computer or console), watching YouTube videos, viewing my e-mail, completing assignments for community college classes, and many other things. If you end up doing away with net neutrality, then you risk putting companies out of business because not everyone (myself included) can afford to pay extra for using certain websites. Not everyone can afford it. By putting this new rule in place, businesses will experience a huge loss of customers because they don’t have enough money to use their services. That puts businesses at risk of being discontinued. Same goes for schools and colleges. Students and teachers all across the U.S. use the Internet to do research to complete homework and assignments. Enforcing this net neutrality law could very well prevent students from getting their work done because they can’t afford to do research with the increase of money for using specific websites. This is very dangerous because if students aren’t able to finish their work because of being unable to pay more for using certain services, then there’s a big chance that they won’t be able to get the proper education, which would not be able to be applied in the work force. We can’t allow this to happen, especially in this day in age. Nobody wants this to happen. I am writing this on behalf of Americans everywhere to let you know that we don’t want net neutrality to ever go away. It would be a disaster if that happens. Not everyone is made of money and not everyone is able to pay more for using services that they like or must use. Please, keep net neutrality. Thank you for your time.
—Doug Clay Jr., Sidney, OH

Chairman Wheeler - Please protect our Internet by supporting Net Neutrality. Lack of equal access to the information highway is dangerous to our democracy, allowing those with big money control over our freedom of speech. This is serious. Please do your part. Thank you.
—Linda Minor, San Rafael, CA

FCC, please see it as your mandate to protect the internet, and how it functions. Information flow should not be governed by those with a profit motive. It should be governed by a body with The People's interest at heart. Thank you for listening!
—Sam Phillips, Raleigh, NC

Anything but classifying internet as a common carrier is a humanity crisis. It is not up to us how information flows, that is why we keep calling ourselves a free society. If we move to this tiered system we will be sending a clear signal that we are completely disregarding the constitution.
—Evan Skov, Madison, WI

The current proposal will do nothing to prevent the Internet from breaking up into a series of public and private Internets. Because no Internet site should be given priority over another Internet site and because "commercial reasonableness" is a very weak standard for the FCC to adopt, the FCC should use its authority under Title II of the Communications Act to regulate broadband as a telecommunications service as the best way to protect the open Internet.
—Vincent LaMarca, Brooklyn, NY

Net neutrality is important because the internet is infrastructure, as surely as highways, our water supply and electricity are. ISPs and cable companies should be classed as common carriers, which is entirely appropriate for infrastructure. The proposed changes do not benefit consumers or citizens, and will only serve to further cripple the internet as a public resource. The USA is already far behind most other countries with availability and affordability of broadband; the loss of net neutrality will push us further down that list and put roadblocks in our ability to compete by stifling competition and innovation.
—A T. Sasaki, New York, NY

The Internet must remain free and open to all equally to allow the unconstrained flow of information, not controlled by greed-driven companies. The only way I see to do this is to classify ISP's as common carriers. The FCC should serve the people, not big companies.
—Dennis T Cook, Lansdale, PA

You've already failed to do your job of protecting our Free Speech by allowing our Fourth Estate to be liemongers motivated by nothing but profit and there own political agendas. You've sold our political process through Citizens United. For God's sake, have some shame and leave us our last vestige of freedom. Leave us some bit of the America we thought we lived in.
—Susan Muckey, Omaha, NE

Net neutrality is important because it maintains equal access for all online content. As an American consumer and citizen, it is my right to choose what content I want to read/view and not the decision of those who can pay top dollar.
—Anuradha Koli, Dallas, TX

Most of us use the internet for business as well as pleasure. We need to be able to access the same fast lane as everyone else without an ISP having the final say.
—Amanda P Mobley, Louisville, KY

Net Neutrality is important to me because, like equal telephone access, it is crucial to equal protection for all citizens. The internet has become just as indispensable as the telephone for citizens to communicate with each other, and to get information. We can't function as a healthy democracy if we can't access all the information we need. Without net neutrality, we would be deprived of many sources of information that we need in order to be informed voters, because many of the wealthiest companies would have an interest in only providing us information that promotes their interests; not ours as voters.
—Susan Courrejou, Salinas, CA

Discrimination of internet service is against an American's right of freedom in any form. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers and discard the rules that create a two-tiered Internet.
—Nina, Palo Alto, CA

Please reclassify ISP's as common carriers. Net neutrality is what makes the world great. The internet is like a giant library of information, and I feel that information needs to be available to every person, at a high speed for a low, reasonable price. The good, fast internet cannot and should not be saved just for the people of wealth. It doesn't make sense to create a big divide that reflects class and status around information and connection. Please do the right thing and protect the common man, who is curious about the world and doing research. My example is a personal one. I'm a full-time artist, and I wouldn't be able to afford paying a higher price for the fast fast speeds. I research dense material online, photos, archival video, and they take up a lot of bandwidth. I also communicate and send files to other artists via Dropbox, and it already takes some time to upload and share those bulky music files with my collaborator that lives in a different part of the county. These new rules would shift the way we could create art, and slow the entire process down. We would have to resort to shipping hard drives through the post, because as we are both artists, we couldn't afford the new fast options. Please do the right thing for the average American. Keep information and access to it neutral. Thank you.
—Ms. Allison Warden, Anchorage, AK

Reclassify and regulate Interent Service Providers so we can attain universal and equal access to this public space!
—Ed Petsche, MINNEAPOLIS, MN

We must preserve net neutrality. It is one of the few equalizers in a very skewed system of information delivery.
—Paul Chaleff, Ancramdale, NY

Net Neutrallity is very important to me. I pay for one of the premium internet packages(30mbs) from Mediacom and I pay for video services like Netflix, Amazon Prime and Hulu Plus. I don't think my video service providers should have to pay extra to internet providers for their videos to be in a fast lane, because they would just pass the cost on to me. Especially since I already pay Mediacom for faster download speeds. There shouldn't be a two-tiered Internet, with fast lanes for those who can afford the extra fees and a slow one for the rest of us. That's just un-American! Further more I will vote for politicians that support Net Neutrality in all up coming local, state and national elections until we have it.
—Kay Garriott, New Market, AL

I cannot explain how disappointed I am in the federal legislators who are cobbled together shlock like SOPA PIPA and now this, and this time around you don't even have the excuse of not understanding the material fully (which was soul crushing levels of discouraging last time around by the way). If you allow major corporations to monopolize the "internet fast-lane" by creating a fast-lane, everyone is going to suffer. In the long term, even the corporations who are fighting tooth and nail to get this pushed through will suffer. It will encourage stagnation instead of innovation, and will allow tech giants to wallow in their outdated ways, squeezing every dime out of their customers by sheer brute force. If you don't see this as a problem allow me to provide some examples. Imagine if Comcast, the owners Hulu, had the ability to restrict peoples access to services like Netflix or Amazon Prime or even YouTube on their networks. Imagine the corporate and technological innovation that could have been lost by pioneers like Netflix if they had crumpled because it's was impossible to break into the market with millions of people barely getting 54kb a second when trying to access their services. I could list half a dozen other similar examples off the top of my head, but the bottom line is that allowing companies like Comcast, DirectTV, and Verizon that kind of indomitable leverage over the market space in which they compete would be an apotheosis of everything wrong with our supposedly "free" market. I could (and in fact have) go on for pages about this, but I'll leave you with this. If you push this legislation through, I will send you a list of several hundred people whom I know personally who will never pay a cent to an major Cable and Internet company, vote for you, or anyone who supports you endeavors or the endeavors of said companies, and who will have lost another brick from the foundation of trust our government has worked hard to demolish over the past 15 years. Hell, I might just move to the Netherlands if that happens. With the utmost sincerely, William R. Gross Software Dev
—William Gross, Seattle, WA

Today's lifestyle/culture is very reliant on the internet. If the internet is crippled due to poorly planned legislation, the consequences will be dire.
—Clayton Dott, Delta,

Why would the government want to give a few companies all the power? It hurts the U.S. in the long run if start ups can't start up because they can't pay for the fast lane. Only the executives at the large ISP's benefit. Everyone else suffers
—Austin Murray, Urbana, IL

I support Net Neutrality - giving every user the same speed. This helps innovators like those who have brought us this far. Innovators start small.
—Martin Gardner, Venice, CA

The internet is a great gift we have given ourselves - a means to encourage the flow of information, ideas and, yes, business too. It's strength comes from equal opportunities of access. A tiered system will irrevocably undermine the internet's open function by favoring those with money over those without, even by allowing carriers to choose for ideological or other grounds who gets access and who gets shut out. No one is suggesting that ISPs shouldn't make money from their services. All we ask is that they make their money fairly. Net Neutrality is the best expression of this fairness, and I ask that you please reclassify ISPs as common carriers and discard the proposed internet rules. Thank you.
—Frederik Sisa, Los Angeles, CA

Internet access today is to this century what telephone access was to the last. And it should be treated as such. Please, reclassify broadband appropriately so that carriers cannot discriminate against competitors, or sites that may even express views that are against the carriers' political or even religious beliefs (thanks to the Hobby Lobby Supreme Court decision, you know it's only a matter of time before some company tries that one too). Please, for the sake of our thriving startup/technology sector-based economy (where much of America's wealth is being generated these days), do not bow to the cable/telecom lobbyists who do not represent The People.
—Daniel Sargent, Seattle, WA

The internet is already heavily moderated and full of mined advertising. Please don't funnel vision humanity because its already funnelled visioned enough.
—Peter Kelly, Cork,

The internet must remain COMPLETELY neutral.
—Maxwell Scroggins, Oceanside, CA

The internet is the future of society. We need to move forward, not backward. The Internet would not have become what it is today, and not have made the impact it has if it was controlled in the ways that are proposed. The United States is already behind the rest of the world in terms of Internet innovation. Please do not put us further behind in this race.
—Danny Bogue, Raleigh, NC

Chairman Tom, This rule directly affects my ability to work. It monopolizes the entire concept of the origins of the internet—sharing information. Without the ability to compete with my peers on an even playing field, this ruling would divide the successful from those wishing to advance their careers. This is America. The land of the free. Show the world that we don't discriminate! PLEASE THROW OUT THESE RULES AND RECLASSIFY ISPs AS COMMON CARRIERS!!!!!!
—Ronna, Lafayette, CO

Please protect net neutrality. Reclassifying may be the solution but Tom Wheeler's endorsement of the fast and slow laning is certainly not!
—Stuart Massie, Placentia, CA

Neutrality is important to me because I don't use the major internet web sites. I mostly use small nonprofit, personal and community based sites that cant pay the toll.
—Jack Johnson, Muskegon, MI

Everyone's freedom needs to be protected here. Small businesses, individuals, and communities would be discriminated against if this were to go into effect. Protect our internet!
—Ashley Clarke, Grand Rapids, MI

Net Freedom is one of the things that makes it great. Don't take away our right to share and learn.
—Emerian Rich, Concord, CA

Please throw out FCC Chairman's Tom Wheeler's proposal and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Jacob Resneck, Petaluma, CA

Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers!
—Vance Reeser, Portland, OR

Stop thinking about lining your pockets and do your duty to this country and it's citizens. Reclassify ISP's as common carriers and ensure net neutrality does not die, but thrives instead.
—Faisal Mian, Flushing, NY

You work for the people, yet you have been working against the best interests of the people. Corporations are NOT people and should have no rights and/or say in the creating of laws that the people have to follow. Net Neutrality = ISP Common Carriers. Freedom depends on information being equal and free to all. I pay already a high price and I don't deserve to have my sites censored or slowed down because their profits aren't larger than they already are. Open up all the fiber already laid and there is no problem
—Dave Jaeger, Frisco, TX

The internet is the only medium left that is not corporate controlled. Our government is for sale, and corporations are taking over. If there is no more net neutrality, the last bastion of hope is lost, and the takeover complete. Please allow the people to keep some sort of freedom in this "land of freedom."
—Jeffery Hicks, Milton, IN

Please throw out your old, unworkable, ineffective and insufficient rules and reclassify internet service providers as common carriers. They have no business interfering with content or activity on the internet.
—Kevin Mayer, Groton, NY

Corporations have too much power already. Keep the internet an even playing field.
—Matthew Sorvillo, Las Vegas, NV

The people have the right to choose whether we want this crap or not. We can't have just one man who isn't that important to think he'll make a better life for us. He's an idiot and blind in thinking crap like that.
—Greg Witter, Goodyear, AZ

Allowing large corporations to rule the internet and police as they please is only asking for disaster. Listen to country when we all say no to Net Neutrality. Protect the citizens like you were originally meant to and censor acts in media, such as net neutrality, that will harm us.
—Caitlyn Gillette, Aurora, CO

America needs freedom of speech. Net neutrality is mandatory.
—Anna Berlinrut, Maplewood, NJ

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers. No two tiered internet!
—Wilma Nakamura, Kula, HI

Net neutrality is essential to free market economics and media innovation. Also, do large corporations really need yet another way to stifle the voice of independent media? They have that pretty well covered.
—Nathan Kuruna, Thanks, PA

Net neutrality is essential for the internet as we know it to live and grow. None of the services we depend on today would have developed without it.
—Eric Kramer, Cortland, NY

How can you let Large internet providers create two different type of internet traffic so they can make more of a profit? There is no other reason they just want more money. I suspect those that back the large internet providers are getting a kickback of some kind. Why else would they back the two-tiered internet. How is a two-tiered internet good for the public explain that.
—Wayne Dudones, Palos Heights, IL

There is too much in life where people who are less fortunate are unable to enjoy things that they should share equally with the more fortunate.This is discrimination pure and simple. Please protect internet neutrality
—Ann Naumann, stone ridge, NY

Please help us retain equal access to the internet for all citizens. This country doesn't need another gap between the rich and the poor.
—Kara Schlindwein, Brooklyn, NY

The internet should be treated in the same manner as cell phone communications.
—John Maylone, Tollhouse, CA

The internet is an incredible tool of free speech, education, networking, and human growth. To allow some sites to run better than others would severely limit traffic to sites run on small budgets, thus limiting exposure of many important resources. Furthermore, many sites that offer free content may have to start charging their users in order to keep up. Slowing the load-speed of some sites guarantees a lack of traffic and is essentially a death sentence to any website not run by a wealthy company. This will cause many to shut down websites with valuable content, and is, in effect, a sinister form of censorship. In an era when the internet has become so integral to all parts of our lives; from social networking, education, and even services like healthcare and banking, the government has a duty to it's people to provide this service in line with the values our country was founded upon: freedom and the individual pursuit of happiness. The American government was designed and intended to serve the people; however this new proposal that would establish fast and slow "lanes" of the internet is in the interest of a few, and in direct opposition with the principles by which our country was established. People with little to no access to internet are being denied a service that has become an intrinsic and necessary part of our daily lives. The internet allows people to look up waiting times for nearby emergency rooms, which reduces crowding and helps prioritize people in most need of instant emergency care. This is only one way in which access to the internet has become a public service and necessity. The ability to access these services is a human right. Likewise, the ability of individuals to create and display their own content is also a human right. Many entrepreneurs and small business owners run their entire business via online communication. Writers, artists, crafts people, lawyers among multitudes of others can run their entire business online. If these people were required to pay to gain traffic to their site, many individuals would not be able make a living doing what they love and pursuing their happiness. What right does the FCC have to close down the content of millions of individuals? And why should that right overwhelm the people's rights to services that enhance their lives?
—Arden Gabor, Woodland, CA

I believe this amounts to economic discrimination that would actually reflect poorly on the ISP's themselves.
—Johann Hippensteele, Billerica, MA

Mr. Wheeler, The FCC's job is to stand up for consumers, not corporations. If the new bills are passed, you will effectively destroy the internet and competition for business, creating monopolies so big and so powerful, every consumer and startup company will literally be at their mercy (and we all know, AT&T and Verizon have NO mercy). This is not good for business, this is only good for a few businesses who already dominate the market share. I emplore you to rethink this proposed bill, forget your previous job and take your new poaition seriously. You are in your position to ensure things like this DON'T happen. Re-classify internet (as you should have ages ago) and treat it as any other form of communications. Keep it fair, keep it even, and allow everyone the same access to it...not just those with deep pockets. Thank you for your consideration.
—William Bryan, Chapel Hill, NC

The internet should be treated like a 'utility'. Like telecommunications, it should fall under Title II of the Communications Act.
—Tyler Schacht, New Market, AL

I believe that net neutrality contributes to the betterment of all parts of modern society.
—Mrs. Thea Oatman, Grand Ledge, MI

Tom Wheeler- Lets make it clear. You must maintain net neutrality. The people of the world will not be suppressed or controlled by the likes of you and others. There must not be a two tiered-internet. The world is watching you. We have the power by numbers and collective thinking. You and the FCC back away from this PLAN NOW!!!!!!!
—Dean Powell, Cheadle,

FCC should really re-consider their stand on net-neutrality!!
—Apoorve Chhabra, MARLTON, NJ

Subject: Net Neutrality. Dear Mr. Wheeler and the Federal Communications Commission, I would just like to tell you what I believe in. I believe in the human, natural, kind side of human beings. Normally, in any given situation, humans, like other animals, will not be aggressive and will allow the other to live his or her life with dignity and space. Unfortunately our production oriented capitalist system aims to remove human values and elements from relations and decisions. The reality is that many people have become cynical and apathetic in the face of the fact that the power is in the hands of a small percentage of the population. People do not see or believe in democracy anymore. They expect hypocrisy and injustice and just try to stay away from politics, decision-making and activist groups. What people need is hope and the real information. They need to obtain correct information, not information manipulated and controlled by the big businesses and rich families' interests and funds. The only real place that people can connect in the way they see fit is through communicating with people and organizations that have the well-being of the people at heart. The general public are having enough problems with employment, debt, depression, health, generational gaps at work, etc. etc. They don't need yet another monkey-wrench to deal with. We are all doing just our best to survive in a system that is collapsing. The internet has become a daily tool. In Boston they even have a project where access to internet and charging stations are installed on park benches. We need to be able to access information that may not be popular with the controlling, profits-oriented multinationals. If this is a real democracy as you claim it is then all the people have a right to seek information and do their business using the internet. We already work hard at trying to manage our budgets to get out of debt and pay for necessary services and often pass up luxuries. Remember that many people making decisions in the government forget to keep the interests of the taxpayer at heart. Life will be more interesting if we are proactive and thing long-term with the goal of having health, water, food, shelter, education and a secure environment for all. If your plan were put into place it would let Internet service providers like Bell, Videotron, 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 those who cannot afford the fees. These companies would have the power to pick winners and losers online and discriminate against online content and applications. Would you consider this to be democratic? I am advised by researchers who are defending net neutrality that your plan should reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Thank you for this opportunity to give my comments.
—Paulette Lachance, Outremont,

Net neutrality is important because it provides the consumer with more choice on how to consume media. The archaich model as it stands is ISP providers, cell phone companies, and cable companies protesting innovation by monetizing the pipe line to better suit their purpose. Business models change; it's how you strategically adjust to stay relevant.
—Anthony Milo, middletown, NY

After the Court decision to strengthen corporate rights over individual rights, it is obvious that control of the internet would do more to discriminate against individual rights and freedom of information.This needs to stop, reclassify ISP's as common carriers.
—Michele Johnson, Rancho Cucamonga, CA

I am a technology teacher and single mother who has spent the last 15 years trying to get on my feet after some awful circumstances.I have always had two or three jobs and still, in this economy, find myself struggling. I owe the Internet my family's life so-to-speak. I was able to get a job in technology and get involved on so many levels because it was basically neutral. I was able to have access to many resources and was able to develop my school's technology program to the point of excellence.Schools have now become dependent on the internet for teaching/learning experiences and require student access at school and at home. It has become evident that more and more commerce, creativity, and education is accomplished online. I recently started a Web Design, Hosting and Media Company that depends on my ability to communicate, produce, upload and maintain media of all types for my clients. If I am limited to my access to certain resources, or say even my students or clients are limited, just because I can not afford to pay as much as bigger entities, I can not grow. This will limit free internet enterprise for the aspiring e- businessperson and have a drastic effect on our nation's education and economy in the long-run.
—Nancy Raskauskas, Bethany Beach, DE

Setting higher prices for greater speed and reliability on the Internet is the exact wrong direction for the Internet. If users need more speed and reliability then we need to be installing more and faster capacity. And if the private sector can't get that done, then the government needs to step in and do the job directly with publicly owned fiber that is equally available to everyone.
—John Fay, Santa Cruz, CA

Dear FCC - Reclassifying broadband / ISP's as common carriers is the only the only fair option to keep the internet unbiased and open for all users, business and personal both. Please step up and do your job for the interest of the people of this country and not bow down to the biggest of corporations.
—Mandee Fry, shoreline, WA

Why do I have in mind, an image of rich obsolete companies, sinking in the sands of time, grasping at anything with their greedy Lil clutches in attempts to maintain their stronghold and to keep from perishing. It's nice to know this country still holds opportunity for its citizens. Equal opportunity. ...
—Jesse Dalton, mosinee, WI

Unrestricted communication and access to information is what makes for an educated nation!
—Jennifer, Englewood, CO

Net neutrality is essential to a functioning democracy. Furthermore, it is morally and ethically wrong to allow any corporation to control what amounts to a public utility, built and developed with public funds.
—Christopher Pastorella, Boston, MA

Simply put, Net Neutrality means freedom. Everything on the internet is equal. Everybody's opinion is equally valid, even if you don't agree with it. Isn't that the definition of freedom of speech?
—Laslo K Tailor, Stamford, CT

In Europe, any mobile phone user can walk into any store and upgrade their phones or their carrier. Here, we have restrictive contracts, more expensive service and fewer options. Now, why would I want these people in control of my internet access? The beauty of the current open internet is that it's available to all, as it should be. And if you give those companies an inch, they think they're a ruler. Please support and protect net neutrality.
—Judith Shelby, Bellevue, WA

I feel that allowing the internet service providers to skim the cream of the bandwith, making them an even huger profit margin for their companies, would leave the rest of us with an unfair proportion of what is a public utility. The implications of the effect on content is also frightening. It will be as bad as corporations buying elections. Definitely NO!
—Virginia Ferrell, Charlottesville, VA

It is important to me to get world news, and different perspectives. Without access to a free internet, my assess will be limited. One of the sites I visit has already said that if the FCC goes along with it's plan it will be off the air. The Net must remain Neutral.
—Carl Skinner, Elmhurst, NY

The cost will go up for us. It works ok now why fix what is not broken. The little guy will get hosed again by Big Business.
—Michael Rubio, BLOOMINGTON, CA

Dear FCC, Net Neutrality is so incredibly important for me because I need sites like google and youtube for school. This could ruin the improvement of education all over the country. I also pay a lot for my internet, therefore I feel that I deserve to access any website on the internet that I wish to access. Sincerely yours, Dissappointed U.S. Citizen
—Mary Martha Ball, Cedar Mountain, NC

Please listen to the people on this issue. Keep the internet open and free!
—Shawn s Doyle, Elk River, MN

It seems that incompetency and self serving agendas reigns in washington and other locations where policies are made. Please do not allow Net Neutrality to end. THINK! When you do you too will see what little sense it makes.
—Db, Bradenton, FL

FCC, although you may have good intentions, there is nothing wrong with the way the internet works right now. As it currently is, the internet is an unprecedented source of entertainment and knowledge. To enact the legislation you are trying to pass will only hurt the internet, and thus human freedom and progress. Don't be a monster.
—Victor Rickswan, Whitmore Lake, MI

Just do it. Keep neutrality. The connectedness of the globe is changing the world for the better. This connectedness must be available to all and free of economic discrimination.
—Crystal Burgoyne, Keizer, OR

This isn't my first time writing so I hope you can catalog this with my more articulate messages regarding net neutrality. In just a few words, Net Neutrality is important, it is the reason the internet flourished for so many years. If you take it away you will hurt commerce, innovation and free thought. The mere notion that creating fast lanes will not in turn create slow lanes is unfathomable. I am a network engineer and have dealt with "Quality of Service" for years. You CANNOT speed up or prioritize traffic without slowing down or de-prioritizing other traffic. Nothing short of installing separate lines to every last mile customer will make this reality any less true. Since we already have a lack of last mile competition and very little build out of new faster infrastructure I would say your proposal is impossible. The only logical explanation for the current proposal is the complete lobbyist ownership of the FCC. Chairman Wheeler has earned absolutely no credibility since taking the post and every time he speaks on the issue it is clear that he is at the service of the lobby not the American people. It is not too late Mr. Wheeler, you can still, if you truly want to, make this right. Please make a good choice, keep the internet a free and open place for ideas, innovation and business for small, medium and large players.
—Corey Hines, Minneapolis, MN

Keep your hands off the internet! You've already missed the boat on putting the screws to us when it started - and corporations do not need anymore incentives for anything. In fact, if we took some of those incentives away, maybe they'd start operating like they should. I'm completely against this plan.
—Nancy Staack, Altadena, CA

As an independent artist who wants to share her work online, net neutrality is fiercely important to me. Without it my means of sharing work and making a living will be crushed.
—Andrea K Haid, San Francisco, CA

I can go on and on about the importance of net neutrality, but why not just take it from Lloyd Kaufman? It's all summed up here. An important issue for free speech to consider fo…: http://youtu.be/GXEtJG6GWKM
—Jason Spore, Warsaw, IN

Do not take away the basic public service that the internet provides! Do not let this country tumble further into the millionaires' pockets!
—Merethe Walther, Stone Mountain, GA

Net neutrality is VITAL to the broad public interest. The private interests of certain ISPs are secondary. They are clever and resourceful people. They will do just fine with an open and free internet. And given the fact that you exist to serve the broad public interest first, you are ethically bound to deeply discount all the whining and crying about how they are suffering under the burden of having to serve their customer's interests. The nature of communications technology is that it requires virtual constant expanding of network capacity to accommodate ever increasing demand for communication interconnection. This has been true since the first telegraph wires were strung and is not likely to change anytime soon. They are, in point of fact, common carriers in every reasonable and historical sense of the term. To employ some convoluted Svengali reasoning in order to concoct any other classification of theses ISPs is malicious and deceptive. And does not serve the broad public interest you are tasked with serving. I urge you to take these comments seriously as they represent the views of the vast majority of the citizens of the United States of America.
—Tom Ricks, Oakland, CA

Net Neutrality is important to me because I am a computer technician and need the Internet open and to have every site stay the same speed to do my work.
—Brandon Cosby, Corning, NY

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. Throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Gregory Cundiff, Baltimore, MD

Met neutrality is important to me to help keep small businesses in America competitive. I own a small business and use the internet to market, develop, and deliver my services. If net bier reality were to disappear I would be hard pressed to remain competitive, especially against larger businesses.
—Shaun Rodriguez, Shawnee, KS

I grew up with a free and neutral internet and it has allowed me invaluable freedom of knowledge and pleasure. To give away that freedom of future generations to benefit corporations and money making should be beyond acceptable. A free internet has allowed citizens around the world to voice opposition to government and rise in protest of corruption. Limiting that freedom is an incredibly dangerous and slippery slope. Please do not let this pass under your nose. I understand certain people in power are bought and paid for by corporations with a vested interest in this matter. This should not be legal, but it is. It still doesn't make it right. The FCC needs to throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. We must take a stand against greed and corruption. Protect net neutrality.
—Amie Sanchez, Houston, TX

People in America have the first amendment to say whatever it is on their minds. By you changing the internet we will not longer have access to anything or anyone who does not fit in with the agenda. Simply, put them on the slow track and maybe people will not hang around long enough to view their pages or maybe the pages will not come up at all. We want Net Neutrality. We demand Net Neutrality! WE DO NOT WANT TO BE CENSORED!!!
—Carol Schofield, Wilm, DE

Ending Net Neutrality is brilliant... It gives the plutocracy a way to censor ideas, simply by controlling the bandwidth and making the "fringe" use the bandwidth that's left over. End this charade and stop negotiations over this idea. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Unless you're really proud of your legacy destroying the First Amendment.
—Tyson Gustus, San Diego, CA

Do something for the common good fer chrissakes. ONCE. It won't hurt, I promise. Make the Internet an example of how we should all strive to treat each other: as equals.
—Mr. Chad Dailey, Wahoo, NE

Leave the Internet alone.
—Sim Shambeau, gilbert, AZ

I want our net neutrality protected! NO Tom Wheeler.... Ban your idea!
—Cheryl Finlayson, santa fe, NM

You're plan to make the internet pay-to-play is either woefully misguided or unflinchingly corrupt, I can't decide which is worse. The only way to keep the internet the wonderful place it is, is to classify it as a communication service.
—Alex Dres, Sacramento, CA

International law relegates things like finances, trade, and immigration. In each of these cases, there are guidelines, and places to go to look up exactly what the rules and regulations are. The global internet is by nature an intangible concept. Trying to impose rules, regulations and laws upon it sound good, but only ends up restricting people, and cornering them into potentially dangerous situations. Net neutrality keeps everyone safe, keeps global markets moving, and allows for open, clear communication across international lines. Within the U.S., the internet is a great leveler. It is the one place where people actually have equal footing with one another, regardless of financial pull outside of the net. ISPs need to be classified as common carriers. Keep net neutrality.
—Katherine Howe-Moore, Novi, MI

Net neutrality is important to me because I am a senior (age 82) and use the internet a lot and people like me will be left out if only a few big corporations are allowed to dominate the airwaves and you know very well they will raise the prices and it will soon be dominated by big money and squeeze the little guy out. This is not what Democracy is about. Listen to the people! Laura Gulovsen eandl157@sbcglobal.net
—Laura Gulovsen, Ventura, CA

Please allow for the internet to remain an open source to communicate freely among the population.
—Eric Watson, american fork, UT

All users of the internet should be assured a level playing field when it comes to the super affluent versus the semi-learned, as all should be able to use the service, no matter what their income or education.
—Carrol, Columbia, MS

Net neutrality is essential for promoting competition among ISPs. It is also necessary in a world in which most people use the internet for the majority of their shopping, communications, banking, entertainment, and even education. Without net neutrality, you will be condemning the poor, and even the middle class, to second class, less desirable access to the internet. ISPs will be able to raise prices, throttle speeds, and stifle the economy, because whether you want to accept it or not, without access to affordable internet, the younger generation will not spend nearly as much money on products. The younger generation has grown up with internet at their fingertips, and the majority of these individuals do 90% of their shopping online and at least half of their socializing. These people want instant access to entertainment, to socialization, and they aren't willing to drive to the mall just to shop. Nearly no one writes and mails handwritten letters anymore. Everyone sends an email. People go to Netflix or Amazon instant downloads to purchase and view movies. People buy and download electronic books rather than driving to the bookstore. You truly need to consider the impact on the economy that losing net neutrality will have.
—Allison Diffey, Long Beach, MS

Net neutrality is important to not just me, but for up and coming business as well. Having the flow of the internet be slowed or blocked by ISPs is a detriment to many people and most notably to those in the realm of online business. Having the looming threat of the ISPs while people are trying to get an online business started is ubsurd. Those people would have to worry about their job security among other things. All this may not be happening now, but the fact that there isn't a law in place protecting against such a thing is deeply worrying. The internet is important to the way we live today and having this control and freedom taken away from us or constantly having to worry about it is a horrible and very avoidable thing if Net Neutrality were to come back. Please, don't take the freedom of the internet away from us.
—Justin Harris, Opelika, AL

Chairman Wheeler, please do not end net neutrality. It would be a travesty to allow the nation who created the internet to stunt its growth and innovation in such a catastrophic way.
—Kristen Killian, SAN FRANCISCO, CA

Net Neutrality needs to stay. A two-tiered internet system is unfair to everyone, the internet should be free and common knowledge for all.
—Katelyn, smyrna, GA

Net Neutrality is of paramount importance in order to give each and every content maker and internet user equal access and to prevent the internet from being a toll road. It's 2014, and the internet is an absolute necessity, and one we should protect as a free open network where every website can be treated equally. I ask you, as an American, to flat-out reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Eric Brad, celebration, FL

As the internet becomes, more and more, a central feature of our society, network neutrality has become vitally important for our democracy and for a vibrant competitive economy. In our political life, net neutrality insures that a variety of points of view are heard, independent of how wealthy their proponents are. In our economy, net neutrality levels the playing field and allows small companies to challenge entrenched and wealthy corporations. For many of these reasons President Obama supported net neutrality in both his campaigns. The proposed new rules amount to a corporate takeover of the internet. Please reject these rules and reclassify internet service providers as common carriers.
—Paul Patton, Bloomington, IN

A slow lane and fast lane already exists, people pay for higher speed bandwidth all the time, adding more rules is a terrible idea and your only hurting yourselves. The rest of the world isn't stupid, they know this is just a scam to get money because cable companies don't want to compete, and if you think otherwise then you're lying to yourself and don't even know it.
—Amanda Rosko, Ottawa,

The internet was founded on the idea of a level playing field -- giving corporations the ability to pay for faster service, and thereby slow down service for everyone else, will cripple the internet and cripple free speech.
—Matthew Wheeland, Alameda, CA

Please please throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Do not attempt to fix what isn't broken, which will break it in the process. Keep the internet neutral.
—Antoine Demian, Culver city, CA

Net Neutrality has allowed our nation to make leaps and bounds in progress. If net neutrality had not existed before this point, major companies and players in business today wouldn't have existed. I cannot understand why on earth it would make any kind of sense to divide the net. Please make the internet a common carrier and do the right thing. I don't know any of you, and I don't know your motives, but I can tell you that I do know this is the right thing to do.
—Tedd Johnson, Irvine, CA

The Web is the only place on earth with true freedom anymore. If you take that away, you'll have your hands full. Voting is a powerful thing. So is the money we spend.
—Matthew Warren, Janesville, WI

Dear FCC, Net Neutrality is important to me because in a country already ruled by enormous monopolies and service providers who basically give little to no service, phone or internet, it is important to keep these massive corporations from screwing over the people of america. Please overturn the current rules on the "two lane internet" it is absolute bull and will only result in ISP's charging more and more money for the same crappy service. Please classify them as common carriers and make sure they understand that net neutrality applies to them. Thank you.
—Charles Kuentzel, carthage, MO

Information should not go to the highest bidder. So, if the FCC lets companies charge whatever they can get, it will stop many Americans from affording access to the Network and then information. Keep the Network neutral! Larry Antila
—Larry R. Antila, San Francisco, CA

I don't want corporate greed, such as that of Comcast to hinder my internet experience.
—Nicholas Miller, Ypsilanti, MI

I very much oppose your plan to compromise Net Neutrality. I view the internet as part of the public domain. Those with power and wealth already have used such to an egregious extent. PLEASE reclassify Internet Service Providers as common carriers and preserve equal access for all of us who rely on it. I STRONGLY encourage you to reconsider this ill-advised position. Thanks for your consideration. Mark F. Roller, M.D.
—M D. Mark F. Roller, SEATTLE, WA

These corporations should not dictate anything other than what kind of service they provide. ISPs need to be common carriers. This is necessary.
—R Wright, Williamsburg, VA

Net neutrality helps small and medium businesses and promotes ethnic, religious and non profits success through equal access.
—Michael Harvey, Virginia, MN

The Internet is the great equalizer of information and access. Please vote with your conscience. The works doesn't need more filthy rich communications companies... It needs equality. Thank you.
—Miranda Fisk, Hinesburg, VT

If it's not broke, Don't fix it!. The internet is a great place as of now, you can go places and learn things like never before. There's money $$ being made hand over fist and everyone including the goverment is getting their fair share. Allowing a 2 teir system will completely ruin an allready great invention that allows our children to learn and grow and experience places they may never experience in real life. please don't fix it.
—Gil Kerns, sherwood, AR

web site access discrimination means end of internet to me. I will would just simply close my subscription.
—Pierre-HenriTroller, Paris,

Net neutrality is important in maintaining the status quo because without distraction the population might start to notice that the current system is not working for the majority of Americans. This realization could create major difficulties for the movers, shakers and power brokers of our system of governance in maintaining their position and authority over the people. Creating pay "lanes" of the Internet will lessen the current level of ease to distraction Americans currently enjoy, and people might start to read even perhaps become interested in topics other than the latest Netflix content. What baffles me is that the decision to end net neutrality goes against every other major form of public control currently in place which has brought the persons within this country's power structure to the lofty unchallenged position where they are today. A distracted population is easy to govern and control. In my lifetime I have seen a breakdown in efficiency of the U.S. Government; if it is this challenging to govern over a weak and distracted population, imagine the difficulties that will be presented if people started paying attention! Lawmakers are concerned with creating another profit base for the telecommunications industry while our country is grappling with, among other great concerns, extreme levels of unemployment, the fatigue of being at war for decades, a crumbling infrastructure, a drought affecting a major food producing area, and a greater divide in educational measurements compared to other countries. If the population starts to notice that the government only really works for the groups who finance political parties and elections while dismissing the effects of ignored problems that directly effect most of the population then the current government and industry power structure could collapse which would leave the elite few at the mercy of the many. Lawmakers, for your own sakes as the elite of our society, please do not interrupt the people's access to Kevin Spacy political dramas, questionable news sources, and funny looking cats; it could irreparably change today's America!
—N Hillhouse, Concord, CA

Net Neutrality is important to me because it preserves the ability for startups, small companies, nonprofits, and individuals to compete fairly against large corporations in the battle for web traffic and business.
—Julie Herrick, Santa Ana, CA

We can't put everything up for sale. Accessibility to the internet is available to all of us equally.
—Mercedes Barnek, Red Bank, NJ

The internet has proven time and again that a free internet is the most effective way to bring social and political change to people governed by repressive governments. As our "new world" changes have turned good paying - manufacturing jobs into low paying "service sector" work the most hopeful signs of a resurging middle class may be found in the global market place of a free internet. Where an economy of scale can allow people to provide services or products that are considered "niche" markets - too small to engage a larger company - but perfect for the the new internet entrepreneurs. A 2 tiered system plays into the hands of the new multinational world we live in now. Where most of the worlds business is conducted by and between a few players - who are not structured to provide real work and vibrant communities - but to register profit at any and all costs. If it is decided that a two tier internet is what the future will look like the costs to our country and its citizens will be huge - and when people feel displaced and ignored - civil disobedience, unrest, and far worse things are more likely to happen. Who benefits from a two tiered system? The economic players who are already are making billions of dollars a year. Please vote for the future of the little guy, the mom and pop enterprise - the folks who make up "the real world" - America became great because it has historically been a place where hard work and vision allowed anyone to become successful. Please vote for the future of all our citizens - not just the financial interests of a few. Please vote for net neutrality!
—Elizabeth Macdonald, Durango, CO

A plan that allows rampant discrimination online is not serving the people.
—Winnie Durdant-Hollamby, forest row,

Dear FCC, If you are a federal institution... You should be abiding by American Values and our Constitution. Keep Net Neutrality. -Anthony Ryan Magro
—Anthony, Patchogue, NY

I don't want ISPs to control what I can see or stifle innovation. They should be regulated as common carriers. Please rethink these rules.
—Vince Della Fera, Shawnee on Delaware, PA

Come on we need this! This is our only medium where we can be free from government and corporations. It's the people's only chance of uninhibited expression and freedom from control. You are in an extraordinary position of power. Obviously it behooves the government to control the internet, but why don't you guys start to act righteously this time. For once, instead of focusing on maintaining order and power through controlling the masses, relinquish power and trust the people with it. Don't fuck the internet!
—Connor DiGregorio, Argyle, TX

Please keep the Internet neutral. A two-tiered Internet will impede the free market and hurt our American economy!
—Patrick Brennan, Macon, GA

Throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Information should NOT be restricted to those who can afford it!
—Dawn Simas, West Greenwich, RI

Keep the net free for everyone. Do not create a two tiered system.
—M Bartoshek, Huntsville, TX

Net Neutrality must be protected! The balance has been tipped too far toward those who can pay the highest price. Enough is Enough. Small businesses who depend on the internet for their public relations and publicity should not be priced out of the market. The 0.1% have already taken more than their share of the pie. We don't need government agencies to continue to make policies that take from the middle class in ever higher fees and give to the very wealthy individuals and corporations.
—Dale Thompson, HUNTSVILLE, OH

In the long run, more money stands to be made with an open internet. More people doing more means more money flowing through more hands. In addition to that, encouraging an equal internet is the best hope we have of rebecoming the cultural epicenter of the world.
—Zachary Wolford, Frederick, MD

Keep the internet neutral because it's the right thing to do !
—John Egan, Colorado Springs, CO

Corporations should not be able to buy service that's any faster than nonprofit organizations and news outlets. Internet Service Providers should be common carriers, not services that provide faster service to the highest bidders.
—Lucinda Holt, Highland Park, NJ

Dear FCC, You have a lot of power to affect a lot of people for a long time. Please use your intelligence and integrity to make the right decision to benefit the citizens you work for! Thanks for your service, ted
—Ted Lowe, wheaton, IL

Net neutrality does not only benefit the less fortunate, it also benefits the entire community. It allows for uncountable opportunities of growth not only educational, social and economical, it also strengthens relationships trough out the globe, facilitates the interchange of ideas, hopes and dreams without prejudice. Letting companies decide who gets faster connection, choosing who and what gets to be seen or explore, violating privacy rules by "tailoring" information to particular set of consumers, that is a big problem a problem that is better be resolve now when it is manageable. Do not give away the only tool in place that protects the neutrality of the internet.
—Nuria Fajardo, Palmdale, CA

The internet is a utility now. It should be treated like water and electricity.
—C Benoit, Campbell, CA

Net Neutrality provides a level field for Commerce and information on the Internet. This is essential to preserve the future of innovation the Internet provides.
—Matthew Kantelis, San Jose, CA

The very structure and thesis of the Internet as a global entity requires that all traffic be treated equally, regardless of content type or origination. Any attempt to alter that balance will have a negative effect for the economy as a whole and every tech company reliant on the Internet to conduct business.
—Sam Machiz, New York, NY

Regulate the expansion of consumer direct Internet and open entrepreneurial opportunities as well. THE WEB IS FOR ALL!
—Jannie Dorsey, Hyde Park, MA

Please reclassify ISPs as COMMON CARRIERS!
—Ben, Riga,

Our future depends on this.
—Hugh D. Lester, Weehawken, NJ

Ending Net Neutrality will just cause more law suits, and hold sites hostage. The biggest deal will be start up companies that truly innovate might not get through the front door, as their site will be slower unless they pay to have it faster, and people do not want to sit and wait, even 1/5 of a second matters to people. What will happen when the next facebook comes up, and has all these awesome features, but loads much slower than facebook? Nothing will change, no one will innovate.
—James Shaddix, Union Grove, AL

We have been stripped of even our basic rights as citizens by this administration. We've already went through TWO campaigns where we were in the dark completely because YOU allowed it to happen. Personally I think we the people should be suing YOU. Under NO CIRCUMSTANCES should a one sided view be allowed. You give news sources special protections and privileges their news should be neutral but of course with all the corruption with the administration and FCC it isn't. We need it wide OPEN. If not why even bother to stay in the USA?
—Betty Wood, Atwater, CA

The Rich get Richer and the Poor get Poorer?! Im absolutely outraged that yet another "American Freedom" may be taken away... Do what is RIGHT and JUST of the Land of the FREE! FCC- throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers!! #NetNeutraility #Freedom
—Kayla Counoyer, Webster, MA

The 2 tiered system is not the way to go. I am an internet user and demand net neutrality!!
—Jo Wahdan, Roseville, CA

Selling internet speed and access to the highest bidder is wrong, and unfair to the citizens of our country. This is just more proof that the FCC has been taken over by a corporate insider, Wheeler and is being sold off to his friends in the media business. Shame on everyone involved in this.
—Cheri Jones, Jacksonville, FL

You should reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Matthew Oliver, Norwood, MA

I have been involved with the Internet since before there was an Internet. My college roommate, Raymond Tomlinson, is the acknowledged inventor of email. As an employee of the University of Illinois I helped install the fourth node on the ARPAnet, the precursor of today's Internet -- and was amazed at how I could share information with colleagues from Berkeley to MIT. The Internet -- and its subsequent enhancements, eg, the World Wide Web, was founded as a way to enhance the sharing of information. I truly believe that when scholars look back at the 20th century and the second millennium, the Internet will be considered the single most important invention of the last 1000 years. Free and unfettered flow of information is the very basis of the Internet. The idea that the FCC is even considering allowing carriers to stifle the flow of information by charging more for "better" flow and sharing is antithetical to every vision the creators of the Internet had. We are horrified by countries like China and North Korea that censor the Internet. Economic censoring -- by allowing, for example, rich and powerful corporations to use their financial might to "better" deliver their version of the world to Internet customers is as bad as -- nay, worse -- than political censorship. Please support Net Neutrality.
—Luther Abel, Alameda, CA

Internet has become so fully integrated into our society, that it is imperative for many important and necessary functions on a day to day basis. Restricting the public's access to a resource that we are all so dependent on in order to increase private capital will harm and impede a large majority of the population who can't or won't pay more money to access faster internet. Moving toward an internet "fast-track" will no doubt leave those who cannot afford the luxury far behind, making it much harder to perform daily tasks and interact digitally with people, businesses, etc. Please consider the children whose education will be hindered because they can't afford good internet access at home, the young graduates struggling to find employment in their field of expertise, or in any field that is hiring, without the proper tools necessary to search for, contact, or interact with prospective employers, the single parent who needs decent and affordable internet access to finish up that degree they had to postpone when they were younger, with the hope of providing better education for their children. Net neutrality is important because the internet has become far more than a source of information or a way to get what you want quicker and more efficiently; it is a necessity in our society, and allowing large corporations to restrict access to it is a risk I hope you won't take.
—Becca Taute, Austin, TX

If you slow down the internet. We will make a new one.
—Kevin Bieschke, Elgin, IL

Please represent the people and not the corporations. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Peter Robinson, Charlottesville, VA

If months of emails and phone calls can't make it clear that the American people want you to stop fucking us I don't know what will. Stop fucking around ya corrupt fucks.
—Adam Core, Kissimmee, FL

A level playing field is crucial for a capitalistic society to grow.
—Joanne Chayut, Los Gatos, CA

It is critical to our future as a democracy and our right to free speech to maintain net neutrality. It holds the greatest promise for future open communication and the advancement of civilization.
—Derek Dammers, Santa Barbara, CA

It falls under category freedom of speech.
—Meredith Blatt, Columbus, OH

Without net neutrality as a visual artist it will seriously effect and hinder the way I conduct business.
—Brent McCarthy, Brooklyn, NY

It is absurd to assume ISPs will not implement a multi-tier pay-to-play system if they are allowed to do so. We have already seen this approach with Netflix. Content and access will be modulated and controlled based on payment for bandwidth or any other criteria an ISP would choose. Consumers would be restricted to censored content as their ISPs see fit to provide. Without a doubt, it is best for consumers if ISPs are reclassified as common carriers. If the FCC is there to protect the people's interests, the decision is clear. History shows us that common carrier status has not hurt telecoms or power utilities.
—Mr. E S., Westampton, NJ

With the omnipresence of the internet today in virtually every facet of American's lives, it is ludicrous not to classify ISP's as common carriers. The data they carry is as integral to life as a telephone was, and even more so these days.
—Craig Simons, Nooksack, WA

IF NET NEUTRALITY IS GONE, THE INTERNET WILL VERY MUCH BE LOST AS WELL! PLEASE DO NOT DO THIS TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE!!
—Mark Galvez, Bronx, NY

For the first time in centuries, perhaps ever, those who find themselves outside the Establishment have a vehicle with which they can express their views to much of the world. The Internet as it is at this time is an important component of democracy. Do not tamper with it. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Mr. Laurie Virr, Kambah, SC

While many industries are facing fierce competition from all over the world, the US is the hands down leader in producing companies that use the internet to transform our world. So you want to screw it all up by adding new rules that everyone who actually uses the internet hates? Its not rocket science- the only people who want to end net neutrality are telecom companies who would profit from it, and the politicians that get paid by those companies. The same companies who are so unpopular with their OWN CUSTOMERS that the fact they haven't been brought up on tons of antitrust laws is utterly mindblowing. Don't screw up the internet. Sincerely, Jonathan Gross
—Jonathan Gross, Los Angeles, CA

Ohhhh no, there is no way anyone is going to sit by and let this bs happen, the public will never, EVER be silenced.
—Latisha Whitten, amarillo, TX

Internet discrimination should be banned. There's a reason Google is standing up against you.
—Nick Hagman, Owings Mills, MD

I demand Net Neutrality now.
—Tomas James Gazich, Westminster, CA

Preserve Net Neutrality, another term for freedom of speech. The voice of the people should not be silenced by CEOs or anyone else. Keep the net free and open.
—Sue Loiselle, Locke, NY

We need to keep net neutrality. Please treat the ISP companies as utilities.
—Sarah Hughes, McKinleyville, CA

If the large ISP companies are allowed to dictate bandwidth, we all lose. Decent access speeds for online education, online research, and entertainment online will be a fond remembrance, out of reach for the dwindling and highly disgruntled middle class. Just another case of the haves vs. the have-nots which is all too prevalent in this supposedly equal opportunity country. ISPs need to be common carriers.
—Cheryl Baron, Colorado Springs, CO

Please stop doing what large corporations want you to do to improve their agenda. Do what is best for the people. Make good choices.
—Andrew Prete, Huntsville, AL

The internet is a utility. Citizens need fair access.
—Alex von Stein, Tucson, AZ

Keep Net Neutrality!! It means freedom! Reclassify ISPs as common carriers!
—Dan Ferrill, Green Valley, AZ

FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler: I am greatly opposed to a two-tiered internet system and greatly in favor of net neutrality. Please maintain net neutrality for the sake of all citizens. Thank you. Karen Cook
—Karen Cook, Salem, OR

The court clearly stated that the FCC could continue its net-neutrality policies if it reverses its decision from the 1990s to not treat broadband as a common carrier, as it had with traditional telephone service.
—David Kantz, Coloma, CA

It is my strong belief that allowing ISPs to extort businesses and services that are drawing in a lot of bandwidth (due to *customer requests*, mind you) is, quite frankly, bullshit. Customers of interchanges like Level3 expect the interchanges to peer with each other and preemptively add capacity where necessary. Level3 does this, in almost every case, at no charge to the other interchanges (see http://blog.level3.com/global-connectivity/observations-inte rnet-middleman/). ISPs are *no different* — users are *already paying* ISPs (and paying them extremely well, I might add — many other countries have had faster, more reliable, more competitive, and more inexpensive internet access for quite some time) to keep their network in shape and deliver the speeds customers are promised, no matter what services they want to use. ISPs *cannot and should not* be allowed to charge *businesses* for peering and interconnection when the *customers* are the ones driving the bandwidth level ever-higher. I urge you to consider *not* submitting to the will of the money-hungry ISPs. Whether or not Title II reclassification is the answer, find an effective, sensical way to keep ISPs from behaving outside of the interests of their customers ("That's a nice business you've got there, Netflix...it'd be a shame if something...happened to it."). Show everyone that the FCC is not afraid to regulate with a firm hand when ISPs step out of line, as they are doing now. As an aside, I'd also urge you to consider how to better encourage and promote competition in the barren wasteland that is the ISP landscape, to prevent problems like this from continuing to crop up. I have a strong feeling that if ISPs weren't allowed to collude in ways that allow them to avoid competing with each other (and if they weren't allowed to crush new ISPs under the weight of a metric shitton of frivolous lawsuits, thereby further decreasing competition), this problem wouldn't have become nearly as large as it is. Thanks for your time. - Cody Krieger Software Engineer
—Cody Krieger, San Jose, CA

Dear FCC, Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers. The proposed rules are unfair to the CUSTOMER (the average internet user). It monopolizes the internet experience to only the big (very big) companies and there is NO assurance that access as we know it today will be the same. STOP and consider individuals and not pander to corporations. Thank you.
—Joyce Stein, Santa Clarita, CA

Do not allow current ISP vendors to dictate the terms by which content on the internet is accessible to businesses and individuals. Due to current near-monopolistic conditions in the ISP space coupled with a history of dissatisfaction with the major players in the ISP industry by a large percentage of consumers (and businesses), we (the people) need consistent, balanced oversight with adequate enforcement in place to allow this industry to grow in a manner that is conducive to fair competition, increases service availability and supports continued growth of internet content and services. As you know, the ability to compete in the ISP space is not easy to do (due to necessary overhead for cabling and infrastructure, municipal permitting and other factors). Unfortunately these limitations, along with the use of taxpayer dollars along the way, have led to an uncompetitive and monopolistic environment that has created a large barrier for entry for new services and limits the efficacy of a market-driven solution. Internet access is required for many of us for out livelihoods, and the service has become almost as important as electricity. But choices are relatively limited, even many metropolitan areas. I do not want allow the big ISP players determine what types of content and services (through pricing schemes, bandwidth manipulations or any other manner) are available to me and the businesses I work for and with. To allow self-regulation of this industry at this point would allow powerful ISP's to act as gatekeepers between many other industries and their customers (and potential customers). And that is not good for anyone except the ISP industry. All you have to do is look at consumer satisfaction scores (which are coincident with my experience) for the major ISP providers and you'll see one of the major problems with such a perspective. The genesis of the internet was partially funded with public money (DARPA) and the maturing internet has fueled the growth of many industries that stretch way beyond digital services. Do not put that growth in jeopardy by handing over the keys to a single industry and allowing content discrimination by the ISP industry. Do the right thing, act in the interest of a majority of individuals, businesses and industries, and help keep the internet a viable driver of economic growth and information access. If that means regulation as a utility (under current law), or another effective approach, so be it.
—Kevin Hering, Cary, NC

Dear FCC, What we know of the internet today came from innovations such as youtube and google. So many people have gone through alternate routes to achieve their dreams because of these innovations, rather than having to resort to what big business wants and decides. The legislation you propose hands the keys right back to big business so they can pick and choose who succeeds and fails instead of allowing the international community to decide. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers and give net neutrality back.
—Amanda Horcher, Indianapolis, IN

Leave it the Fuck alone!
—Jeff Croom, G.G. Ca., CA

We the people are all created equally on the internet. We do not need censorship on the internet.
—Gale S. Vanderella, Leola, PA

The Internet is the engine of innovation in our country today, we need to keep it open to all to foster this innovation. Net Neutrality is essential to doing so. President Obama replied to my email saying he was for Net Neutrality and against a tiered system, so why is the FCC, who works for the American people, trying to create a two-tiered system to discriminate against people based on their ability to pay? The cable companies hold us hostage as it is, giving them more control and power is the wrong way to go. They are not the innovators. We need to support the innovators and fair access to the Internet for all.
—Nancy Williams, Walnut Creek, CA

I don't live in USA, but I think that it is not fair what FFC wants to do with internet.
—Ivano, markota,

I feel the ISPs are making enough money from their customers. They don't need help from the government to pilfer our wallets even further and create extra fees to be able to use the internet. You need to throw out your rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers so that they don't steal even more from the working class. Thank you!
—Jarrod Smith, BLAIRSVILLE, PA

Net neutrality will slow the positive progression of our society. PLEASE NO
—Andrew Provost, Fort Collin., CO

Why is this even being considered?.....the people have overwhelmingly spoken and you KNOW the are on the side of Net Neutrality...
—Eric Andresen, Olney, MD

Throw out your rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Now. NOW. What are you waiting for?
—Justin Roth, Sunnyvale, CA

Net Neutrality is necessary to preserve the competitive market that the United States economy thrives upon. Any legislation or efforts to grant high priced benefits such as creating a "fast lane" for internet service is unconstitutional by way of the Sherman Antitrust Act, as well as the rest of the United States Antitrust Laws. Creating barriers for data and information by user and/or service provider is not only constitutionally irreconcilable, it is also intrinsically unethical and will allow the large cable companies an Orwellian amount of power over the content that we as citizens can access.
—Michael Herrera, Winter Park, FL

A level playing field is the right thing to do. Net Neutrality allows for future jobs for all Americans.
—Mike Chadbourne, Palmetto, FL

I think all Internet connections should be considered a common carrier of information and no operator of the equipment, wires, cables, fiber, should be able to modify the flow of specific traffic.
—Bob Bowen, Jamestown, RI

The fact these companies are trying to control the internet in such a way is disgusting. They already make enough money but just want more and more. This is internet sensorship and must be stopped! Every company/individual should be on a level playing field in the spirit of honest and fair competition! What's next, freedom of speach?? Offensive.
—Timothy Franson, Woburn, MA

Please reinstate net neutrality rules. Edge content providers need to be classified as Title II and strictly enforced, they should not be allowed to discriminate/interfere/manipul ate with traffic that goes through their lines. We, as consumers already paying more than enough to Verizons, Time Warners and other edge Internet and content providers. They have exclusive oligopoly, and have zero incentives to upgrade, there is no real competition. Please reclassify them as common carriers under Title II regulations.
—Sergey Staskevich, Utica, NY

Access to information, including the speed and quality, should not be bought through contracts and closed door meetings. Moreover, the proposals from the FCC further enhance corporate ability to easily monopolize, leaving those, such as myself, at the mercy of annual contracts for a modern time necessity.
—Desiree Fiske, Fort Collins, CO

You can preserve Net Neutrality only by classifying broadband internet as a telecommunications service under the law. Anything else is an attack on our rights to connect and communicate. It can damage free and fair trade across the globe if left uncontested.
—Preston Brooks, New York, NY

Freedom of access to information is crucial to equal opportunity. I strongly oppose auctioning off access to the highest bidders when freedom of expression and access to the web is so paramount to an increasingly global, future society. True Net Neutrality needs to be preserved for us, our children, and the generations to come. This is not a game.
—Jordan, Berkeley, CA

I believe the FCC should throw out its rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Net Neutrality should be maintained.
—Joshua Black, Gainesville, FL

TO: Chairman Wheeler, FCC Ownership of the air-waves by the people of the U.S. was established with the introduction of radio broadcasting, early in the 20th Century. The function of the FCC is regulation, not legislation. Disavow any favoritism to any ISP. Maintain net neutrality. Classify all ISPs as common carriers.
—Howard S. Cox, BLOOMINGTON, MN

Keep the net neutral. I would like you to reclassify ISP's as common carriers.
—Mike Kopek, Coral Springs, FL

Keep the net Nuetral
—Paul Ferreira, Tewksbury, MA

To the FCC: To allow a fast lane means enforcing a slow lane. Internet access is, and should be regulated as, a utility. Undo the misclassification of ISPs, and fix the USA's terrible backwards blunder once and for all.
—Alexander LeDonne, Overland Park, KS

I know Net Neutrality is right. You know Net Neutrality is right. And we both know that just because money is changing hands over this issue doesn't make Net Neutrality any less right. Ending Net Neutrality isn't "giving certain sites a fast-lane" it's making it so that small-business's websites, new up-and-coming websites, and anyone who doesn't have a corporation behind them suddenly becomes much less appealing and generate much less income for those people who actually need it. Ads will be less likely to give money to be on a "slow lane" website, customers will become frustrated if a site takes too long to load, and will be less likely to use a site. Some people make their livelihoods on the internet nowadays. Please, I'm begging you here. Don't do this.
—Sareena Toothaker, Orono, ME

privacy individuality intelligence identity and freedom of expression
—Christopher Walker, chicago, IL

Have you ever heard a postman to delay package and chaffer the money from let's say Amazon for the fact that they deliver too many packages? No, never. Because Amazon enormous amount of packages supply the demand on postal services. So postal services benefit from many packages sent by Amazon. So any postman and postal service should and is thankful to companies like Amazon that they send many packages and thereby provide growth and profit to the postal services. Comcast and other providers are like postal services and Netflix and others are goodie-makers demand generators. People use Comcast internet just because they use goodies like Netflix streaming video or other popular services. So Comcast must stop lobbying against net neutrality and say thank you to all content generators for the demand those generators create for Comcast and other internet providers.
—Andrey Chergik, Seattle, WA

I am disgusted that you are giving consideration to creating a two tier system; this will ultimately work to the great disadvantage of little, start up companies and the free sharing of information. These features are most important in how the internet has driven economic development and growth and entrepreneurialism. Enough of the madness; don't sell the internet to the highest bidder or to those who have deep pockets. Keep it as a truly democratic exercise of access and use.
—Bruce Scism, DANVILLE, VA

Net neutrality is extremely important to me. I want to keep the internet a place of equality and I want to be able to easily find the small businesses. Everyone should have equal access and equal treatment for content delivery!
—Erin Brandstaetter, Columbus, IN

Net Neutrality is important to me because I want more entrepreneurs to use the free and open internet to innovate here in America. Giving the power of ISPs to slow down certain websites to favor their own doesn't benefit anyone, it benefits the ISPs. If a young man or woman in America has this great idea to deliver important information to people and the ISP slows down that data, people will stop using a slow product and pick something else. The ISPs already hold a monopoly in this country and allowing them to basically to whatever they want is disastrous. I want to see America thrive and the only way to thrive in the tech industry is to have equal internet for all.
—Ricardo Del Toro, castroville, CA

the only benefit from this is the few big companies ,its beneficial for their already bloated wallet. The things it destroys are far greater, imagine a sever slow on the progress of human and technology, and what it will do. A free internet has brought us this far, is in a amazing short time do you guys really want to destroy it, and all that for human currency ?
—Nigel de Graaf, Hoevenen,

The Internet is home to an unimaginable wealth of information and connection, from social media giants like Facebook and Twitter, to media providers and streaming services, like YouTube and iTunes... as well as lesser known content that you probably have not heard about or had much interaction with. Scientific journals and news. Webcomics. Discussion forums and blogs on a seemingly infinite number of topics. The whole of the Internet is about free and open expression. Whether it is something inane like cat pictures, or the cutting edge of scientific research, the whole world ultimately has something that is considered worth pursuing somewhere on the Internet. To discriminate content is to take backwards steps in the distribution of information. The concept of favouritism leaves a feeling of bitterness to those who are not favoured. We ask that you not allow this to happen. Thank you for your time.
—David Paul, Cabramatta,

Internet is not your property, content in the internet is also not your property so why you try to limit accessibilityto it ?? YOU BASTARDS !!!
—Damian Darczuk, Krakow, DC

Dear FCC, The American people have already paid for the internet and web development through our taxes. Under no circumstances should we now have to pay more for premium services when the money is going to Corporations who are using that internet. We want an open and freely available internet.
—T Musgrove, Suquamish, WA

Protect net neutrality! The idea that there should be a two-tiered Internet goes against the entire vision of the original Internet: a vast Internet library for all.
—Neil Madden, Gittisham,

The internet should be and remain free and open access. ISP's must not be allowed to discriminate in fees among information providers. Furthermore, fees currently charged by ISP's to individual customers must be regulated and significantly reduced or eliminated, to enable high speed internet access to all the people of the country, not just the wealthy and urban dwellers.
—H Dixon, TICONDEROGA, NY

Clearly, a monopoly on the Internet would impact everyone all around the world negatively. These companies would have total control over who gets what data in which speed. What's to stop them from abusing their power for financial gain? Furthermore, netizens would have their freedom in the Internet, something glorious and wondrous, blatantly snuffed.
—Ricardo M. Roxas II, Reina Mercedes,

Running a business is difficult enough. Pit the independent person against the corporation and you've ruined free enterprise. Small businesses as a whole create big revenue. Remove their ability to access and employ web based business, and you've sacrificed the chance for a balanced economy, and you've sacrificed the prosperity of currently successful small enterprises.
—Meghann Doyle, Qualicum Beach,

Stop bending over backwards for corporations.
—Hope Whiteside, Skeet Skeet, NY

My internet has already slowed down. We don't need net neutrality to end. I cannot pay anymore than I am paying now just for the big guys to get more money and pay less taxes.....
—Robert H Campen, hannibal, MO

The free exchange of ideas and information (without corporate control) is crucial to our democracy. Limiting net neutrality is giving away a critical part of our commons, and is an egregious form of corporate welfare.
—David Sterner, Shoreline, WA

Protect net neutrality for all Americans. Stop internet service providers monopolies.
—Ed Benintende, Stroudsburg, PA

Net neutrality is a must for the citizens of the United States of America. Do not proceed with the FCC rules as is.
—Gail Farquhar, Port Huron, MI

I thought We live in a free country. This is just one of many attempts at the powerful few to control the unpriviliged many. Do this and Watch how it will start a movement that will not be put down by greed. STAY OUT OF THE NET. we do not need someone else trying to control us through regulation of a public right to free speech. Keep it neutral.
—HVazquez Vazquez, New York, NY

The internet provides an avenue for a multitude of different voices and opinions which gives us the people an opportunity to exercise free choice and practice critical thinking. Present large company media feeds us what some government or corporate body wants. I'd rather net neutrality
—Marilyn Shirt, Saddle Lake,

neutrality is needed to maintain the internet for everyone, not those that can afford it
—David Pollman, key west, FL

You are putting the most important invention of the last 100 years in the hands of a few people who literally only care about the bottom line. I know this entire country is already bought and paid for by these corporations but can we at least PRETEND that they dont dictate all?
—Keith Dodge, Richmond, VA

The internet needs Net Neutrality so that companies can't discriminate our content and what goes on in the internet. FCC needs to stop!
—An Pham, Garden Grove, CA

Whatever you do will be undone...eventually by a just Congress and a just Supreme Court. If you're going to be Corporate toadies, so be it. The Whole World is Watching...
—Doug Starfield, Seattle, WA

Throw out the rules and reclassify ISP's as common carriers. Keep the Net Neutral!!!!
—Stephen Reynolds, Greeneville, TN

Don't mess with our internet. Keep the playing field level and do the right thing. Please protect net neutrality.
—Katie Thomas, Lakewood, CO

Please stand up to big cable and corporate interest. The Internet should be regulated like electricity.
—Christian Price, west columbia, SC

I am NOT in favor of any new rules that would allow discrimination. That would be a step back into the DARK AGES!!!! Do not allow this to happen!!
—Mary E. Weaver, San Antonio, TX

IInnovative ideas can become real products because small, new companies need not pay a premium to access high-speed internet.
—Tyler Ochiai, San Francisco, CA

Of the people, by the people, for the people.....
—Scott Palmer, Sterling Heights, MI

Do the right thing--for all.
—Jeff Francois, Berkeley, CA

The fact that you've ignored the will of the consumers on this is very disheartening, and seems to confirm that Chairman Wheeler's experience as a cable lobbyist is tainting his ability to execute his duties in an unbiased manner. I urge you to reconsider this clear pandering to an industry which has already flouted the spirit of competitive industry.
—David D Okeefe, NASHUA, NH

This is a matter of the right to know and have access to information that may be life saving. It is in the best interest of the country to deny Wheeler's plan to allow discrimination. It is related to freedom of the press and a necessary part of the smooth functioning of this country.
—Roberta Rudy, bothell, WA

Net Neutrality means that the internet is open to innovation and advancement. Anything less will stifle innovation and lead to censorship of those who cannot afford the prices set forth by ISP's. Protect real net neutrality, the existence of a fast lane is unacceptable.
—Samuel Sewall, Gainesville, FL

With the federal regulation mandating digital television we lost our right to over the air analog signal. Now if we want local news we have to pay exhorbanant fees and get channels we don't need. If net neutrality dies, the internet will go by way of the cable tier format and once again we will lose a little more free speech and media liberty. I feel it is extremely vital to keep the net neutral.
—Karen Anderson, Ennis, MT

An open Internet is imperative to foster the continuing development of new, innovative and exciting services. We invented the Internet - let's not start down the path of destruction.
—Marc Albert, NewYork, NY

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Ms. Lauren Okayama, Los Angeles, CA

For the benefit of the American public, please reclassify Internet Service Providers as Common Carriers.
—Ron Beckwith, Gulf Breeze, FL

Dear Chairman Wheeler, I demand: FCC to throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality. - MS...
—Mac Smith, Milwaukie, OR

protect free speech . reclassify as common carriers.
—Markmonkman, San Francisco, CA

This is an INSANE plan! The ISPs ARE COMMON CARRIERS and their fees should be based on the capacity upload/download provisioned ONLY. This stupid plan equates to charging Cadillac owners more than Chevrolet owners for using the SAME highway with the SAME speed limits! Would there be another road constructed for Chevrolet owners? We have a DUMB President and STUPID Congress - is this mental impairment contagious and has it now spread to the FCC? This plan requires the middle class to be discriminated against and pay more for less once AGAIN!!! Doesn't the FCC have better things to do than find ways to screw the citizens?
—J Crasto, Bedford, NY

The free flow of ideas and communication are the back bone of a creative people, and our democracy. Keep the internet neutral and open. Otherwise, those you discriminate against will develop other options. Better to work together and keep information flowing freely.
—Patricia Cohen, New Rochelle, NY

Please do not mess with my Internet
—Pavel Suheena, Overland Park, KS

The Internet is a public commons. As such, the spirit of it is to encourage communication and commerce. If the Internet suddenly comes under the jurisdiction of the FCC (and why would it?), the FCC will curtail the potential for all Americans to access to the net (regardless of income), the potential for America to compete in the International economy, and claim dominion over something it has no right to claim. The FCC will harm America's economic future and its competitiveness in the world if it proceeds as it has attempted to.
—Arlene Spencer, Bend, OR

Large private corporations are beholden to themselves, their bottom lines and the rules that govern corporations. The vast majority o the People are shut out of these processes. The internet and information sharing belong to the Commons, just as air and water do and access to basic human needs. The laws of our land need to reflect people's desires and interests and needs, not corporations' profits and power. This is a great opportunity for the FCC to reflect true democracy at work. I urge the FCC to listen to the desire of the people and to reclassify ISP's as common carriers in order to Protect Net Neutrality, which should be a priority for the FCC.
—Celine Haugen, Rohnert Park, CA, CA

I hold a BS in Computer Science and Engineering from the University of California, and I firmly hold that failure to enforce net neutrality will hobble our country's ability to compete in the near- and long-term future. The internet must be preserved as an open and EQUAL platform where a small, well-run startup with a great idea can grow into the next Netflix, Google, or eBay; we should be removing potential barriers to these companies' success, not adding additional roadblocks that give the incumbents a better-quality connection on top of all their other advantages. No more playing games with our country's future, please. We were promised much back when the ISPs were classified as Information Services in the early 2000's, and now it's 10+ years later and we sure haven't seen the increase in competition that was supposed to bring. So let's get things back on track, reclassify ISPs as common carriers, and get back the incredible, consumer-friendly competition we used to see in the dialup days.
—Roger Sloan, Sacramento, CA

Please serve the needs of the citizens, small businesses, and education and reclassify Internet service providers as common carriers. Creating a two-tiered system would continue to divide our society into a have/have-not culture. This is unacceptable. Free speech and equal access to free speech is far too important to our nation to play around with it.
—Anna Tivol, Lotus, CA

Net neutrality is crucial to fairness and an equal playing field for everybody. If giant media conglomerates are allowed to control the speed of any website they choose it will stifle diversity of content and free speech. It will steer the internet toward a future similar to current tv and radio programming which has declined dramatically in the last 15 to 35 years or so due to an ever-increasing media conglomeration. We need a free and open internet and defining broadband as a common carrier is the way to protect it for the future.
—Jeff Neumann, Martinez, CA

Last I checked, the U.S.A was still a democracy. There may not be an official 'vote' by the people on the issue of net-neutrality, but I think you folks at the FCC have heard the voice of the people. The internet is too important to be allowed to be run by a few greedy corporations that only have their own best interests at heart. No matter what these corporations say, they cannot be trusted to do the right thing. ISP's must be classified as common carriers. And one last thing, anyone in the FCC with any authority in this process who has ever worked for or lobbied for the interests of the ISP's should immediately recuse themselves. I believe there is a man named Tom Wheeler at the top of that list. Pretend you actually learned something in your ethics class, and do the right thing.
—Mark T Williams, West Pittston, PA

Net Neutrality is important for me because I don't think its fair to pay twice for access to the resources the internet offers. I already pay for a certain downstream bandwidth to access the internet, cloud services already pay for a certain upstream bandwidth to the internet. Without net neutrality your now asking both parties to pay an additional fee to ensure that the bandwidth you originally paid for is guaranteed which doesn't sound fair or seem to make much sense. Besides, why do those providers, who built their infrastructure based on a monopoly granted by the people, get to now decide that they wholly own that infrastructure and can price gouge whomever they want?
—Christopher Viaggi, Mountain View, CA

leave the internet open and free!
—Arte Whyte, Healdsburg, CA

Do not allow net neutrality to end.
—Shea Smith, Jacksonville, FL

This is vital for me to be able to continue to work from home. Otherwise, I must move to a town that is closer to my job or pay large amounts of money for additional child care (and worst of all, spend more time away from my son). Unfortunately, the schools near my work are terrible and have gang problems. To eliminate net neutrality has many negative impacts.
—Angela Schnepf, Bloomingdale, IL

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers. The internet should belong to everyone...equally.
—Patricia Bigelow, East Berlin, CT

Free speech is our right under the Constitution. Don't tread on me, FCC!
—Martha Reynolds, Dallas, TX

Tom, you know this is a bad idea. Listen to the American people. Represent the people Tom, and not the people paying you money we all know you are receiving. Have real net neutrality and reclassify the internet as a common carrier. The internet is used so extensively in buisness and personal life that allowing ISP to have fast lanes would be more damaging to the USA than if every single road became a toll road for a private company. End all this madness Tom and don't go down in history as the guy who screwed everything up.
—Austin, Palm harbor, FL

I have lived through USWest DSL becoming Qwest and then dumping residential customers off onto MSN. Fortunately, I bailed before they became CenturyLink. At the same time there were cable internet issues. AT&T went by a couple of names, ATTBI and perhaps HOME? One of those just quit working with no warning. Later it was sold to Comcast. I have not had the most honest experience through Comcast, often arguing that it's their failure and not any of my equipment -- and I'm always correct. A friend and I have discontinued Comcast cable TV service, and not to sound paranoid, we've both had internet connectivity issues. I have my own domains and email server for which I pay additional since Comcast is not able to simply host that for residential customers. I've also had to purchase separate Usenet service when Comcast just discontinued it. As I rely more and more on my internet connection for streaming entertainment as well as email and internet, I'm become more and more concerned about monthly usage limits, which Comcast says is not enforced at this time. I've read that in venues where it is enforced, Comcast has simply discontinued connectivity without notice and no hope of restoring service. I strongly feel that residential internet customers need protection of service with these multi-billion dollar companies. It also concerns me that these same companies contribute significant funds to political causes in what seems an unequal way. I think ISP's should and must provide equal service to all customers and never restrict content or speed. Why, when we broke up "Ma Bell" for the betterment of telephone options, would we want to have a couple of huge ISP monopolies?
—David O. Ruberg, Seattle, WA

Net Neutrality must be preserved. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers. That's all for now.
—Phil Konigsberg, Bay Terrace, NY

This is America, not China. We don't need net censorship!
—Tom magdaleno, Camarillo, CA

Large corporations already have too much power. Don't give them more..
—Keith Gordon, Arroyo Grande, CA

This is hardly a fair decision to let the rich have all the goodies, and let those of us who strugggle get slow connections and sub-standard Internet content. Why the descrimination?
—Joan O'Brien-Singer, Orange City, FL

The internet should be a common carrier! You work for the American people not big media. Do the right thing and do NOT tier and create a schismed internet. How can you even think this is a solution? There is ONE right solution and it's called equality for all - common carrier! Thank you!
—Jacqueline Fowler, La Porte, TX

Because I do care about this country, because i do care about the innovation, the creativity and last but not least the freedom of distributing knowledge without "tolls".
—Omar Shibli, New York, NY

The net should be avalible ta all people, without big business controlling access.
—Patrick Dunlop, Colorado Springs, CO

I think it's important because numerous people use the internet for school, work and everything else but wouldn't be able to afford the faster of the two tiered plan and would be left in the dirt..
—Britney Winkles, Mesquite, TX

The government needs to stop pandering to big businesses like AT&T, Comcast, and Verizon and help all businesses and people operate equally. Net Neutrality is extremely important to eliminate as many barriers to entry to new and innovative ideas as possible. Don't create a tiered system. Reclassify ISP's as common carriers to even the playing field.
—Lance Broderick, Payson, UT

It is common sense to keep the internet neutral. The internet is the greatest opportunity and access people have to express freedom of speech. Inequality of access and expression will greatly inhibit freedom of speech on the Internet. To do away with net neutrality is black eye against each and every citizen. People's inherit rights need to be protected, not inhibited. The value of freedom of speech far outweighs any monetary value. Please act in accordance to the will of the people.
—David Flowers, Brentwood, TN

We need to maintain a fair and open internet that does not show favoritism or discriminate against any traffic for any reason. This could create an unfavorable environment for consumers in many ways. Please keep the internet neutral and hold Service Providers to the same standards as a telecommunications service
—Geo Vanasco, Astoria, NY

Net Neutrality is the equalizer between rich and poor. If you do not like Net Neutrality then you seemed to not like the idea that America is the land of equal opportunity.
—Henry Hanna, Fairview, NJ

It has meant so much to me to be able to pursue my diverse interests ... Bees, frogs, art, people on the World Wide Web, freely steering to my eclectic non-mainstream interests. I retired early, after a 35 year banking career, in conjunction with a layoff in 2012. Please don't take that away from me.
—Susan fisher, Richmond, VA

The FCC should reclassify ISPs as common carriers in order to prevent the corrupting influences that wealth and power inevitably exert upon any system, especially a system that has become so vital for the exchange of ideas.
—Roseanne Bishop, Estancia, NM

Chairman Tom Wheeler is obviously being well paid by the cable companies.
—Myrna Acevedo, Fairview, NC

open source & freedom
—Matthew, boise, ID

Internet Service Providers that provide the service to receive and transmit information, not too unlike telephone providers, should. be regulated as Utilities
—Jere Sponagle, Glendale, AZ

THE USA IS SUPPOSED TO BE THE LAND OF EQUALITY, SO HOW ABOUT EQUALITY HERE!!!!!
—Nancy Wrensch, Jefferson, WI

It is critical for the life of democracy! Therefore it absolutely must must be reclassified as common carriers. That is the only workable solution.
—Columbia Jones, Marietta, GA

The understanding of nature should be truly free.
—Elliott G, Irvine, CA

Net neutrality is about freedom. You are taking away our freedom when you give corporations that ability to hold internet content hostage. This is unfair and undemocratic. Please make ISP common carriers. The net belongs to all of us.
—Shanita Lawrence, Bronx, NY

All should be equal in access. Our constitution states it.
—Martin W Doherty jr, Charlotte, NC

Information outlets are educational and a level playing field is important and needed to promote democracy
—Msoderberg Soderberg, Seattle, WA

Net neutrality needs to be the standard throughout the United States. A tiered system will slow development of technological processes in favor of providing corporate ISPs with additional revenue. The ISPs undoubtedly will make arguments that additional infrastructure will be needed that cost money. They will also make arguments that the cost of streaming will be born by all as opposed to limited to the ones that do it. But it doesn't take much imagination to see that with rapidly increasing technology, streaming will become almost a necessity such as telephone service to most every home and business in the United States. We have seen situations where technology was held by a few corporations. I refer to the telephone technology of the United States of the late 1960's and 1970's where monopolies held telephone service in check. Reminders that households could not add extensions or have answering machines through private ownership and necessitated to have them installed by the Bell system. Cost remained exorbitantly high and slowed technology immensely. By trying to remove Net Neutrality and instituting a tiered system this would have the same dampening effect on the Internet service in the United States that the Bell system had on telephone service before the Bell system was broken up. References keep being made as to how the United States is the greatest ever. Yet in January, 2014 Bloomberg cited a report of a study done by Akami Technologies which covered the period of July through September 2013 and showed that the United States came in 13th out of 20 for peak connection speed. Small countries like Bulgaria, Latvia, Belgium, the Netherlands, Romania beat us in speed. Technological power houses like Israel, Taiwan, South Korea, Japan, and Hong Kong are easily beating out internet speeds. We need net neutrality to keep our technological development in a competitive position.
—James Ek, Bloomington, IN

Dear FCC, TL;DR: Get off your butts and do your job right. Your current stance against Net Neutrality is nothing more than an act of greed in favor of companies such as Comcast, Verizon and TWC; companies that are in no way interested in serving the people, will do whatever they want to get the bottom line, and will go even further to their own ends if you allow them to remain unregulated and classified as common carriers. The fact that this is even happening shows how much your chairman doesn't care about the people of this country. He has ties to these companies that he happens to support, and this aspect of his character shows his true colors. Nothing about classifying ISPs as common carriers will benefit the people in any way, but will allow these corporations to go unchecked and unchallenged in an already monopolized market.
—Ian Schwisow, Shelton, WA

This is another way for cable companies and ISPs to make more money from existing services. it is the kind of ploy that allows telephone companies to charge more to share a same amount of data between two devices. RIDICULOUS KEEP NET NEUTRALITY
—Guy Lafontaine, Marblehead, MA

Sometimes, people want free, fast internet at Starbucks. Other times, they just want to watch YouTube on the go, with little to no buffering. Stop this bullshit, Tom. Quit it. We all know that you're a self loving bastard, and you're just putting yourself in a worse light by pulling this through.
—Sasha Urikh, detroit, NY

Net Neutrality must remain a public utility as our tax dollars helped create it and it is part of the public sector. We have to preserve and build our public sector and work against the rule of corporations. This is so very important to the future of free speech and interaction that's affordable that also helps corporations as well as people. We have great e-commerce sites where people can buy goods and services and we should keep all this affordable for all.
—Li (Linda) Bendet, New York, NY

please reclassify the internet into a utility
—Steve Gerardin, berkeley, CA

DONT CHANGE THE INTERNET!!! KEEP IT free NOW!!! DONT TAKE OUR FREEDOM!!!! Throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!.
—Jim McDONALD, atlanta, GA

Because we value free speech in this country -- don't we? The Internet may be last place average citizens still can get our voices heard.
—Noemi Zeigler, san francisco, CA

Are you really going to allow companies to discriminate against internet traffic? Reclassify ISPs as common carriers, the internet is as vital as a an utility these days.
—Ryan Le, Cypress, TX

I will not be able to have equal access to information on the internet because big companies will be asking us to pay higher fees for faster service.
—Amina Tawasil, New York, NY

FCC MUST throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This goes against everything that this country stands for. Or at least stood for should I say? This is killing the spirit of competition and is down right CENSORSHIP. Shame on all of you.
—Tim Franson, Woburn, MA

I like my internet free, thank you.
—Shawn L Johnson, Norfolk, NE

Dear FCC, Internet for us living outside the US is becoming the most important way to stay up-to-date with the newest information in every field of knowledge. Net neutrality is a way to guarantee that this access will stay equal to all. Don't kill "Net Neutrality".
—Guillermo E Reyes, San Pedro Sula,

You may not infringe upon the right of free speech and expression. You may, however, serve the interests of the citizenry of this country. Classify Internet service providers as common carriers NOW and ensure net neutrality!
—Chris Smeaton, Flower Mound, TX

Reclassify ISP's as common carriers, protect net neutrality.
—Robert Cline, Saginaw, MI

Net neutrality is important because it allows individuals or small groups to have a startup online and make something worth having. If we didn't have this in 2009 my favorite podcasters over at Jupiter broadcasting would not have done any wear near as well. They would have had to pay a premium to be able to have there watchers be able to stream HD video from their site. Not even counting that they already pay per GB they use.
—Randall Klein, Maple Grove, MN

Dear FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler, Net Neutrality is vital to me and billions of others. The FCC must ammend its rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Thank you. Bertha Esoldo
—Bertha Esoldo, Long Beach, CA

The internet has become essential to the citizens of the USA, just as has electricity and clean water. Routine business such as paying taxes and registering a car as well as attending higher education and staying informed of local and civic events requires the internet. The self employed working out of their home requires the internet to compete and thrive, children their parents need the internet to communicate with their schools. A democracy cannot thrive when one group of citizens is favored over another. Allowing tiered internet service will do just that, it will give an unfair advantage to those who have the ability to pay and restrict internet access to those who cannot afford it. With the internet, speed is equivalent to access, higher speed = greater access. Opportunity in the USA has already been eroded significantly creating an unfair advantage towards those with wealth and crippling those of lesser means. Chairman Wheeler, do not go down in history as the man who sold the internet to the highest bidder and turned the USA into an oligarchy.
—Arthur Auclair, Salem, NH

As a self-employed web developer, I rely on an open web to serve my clients and to pay my bills. A two-tiered Internet would potentially devastate my business, because not only would it effect me, but my clients, vendors, and partners. I already pay $70 a month for Internet that is slower than the average speeds of other developed nations. My ISP is already in the black. I'm not.
—Gus Watkins, Minneapolis, MN

To whom it may concern at the FCC, The end of net neutrality would be one of the most grievous assaults on consumers and small-medium sized business. Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers at once. Failure to do so and you will be judged by history as being an institution that is bought and paid for by the highest paying lobbyists. Regards, John D'Orto
—John D'Orto, Tyngsboro, MA

Don't destroy net nuetrality! This only benefits big corporations.
—Juan Martinez, Houston, TX

The internet needs to be kept open to everybody respective of how much $$ they can spend. This is the reason it has been the innovation of our generation, so don't let corporate interests stop the innovation!
—Mr. Gandalf Archer, Auckland,

FCC needs to throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—PDeRinaldi, Rock hill, SC

If you take this, you might as well be taking away my rights.
—Hayden jeffcoat, slidell, LA

The internet has become a fundamental resource and should be treated as such. Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Matthew Mo, Berkeley, CA

I have been designing computer systems and coding since 1966 . In the early days there was little than point-to-point access and no internet at all. That was cherished because that was all there was. When the Internet was born it became a media for free interchange. (Even if there was "trash" dropped into it. Flamed newsgroups and such.) But it was still free. A here I mean "free" in that everything was accessible at the same cost. There was no throttling or control based on any "subscription" basis. The re-assemblage of AT&T and their IP-only counterparts, Comcast and Verizon, and the FCC's proposed Internet rules are poised to change all of this for the worse. The First Amendment gives of freedom to talk with each other. We need an equivalent that gives us freedom to talk-via-IP without any monetary constraints. Please revisit your tentative decision, doing what is right for the people and not necessarily for the business interests that control the Internet. From what I know, they are making money hand-over-fist right now; they do not need to accelerate that process unduly. Thank you very much for listening. (Or, perhaps for sort-of looking at this message and pegging some counter somewhere.)
—Bob Kosman, West Chicago, IL

The Internet is like the Interstate Highway system. It is so effective because everybody can enter and move around on it, and people do not have to pay extra fees to use any parts of it. Letting companies adjust access to the Internet by what is `commercially reasonable' would greatly reduce the usefulness of the Internet - what is `commercially reasonable' for a large provider may not be convenient for many small users.
—Curtis Miller, Albuquerque, NM

Net Neutrality should be a right.
—Michael J Holden, Lockport, NY

I am not at all happy with the proposed laws and want the Internet to be a free environment. I don't believe the larger picture is being considered by those trying to restrict Internet access.
—Gideon S, Green Bay, WI

It's the only thing left that I don't have to fight to have. Advertisements already flood everything I see, please don't make everything borderline inaccessible to those who can't afford it--especially because those are usually who need it the most.
—Kelsey Chaplain, East Bridgewater, MA

No country or government owns the internet, therefore they shouldn't regulate websites or content that isn't owned by any government.
—Wyatt Scherer, Morgantown, WV

With dominant control of the news media already, the people need another voice to utilize the first amendment rights that wethe people are entitled to. Many people will simply tune out of mainstream-dominated suppliers of information anyway because we don't want or like their message: that of parroting the official policies. It is reprehensible that a two-tiered system will be put into place for an Internet that must be free of any restrictions whatsoever.
—Edward J Schneider, Raleigh, NC

Our country is being over-run with corporate power. Small businesses are losing the effort to compete. At least the Internet is currently a level playing field. Please don't sell faster Internet access to corporations that can pay more. It could be the demise of those struggling to make an income over the Internet. Only net-neutrality will keep the American dream alive - with effort (not deep pockets) we can earn a living! Thanks
—Angela Murphy, Petaluma, CA

Please keep the playing field level for all, no matter their income etc. It is only fair and right.
—Susan L. Sunderman, Shepherd, MI

Who wants slow stock quotes?! Must we corrupt everything in existence? Save the internet as the vehicle invented and intended for, freedom of information, misinformation , and expression. Equal. No one wants yesterday's news, slow news...censored news. Do the right thing, keep the internet as equal access. We already pay more and get slower service as is...
—Colleen Rosby, San Francisco, CA

Are you kidding me !?! AGAIN!?! Whose pocket are you in?
—Mick Mashbir, goleta, CA

The FCC needs reclassify ISPs as common carriers. The future of businesses in the United States require it!
—Matthew Gamber, Dorchester, MA

Great ideas need to be heard... and with the same opportunity for exposure, whether the engine behind the idea is a huge corporation or a lone entrepreneur. Net neutrality ensures that the best ideas will always win, instead of the ideas with the financial backing to ensure they reach homes the fastest.
—Bradley Beyenhof, San Diego, CA

FCC, Internet access is a utility, and internet providers should be regulated as such. Please make the necessary arrangements. Thank you very much in advance. Best regards, JS
—John Skelton, Plano, TX

Having been a Computer Consultant for over 30 years and writing webpages for small businesses since 1995, I a very aware of how necessary Net Neutrality will be for the survival of many small businesses in the future. Corporations and wealthy businesses already have unfair advantages in our diminished democracy.
—Steve Slater, Paia, HI

Communities, neighbors, schools, and on and on depend upon Net Neutrality. The Net needs to be viewed in the right way, as a public utility.
—Carol Nezzo, College Park, MD

Preserve the Internet as free from fascist corporate control..Keep "net neutrality"
—TimothyMainka WithoutPrejudice, Grand Rapids, MI

These rules would be completely unfair by a proposed tier system. They should be thrown out and ISPs should be reclassified as common carriers.
—Jena Carpenter, Van Nuys, CA

My first amendment rights are important to me, and ending net neutrality would threaten this right and my access to information.
—Eleanor Fleming, Franklin, TN

Net neutrality is important because everyone should have access to fast and reliable internet, rather then just to those who can afford it.
—Emmasav2000@yahoocom, Durham, NH

The internet was founded on the tenant of information sharing. Net neutrality ensures that information is shared, without limits. Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers and ensure freedom of information (and education) for all.
—Roxanne Greene, Bonsall, CA

I've made my living on the Internet for over a decade, and I've only been able to do that because it is open and neutral. Please keep it that way.
—Matt Hackett, North Hollywood, CA

Please maintain net neutrality; don't create two unequal "high speed lanes." Instead, ISPs should be reclassified as common carriers, without a special set of rules.
—Fernando Torales - Acosta, Ardsley, NY

A level playing field is necessary for public information so people can function adequately in their daily lives.
—Craig Guenther, Lakeport, CA

All Americans should have the right to freedom of speech and not be stereotyped or discriminated online or in any type of communication, whether it's written, verbal or otherwise expressed.
—Alisha L Alexander, san francisco, CA

It all comes down to the source of information. allow everyone to have the same access to information , and not allow big corporations to force their agenda upon people by muffling one side of something. information to the people!
—Tom Arne Pettersen, Åkrehamn,

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Then all providers contend on a level playing field. Don't create "haves" and "have nots" of Internet access, speed, and cost.
—Seth Kaplan, Hudson, MA

Dear FCC, Net Neutrality is essential to maintain internet access by everyone regardless of their financial station in life.
—Akua Ishangi, Newark, NJ

Society is better with a free internet. No one with a conscience should fear a healthy exchange of ideas. Wasn't the F.C.C. formed to encourage the media to be better? It was one of your former commisioners who, in 1963, lamented the media landscape becoming a vast wasteland. We need a media landscape with fresh ideas on T.V., a myriad of sounds on music radio, and an internet which encourages original thought. I rejoice at internet videos which feature hogwash detectors and citizen journalists. Please remember your mission.--and your honour.
—Donald Beasley Jr, Pittsburgh, PA

Your new proposed internet rules are terrible! It will allow AT&T, Comcast & Verizon to creat a two-tiered Internet, with fast lanes for those who can afford extra fees and a slow dirt road for the rest of us! Please throw out your rules and instead, reclassify ISPs as common carriers!
—Nancy Yamachi, Honolulu, HI

Without Net Neutrality, ISPs possess an unconstitutional power to control the information citizens are able to access on the internet. Treat them like common carriers- with the same rules, regulations, and policies that phone companies are subject to. In the name of justice, you must do this!
—Alison Leonka, Chandler, AZ

It would be nice if huge corporations didnt get to own/control everything!
—Isaac Watkins, St. Cloud, MN

Net Neutrality should be available to everyone, EQUALLY... after all... this is America, not Russia! You need to reclassify ISPs as common carriers and stop discriminating based on who has the deepest pockets!
—Bernadette Levesque, brooklyn park, MN

As stated on the FCC website, one of the roles of the FCC is "Promoting competition, innovation and investment in broadband services and facilities." Why are the new rules proposed by Wheeler will ruin fair competition, new innovation, and the power of the internet to represent underrepresented voices. Listen to the voices of the American public, and even American corporations who believe in a non-discriminatory internet. The FCC needs to reclassify ISP's as common carriers and not allow major corporations the ability to regulate the internet. Since our modern era has led to an economic and political environment that exists on communication mediums, an equal internet will pave the path to equality in our society and will uphold the freedoms we have as Americans. PLEASE hear our voices.
—Drake Wilcox, Bellingham, WA

I implore you to keep the Internet free. Net Neutrality is essential for our democracy.
—Christine Tooker, hicksville, NY

How dare you simply roll over for the major companies that control the internet.
—Harold Bielstein, Rapid City, SD

I think net neutrality is critical to the health of the internet as well as the economy as a whole, and find it important for the same reason I find fairness to be important. It's the best thing for everyone involved.
—Nicholas Hebert, Rayne, LA

Please don't let corporations control our internet. Net neutrality will ultimately be as important as our constitution and the bill of rights. The access to the worlds information that the internet provides has shown to be instrumental in the rapid growth of technology and this will likely continue at an acellerated rate in the future. Please protect the internet for humankind. Please protect net nutrality.
—Paul Scott, San Luis Obispo, CA

Please reclassify ISP's as common carriers. Your proposed Internet rules are discriminatory, and will accelerate the dumbing down of our culture to boot.
—Mary Hanson, Seattle, WA

Net neutrality is vital for a democracy in the 21st century. The true spirit of the first amendment is to permit equal access to content and opinions regardless of how financially well-endowed the source.
—Gary Hammond, Cortland, NY

Dear FCC: Please think carefully about the moves you make now. Giving the big corporations the power to dictate who or what has the best access to the internet is a terrible mistake. You will be placing all the power in their hands. It causes me to wonder what your agenda may be. Are you going to gain financially from this action? If they gain power, will there be additional fees on basic service that will come your way? The people of this country are growing tired of the benefits that the large corporations are reaping when the average individual is forced to suffer because the lack of competition and access is disappearing. Think long and hard before giving the "monopoly" to the corporate leaders and hurting the everyday individuals that do not utilize their services, taking that choice away. Do not classify the net as common carriers. Please consider all the players, not just the large corporations.
—Georgia Coffey, Williamsport, PA

This is completely unjust. What would our founding fathers think of this plan??
—Rolf Meyer, Fayetteville, NC

The only real solution is reclassification to common carriers.
—Gary Rice, Puyallup, WA

You have had net neutrality in your sights since Colin Powell's kid first tried to sneak the internet under our noses in 2001. Knock it off already and declare the net "free and fair". And, tell your corporate handlers to get hosed.
—Sam dunlap, Stevenson, WA

As an artist, teacher and small business owner - as well as a website designer - net neutrality is vital to the fiscal health of my and many others small businesses. Although your plan seems to pose no threat, in the long run there will be a financial downside to small businesses involved in creative development. Change that and you will effectively put the brakes on the one thing that keeps the economy growing for many artists.
—Constance Taylor Barnes, Venice, CA

By not upholding true net neutrality you would be setting a dangerous precedent
—Ash G, grland, TX

Dear Tom Wheeler, The future of the global common good is in your hands. The least you can do is re-classify what you already know to be true: ISPs are common carriers. Don't just talk about preserving Net Neutrality. Try actually preserving it.
—Ryan Powell, Baltimore, MD

Throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Aaron Michael Elliorr, Wichita, KS

Net neutrality is a matter of equal freedoms for all.
—Katharine G. Browning, Healdsburg, CA

I am one of many who can not afford to pay more for access to my family, medical and other information. The telecommunications companies are making huge profits, enough already!
—Rose Araya, Clarkston, WA

Withiut neutrality the entrepeneur environment that the Internet has provided so far, will be decimated. This may not be a problem for Internet and cable providers, however the engine of an economy are small and medium-sized business. I urge you to think beyond your lobbyist obligations, keep net neutrality a reality.
—Hebert Labbate, Boston, MA

I rely on the internet for my art business. Please do not do this. Thank you
—Chris Perry, Fort Worth, TX

The Internet is, in and of itself, a Laissez-Faire entity that is not to be tampered with. Giving the general public a slow road while giving corporate giants the fast lane is an egregious misuse of legislation. The FCC must throw out these rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers. It is the right way, and the only way.
—Brian Jones, New Hyde Park, NY

Please allow traffic to flow and let innovators have the same chance as a large established player. There is no need to end net neutrality I reject your proposal and urge you to stop and rethink the proposed rules
—Brian Prince, Uxbridge, MA

Because we don't need power in the hands of a few. Power corrupts. Get the message already.
—Edlyn D'Souza, Everett, WA

If Wal-Mart were given control of all roads in your city, they could and probably would, make them into toll roads. How much more would it cost to drive to Target or K-Mart than Wal-Mart?
—Stephen Killian, Kennesaw, GA

The internet is not a luxury item but a necessity. I am an unemployed, single parent. I just completed certification as an aeronautic tooling mechanic (online) and I need it to search for work. My daughters college classes communicate solely online - to cancel classes, change assignment deadlines and for peer communication. These things are not possible when using a library computer which allows an hour at a time and then shuts down. It requires access. We should not be denied full access to the internet at the best speed available without having to pay extra. It's not only a money making tactic but oppressive to the have nots. Please protect net neutrality. Thank you
—Lorelei Avery, Mountlake Terrace, WA

Dear FCC: Keep the NET neutral! Don't allow short visioned people in the FCC to knuckle under to big businesses partly controlled by big money from people like the Koch brothers. We are quickly becoming a country controlled by big corporations and not by the people. Stay strong! Stay neutral!
—David Pitts, Lilburn, GA

The elimination of Net Neutrality would place a stranglehold on freedom of speech and expression, things that the United States was founded on.
—Mark Davis, Westminster, CO

I believe ISPs should be reclassified as common carriers. The internet should be freely available, equal and accessible to all.
—Philip Kovach, Oceanside, CA

Equal access to information is the essence of the internet and protecting this basic right is part of the great democracy we live in. Do not allow corporations to dictate how we all access information and do not allow them to profit from people's inability to pay for these ridiculous fast lanes. We should follow Brazil and Chile's examples of protecting net neutrality. Or how about improving the internet in the USA so we at least match the amazing high quality internet service South Korea offers its citizens free of any of this fast lane nonsense? The internet is humanity's greatest public library, why discriminate access to it? It just doesn't make sense!
—Andrea Castillo, Oakland, CA

The unfettered field of information presently available online has created possibilities unimaginable for me just a few short years ago. The following are a few areas that my life has become better as a result of discovering inspiration and colleagues online: Artistically Creatively new contacts in Business methods of deepening my Spiritual Life PLEASE do not end net neutrality and lockdown the smaller sources of information. Please do the right thing!
—Timothy Biel, New York, NY

leave the net alone!
—Tracy Young, Scottsdale, AZ

The internet should be a public good like roads and schools, with equal access for everyone, and information all treated equally.
—Cassandra Burke, Hayward, CA

The Internet was created to be used, not abused.
—Jenny Sulmeyer, Rolling Hills Estates, CA

Don't screw up our Internet! Time-Warner cable's (and other providers) artificially slow service (compared to Europe's faster/cheaper) is bad enough.
—Ann Burkes, Endicott, NY

We want equal access for all---instead of having it tilted in favor of a few
—Neil R. Borodkin, nyack, NY

I'm a software developer and entrepreneur who has had firsthand experience of what small internet startups stand to lose if we lose neutrality on the internet. There are many new advances to come provided we allow these small internet companies to compete equally. They deserve the same shot that Zuckerburg, Netflix, Google and others got who would not be the giants they are if they started on an unequal internet.
—M Chavez, Austin, TX

The internet was built on net neutrality and it is vital to continued innovation. Also, I already pay for Internet access - why should my ISP get to be paid TWICE for allowing the same bits to flow to my computer - once from me, and once from the content providers they bully into paying to keep "fast lane" access. This kind of thing is not happening in other countries, the only reason it's happening in the US is because Internet providers are basically monopolies or in rare cases duopolies, for a given geographic area. So they are behaving exactly as monopolists do - milking it for all it's worth, at our (everyone else's) expense. Internet access at this point is a necessary part of daily life, and needs to be regulated as other necessities of life such as electricity and water. And part of that regulation absolutely needs to be net neutrality.
—Anthony Thompson, Cranston, RI

No fast lane. Got it?
—Paul Zak, Sonora, CA

extra fees for access to higher speeds is a terrible idea.
—Drew Stern, Westford, MA

Why should Netflix get a faster speed than ordinary people? Why do most developed countries have faster upload and download speeds at lower cost?? Everyone should have the fastest speeds possible and always companies should be trying for faster speeds and lower costs. Greed makes people less human . Compassion and consideration for others makes us more human and promotes peace and joy in the people.
—OFM Rev. Larry Bernard, Laguna, NM

Net neutrality is important to everyone. ISPs should be regulated as common carriers. Americans are sick of everything of value in our polity being sold off or given outright to corporations, which suddenly have all the rights of citizens but none of the responsibilities.
—Ms. Terry Bellamak, Evanston, IL

Net neutrality as it exists today is critical to the internet functioning as we know it. If the FCC ignores the overwhelming public opposition to changing net neutrality it will be another giant black eye on the organization. There is no problem to be solved by taking this action. The Internet is not broken. ISPs are already amazingly profitable, small websites are able to grow, and large websites are able to innovate. As an American citizen, I beg you to not continue prioritizing mammoth companies over the rights of individual people as so often happens in government today. ISPs in our country enjoy either a duopoly or a de facto monopoly. They do not need your help by destroying the foundation of the Internet. Thank you, Stephen Claypool Stephenclaypool@gmail.com (503)703-3639
—Stephen Claypool, Portland, OR

I don't feel large companies should be able to dictate through fees and increased prices what sites are available to people and I know I'm not the only one that feels this way. Please, since I can't appeal to your wallets in the way that AT&T, Comcast and Verizon can, let me try to appeal to your sense of fairness. Why should poorer individuals not get the same right to internet use that rich people do? Why shouldn't high schoolers from inner cities and broken homes be able to run blogs? And why shouldn't others be able to read it with the same speed and ease as finding any one of Perez Hilton's nonsensical rants about the celebrities he's currently stalking? There's no reason you can give me that will convince me that an end to net neutrality is good for anyone but the companies that get to charge us more for privilege of using their service as though we had any other choice to begin with? So please, don't do this.
—Rachel A Mann, salem, OR

The Internet is a vital part of our lives in this day and age. Allowing the wealthy to be the only ones benefiting from it's use is not Net Neutrality. The Internet is for everyone, not just the businesses that have the cash to blow.
—Sherry L. Wilber, Mentor, OH

This cannot be allowed to happen. Stop listening to lobbyists and lawyers and listen to the people that actually USE the internet to its full potential... The PUBLIC.
—William Merriott, Little Rock, AR

Reclassify ISP's as common carriers, please.
—Donald Grahame, San Francisco, CA

The FCC rules are not fair. ISPs should be classified as common carriers. There needs to be a neutral space protected for non-commercial entities.
—Sarah Lewison, murphsyboro, IL

The FCC Chairman'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 support Net Neutrality forall citizens.
—Dr. Tadd Campbell Ph.D., Jersey City, NJ

Keeping Net Neutrality is a powerful way of including all Americans in truly free speech. We need it all the more as income disparity increases.
—Ph D. Jane M. Greiner, Dayton, OH

Why are government agencies trying to act like God? This is the era when people now INSIST on their freedom to vocalise their thoughts. Stopping them is taking us BACKWARDS into the dark ages and dictatorship.
—Madeleine Innocent, Millendon,

Would you give a better education to school children that have more money. Wheeler's plan is creating that situation on the Internet. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Sam Earnshaw, Sheffield, MA

If a tiered internet comes into practice, it will become standard and everyone who can't afford to pay for priority will have their site lost in favor of companies with money. Anything but a truly neutral internet (classifying the Internet as a common carrier, like phone companies) will kill small businesses.
—Katharine Brinker, Livermore, CA

The free internet has lead to many great start ups, without it we wouldn't have Facebook and Amazon. To me it is a great ideal, one of the last truly free venues for American economic equality of opportunity.
—Cole Warlick, Lincolnton, NC

Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers to preserve the quality of the Net and prevent discrimination.
—Jerry Hipps, Memphis, TN

To whom it may concern, It is imperative that all content is treated equally on the internet. The businesses that are complaining about the status quo already make enough money. They aren't being hurt by the way the internet is now. However, actual people would be hurt by the changes that you at the FCC are proposing. The people who would be harmed are the people who are creating innovative new sites, and people like me who use the internet to research every side of a debate to formulate opinions. A discriminatory internet disables voters. It harms students, teachers, and innovators. More importantly, it hampers progress. Do you really want to be part of a political decision that will further damage our already disparate economy, as well as limit innovation that might potentially make life better for everyone? Please throw out your rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers. It needs to be done. Sincerely, A concerned citizen
—Emily C DeFreitas, Kendall Park, NJ

I come to you as a college student who uses the internet on a constant basis and is currently taking an online course in Algebra at the moment in order to be able to finish the last of my IGETC in order to transfer to San Jose State University(SJSU). I need to use the internet for this class and destroying Net Neutrality and allowing major telecom companies to have a say of the bloody arduous and atrocious prices they want to charge for internet on the 99%. If there is anyone in the FCC who has the guts to stand up for what is right then seriously it's time to tell them "NO". Maybe not everyone in the FCC gives a care about whether the 99% are able to afford the internet or not. However this will hurt many businesses both big and small. This will hurt the website owners who sell their products online. It's more than Imperative that Net Neutrality remains as it currently is cause any means of allowing Comcast, Verizon, and AT&T to control the pricing will further throw the set order of people in need of affordable internet towards unstoppable chaos. By ending Net Neutrality you destroy any hope for it being affordable for everyone and as it is and what about schools, Colleges and Universities where the internet is needed on a Constant basis. Would you destroy the need for many student like myself to have easy access just so these greedy businesses can make even more profits at the expense of the 99% who are struggling beyond measure. Lastly before I forget, if you allow Net Neutrality to be destroyed you will have triggered a possibility of there being major chaos, and i forsee Comcast, Verizon, and AT&T's profits considerably going down the toilet. DO I need to remind you about Microsoft and what happened when they tried to force DRM(Digital Rights Media) on the Xbox fanbase. It went into total chaos as the company would have lost loads of profits. In a way this correlates to the pricing that Comcast, AT&T, and Verizon want to set for their ridiculous internet pricing. Personally I don't buy any of their BS when they say they'll make the internet fast for the average internet user. Yeah right I refuse to accept the destruction of Net Neutrality, and while I'm at it Comcast, AT&T, and Verizon can BS many of their customers and lie about pricing with hidden fees but I will never trust them not in a Billion years.
—Christopher Bosak, Seaside, CA

keep the internet neutral and keep this the greatest country in the world. regards J. H. Rucker
—Joe Rucker, Olympia, WA

Keep the internet free. Other countries across the globe have net speeds that make ours look like a joke in comparison- and we want to limit that even more AND pricatize it? Not ok. Keep it free and unaltered.
—Grant Brugger, Westminster, CO

New neutrality will make sure that average consumers like myself don't get caught up between corporate fights. Internet providers are similar to the institutions that provide us our water and electricity. They should not have the right to discriminate where and how information flows but rather serve as the backbone for all information to the public. Please support net neutrality. Don't harm consumers for corporate profits.
—Nitin Garg, San Francisco, CA

Dear Tom, Whomsoever is behind your push for a discriminating internet is very wrong and so are you for believing in what you are trying to do. The internet is the one place where a human being is equal to another human being. But you are intending to place the same rules on the internet as exist in the 'real' world; and those rules always favour the rich and disadvantage the poor. So, please leave the internet alone. Get your, and your backers, sticky fingers off it. Thank you.
—Philippa King, Melbourne,

FCC throw out the rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Why are you all doing this? You of all people don't want We the People to go against you. There are more of us than you... Corporation. Supreme Court will not win every fight!!!
—Alice Player, Santa Fe, NM

please keep the internet open! if the internet does not remain neutral then companies can discriminate against certain online content. THAT IS NOT FREE SPEECH. And I refuse to live in a "corporatacracy".
—Sarah Benjamin, bellingham, WA

I'm self employed. I build websites and create graphics for small business start-ups to help them succeed. I fill an important niche for those who cannot afford to use large companies to produce their marketing material. My prices are low because my overhead is low, with my biggest expense being my $70 a month internet fee. I'm supposed to get super high speed, but I don't, yet my ISP tells me I'm wrong, and that they're right, and that I am getting high speed. With that I fear what appears to be a major change in ISP service - they're looking for more money per month, for lower speed in the end. Please, I respectfully ask you to support net neutrality, and, if you can, for you to put an end to the ever-rising cost of internet service. There are a lot of people like me, who would otherwise be unemployed if not for being small-scale self-employed.
—Stacy Emerson, Tacoma, WA

All Americans deserve equal and free access to OUR information highway. The fat cats who want more money are trying to take from all the little folks who grew this into what it is today. The fat cats need to have a little portion control imposed on them, not the other way around.
—Cathleen King, York, PA

Please keep the internet free and open to all. Corporations should not control the speed of information. Support true net neutrality.
—Joanne Carrick, Telford, PA

Net neutrality is one of the primary reasons that Internet start-ups have been able to thrive, contributing billions to the U.S. economy. If we allow the Internet to become privatized, the barrier to success for new companies will be raised, putting a damper on this important driver of our economic strength and health. I urge you to reject any form of "fast lane" proposal.
—Raphael Laderman, San Francisco, CA

The internet as a source of chosen information, commerce, entertainment, learning and social connection from a wonderfully diverse range of possibilities will effectively end with the proposed ruling. Those who can afford it will expand bandwidth until money controls what is available. Please consider the broader implications of your ruling.
—Carl Swaim, Manteo, NC

Internet access needs to be for all, not just the rich.
—Paul Nolan, Urbana, IL

Providers already redline demographics based on location. The proposed FCC changes will increase the redlining of poorer or rural locations, fly in the face of freedom of expression and will cripple technical innovation (the last thing the US leads in the world).
—VHamm, Golden, CO

Dear FCC, the internet (as it is right now) is probably the most amazing thing to ever come about in human existence. You want to learn how to take care of a baby bird because you just found one? You can do that. You want to start your own website? You can do that. Do you need funding for your upstart, homegrown business? You can get that on the internet too. Ever heard the phrase "If it ain't broke, don't fix it"? Well, the internet isn't broken and it certainly doesn't need any "fixing". It doesn't need to be commercialized like the rest of America. It's one of the few places I can go and just feel at ease. No one is trying to force me to buy anything, I can look up anything I want, learn anything I want, make anything I want. I grew up on the internet, and sure, it has changed a little over the years, but the way I feel when I get on it is still the same as ever. I'm an interactive design major, and I plan to start my own business designing websites. I don't think I could stomach it if the internet became the next corporate cesspool. Protect real net neutrality, please.
—Miranda Simaschko, Macon, GA

If we lose net neutrality people will have to pay for the privilege to for anything the companies tell us. How long before having more than one computer in a house requires an additional fee? You don't need to pay for having more than one handset for the phoneline. Why pay for more than one computer? We already pay to use things like netflics. How long till we need to pay to get the bandwidth need just to access it because companies deem that site to belong to one of their special packages outside of the standard internet services? This is the path we are going down. ISPs NEED to be common carriers. Anything else and it would be a crime against people's freedom.
—Jamie Martin, Gates Mills, OH

Please don't let this happen. So much of our lives are already dictated by a few corporations, let us have net neutrality!!!
—Jill Halcarz, Crown Point, IN

Please keep the Internet neutral.
—Joseph Dolahenty, Sydney,

Dear FCC, On behalf of the American people STOP whatever you're doing, clean out your desk and get off of our property immediately. You're FIRED! Look around you. We, the people of the United States of America, built the building you work in, bought the land it sits on, furnished the office where you work, provide you with computer and communications services, not to mention pay the utility bills and keep your break rooms stocked. We pay you, and rather handsomely I might add, to do what you swore to do when you took the job, which is give your full allegiance to your country and defend US from "all enemies foreign and domestic". So, why are you so hell bent on screwing us over and selling our rights (I know you're not giving them away) to the domestic oligarchs? Do you really believe a government of the rich, by the rich and for the highest bidder is best for your grandchildren? Is it the money? C'mon. Let's be honest. How much do we need to pony up to get you to forget all this fast lane nonsense and do the right thing? I promise you the 300 million-plus of us can cut you a much sweeter deal than the one-percenters who you know are going to expect you to continue to kiss their asses for what they give you. All we want from you to reclassify ISPs as common carriers. You know, like they were before your predecessors abdicated their regulatory responsibilities under Bush. Just sign the papers to put everything back like it was so we will be guaranteed true net neutrality going forward and walk away. Just let us know how much to make the check for. Or, you can shove your contrived insanity down our throats and pat yourselves on the back for showing US who's really in charge. Yes, we'll all go back to the days of AOL and paying through the nose for every little bit of crappy service. For a while. Obviously, you haven't thought this through. Let me paint you a picture of the world 5 years after you kill net neutrality. First, all the rest of the world will pretty quickly route their Internet traffic around the US isolating us and rendering our influence on the Internet a joke (kinda like North Korea today). In the mean time the ISPs and giant Telcos will cannibalize each other leaving only a couple of providers (ala Cable TV), compounding the insanity. By that point, WE THE PEOPLE will have the technology and wherewithal to bypass your friends' 'last mile' monopoly and reach the REAL Internet with no need to pay your overlords a penny. While THEY argue and sue over territorial rights, their entire inter-linked infrastructure inside the US will implode from lack of funding, for maintenance due to corruption and bonuses (Like Wall Street in '07). All the major carriers will be forced into bankruptcy and trust me, ask anybody you know, we (Americans) are done bailing out idiots. Wait a minute? On second thought, never mind. Run with it. Best of luck to you and yours. You're going to need it when NO technology company worth it's salt will give you a job when you leave government "service".
—Mr. Robert Strine, Murfreesboro, TN

Without Net Neutrality, small and independent start-ups wouldn't have a realistic chance to grow and overcome their more established competitors. One of the most fundamental principals of a free market would be lost.
—Sean Downes, Lumberton, NC

Please leave the internet as it is today, a common carrier. We can not afford to have to compete with powerful groups nor special interest.
—James Geer, Pleasanton, CA

Please help to maintain an environment which promotes affordable online services.
—Derek L Smith, Brownstown, MI

ISPs need to be reclassified as common carriers. Attempting to put a price on the value of information that people seek is a gross mistreatment of said information. Without Net Neutrality, the importance of the internet would be buried under monetary gain and uniformity; these are the not conditions under which we want people to learn.
—Dana Lopez, Rochester Hills, MI

It ensures fair safe market for any one who isn't a greedy corporation with corporate interests.
—James S. McKnight, Lewiston, ME

The FCC should consider reclassifying ISP's as common carriers.
—Nelson Yester, miami, FL

Removing Net Neutrality is unscrupulous and unlawful and wreaks of hidden agenda. Democracy and human rights must not be trumped by greedy Corporate agenda. FCC rules must be trashed and instead ISPs reclassified as common carriers.
—S Tuffham, London,

Dear FCC, With the gap getting larger and the dissolution of the middle class, it is imperative to keep the Internet neutral. The problem is that these large companies which already nickel and dime us are going to not only force other corporations (aka people) to pay, but also the end consumer. I need the Internet for my poor paying job. I use video conferencing and pay way too much for service as is, so if Net Neutrality is struck down, I could be in a bigger pickle. Secondly, we can learn so much online. Our society, especially those trying to get out of their situations need this. We know the current guy in charge used to lobby on behalf of big people, ..ER big corporations. Don't let his past and possible bias bring down a neutral net. Our America depends on it. Your kids' America depends on it. Warm regards, Michelle McBrien
—Michelle McBrien, Monroe City, MO

Net Neutrality is important because all internet traffic need to be treated equally in order for entrepreneurs to succeed they must have equal access.
—Hannah Knuth, Independence, MO

Please don't allow fast lanes that will discriminate against online content and applications. I have a small music company that relies on a neutral system that allows me to be competitive. Eliminating net neutrality will guarantee success for giant companies that can pay for the fast lanes, but ruin it for small companies like mine. This is the FCC's chance to do the right thing. Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers and protect net neutrality.
—James McDowell, Eaton, NY

As an internet use I am urging you to keep it fair and equal for all and not create a system that gives preference to those with deep pockets.
—George Cross, MOLALLA, OR

Open internet is the future for humanity.
—Oscar Perez, Miami, FL

The internet is the last, best and most important forum for worldwide free speech, the true bastion of the democratic ideal that this country was built upon. We Americans have championed this concept to the point of force in many countries; does it not seem hypocritical that the country which has trumpeted the virtues of the democratic system to all the skies of earth now is on the verge of repealing that wonderful ideal?
—Carlye Hooten, Kamuela, HI

The information age will have a great influence on the cultural evolution of our species. By allowing companies to "buy" their dominance, you will be allowing companies to dictate our species future. Corporations have no place for this. Don't allow discrimination of information. This would be horrible for the future of our intelligence and culture.
—Aaron Swanson, New York, NY

Dear Sir/Madam, Pleade throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Thank you very much. Best regards.
—Sylvia Rivera, Philadelphia, PA

Please do not distinguish lanes for our internet and keep the traffic flowing freely.
—Travis Stewart, Minneapolis, MN

What is freedom anymore really? Corporate America is killing our country . POWER IS CONTROL . There is no such thing as Freedom anymore the liberty bell is cracked even further as corporations chip away our free basic rights one law and loop hole at a time America is not free anymore because people are stupid blind and miss lead the days of civil.rights are over the Internet is the last Bastian of freedom and Final Frontier of true Equality don't take it away
—Christopher Clason, Penns Grove, NJ

Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers. PLEASE!
—Heather Leeflang, Salt Lake City, UT

My commitment to startup and innovative communities here in Boulder, Colorado and across the country as a community developer has convinced me that we are only beginning to grasp the transformational aspects of an Internet enabled, globally connected society. Entrepreneurs, innovators and risk takers are leading the way. Perhaps only the Industrial revolution can begin to compare with the disruptive truths and cultural shifts of this new networked era. I came of age with the Internet. I've watched it grow from a text based interface when I was a teenager dialing into computers via the library to gather more information, to having a front row seat for the creation of the world wide web when I began college in 1994, to taking part in numerous aspects of the ebb and flow of dot-com, web 2.0 and the startup scene. Along the way, the world found out about the Internet and raced to get online, to connect, share, and explore. The Internet has become an undeniable and increasingly essential aspect of life. Our social connections, entertainment, information exchange and economy are bound to this digital system of interconnectedness. I've watched the system change, for better or for worse. At times I still find a text- based terminal interface more comforting than the myriad of media thrown at me across a multitude of screens. But, I've always believed in the value of an open and 'free' network. That the best ideas would gain the most momentum with plenty of room for the 'also-rans' to be vetted, supported, and maintained on some plane of a seemingly infinite online universe. I am greatly concerned when I witness the stifling of innovation and ideas. Especially when the interests requesting such restrictions benefit unfairly from their imposition. I find that these interests typically fear a loss of control, influence, power or market--yet fail to pursue their relevance in true free market competition. Contrast this with with the collaborative and encouraging nature of the current startup and entrepreneurial movement shaping not only America's, but the global economy as well. What better time for us to lead the way as the innovative country we pride ourselves as being? Why say 'No' to our thinkers and dreamers? Who holds the power to re-prioritize an idea whose time has come? My life has been marked by palpable shifts in almost every legacy system maintaining the world I was born into. Newspapers, music, television, movies were the tip of the greater iceberg. Education, our economic systems, health and our human body are being altered forever by not only technology, but our ability to connect, share, and distribute our experience & information. Government is a legacy system, too. My hope is there are more than a few risk takers and innovators within the matrix of policy and politics willing to disrupt the status quo. To recognize another timely opportunity to pivot from the norm and explore the possibilities we are only beginning to grasp. This issue of net neutrality is merely another front in a long waged fight for control and influence. Precedent decided now will dictate the necessary response when stakes become higher. I encourage the FCC to protect our right to a neutral and open Internet. To defend the selfsame values of liberty and freedom we hold to be so dear as a country when it comes to our ability to speak our truth and share our ideas. The format may change, but the reality does not. Defend our right to communicate as a people, for our country.
—Timothy O'Shea, Boulder, CO

No fast lanes!! No censorship of individual persons!!
—David Whitney, Wyoming, PA

As an author, musician and small business owner, I rely on fast Internet for content to my customers and fans -- which, if the proposed new rules go into effect, will be a thing of the past -- for me, at least. How can we "little guys/gals" compete with the billions that companies such as AT&T, Verizon & Comcast will pay to send their data into a "fast lane", leaving everyone else in the dust? ISPs are COMMON CARRIERS, folks, and should be classified as such. I also find it reprehensible that a former lobbyist for the cable and wireless industry is now in charge at the FCC. It is a HUGE conflict of interest, and a prime example of "the fox guarding the hen house". DON'T BE BOUGHT. Keep the Internet a level playing field for ALL!
—Gael MacGregor-Walsh, Burbank, CA

I vote in every election and I work hard to contribute to America's economy. Wheeler's plan is absurd.
—Bryton Sampson, Salt Lake City, UT

You don't have the right.
—Taylor Laura, Wellington, FL

The NET needs to be free it's the modern day version of free speech
—Stephen J Anderes-mullen, Ridgefield PARK, NJ

It is only fair that the internet remains neutral and don't see another "wealthy" over fairness legislation. The internet was started and should remain fair and equal to all.
—Tom Ivezaj, Miami Beach, FL

How many times must we the people fight you the pompous on this? DON'T LIMIT FAST INTERNET TO THE RICH.
—Rick Hillegas, Inver Grove Hts, MN

If you wanted to kill the internet, you could have pulled a gun on it.
—Chris Kingsley, Sequim, WA

Net neutrality is the same as electricity and water neutrality- common sense.
—Stefan Lewis, Edmonds, WA

Corporate greed is bad enough as it is, the internet can not be for sale. Innovation is the corner stone to The United States of America, a level playing field is vital to the entrepreneurial spirit that makes this country great!
—Fred Weil, NY, NY

Keep the internet free! Don't let greedy corporations over throw the voice of the people!
—Chaz Oakes, Akron, OH

Dear FCC Deciders, There's no such thing as a fast and a "faster" lane. If the ISPs are allowed to charge more for faster access, internet is screwed. As someone who works in the internet business directly, I really believe this is absolutely the wrong choice. We keep the internet open and unfettered, everyone benefits. The ISPs aren't really hurting. Let's make it valuable for everyone else.
—Ilia Malkovitch, New York, NY

Like all things now days, the people with the money will always get want they want. The rest of us may as well hold our breath, it won't make a difference. That said, if we all don't have equal access, they are limiting their market place.
—Ms. Kathie Lisk, Lincoln, IL

Do not turn the information super highway into a gravel road. 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.
—Chris Clayton, Peoria, IL

FCC, please treat this valuable resource for all of the people as a free enterprise industry with healthy competition. We all know Mr. Wheeler's ties with big media as a former lobbyist. We all know that with internet "fast lanes" only controlled by four or five major players, that they get rich and the middle class suffers.
—Bernard O Mickelson, AMES, IA

Make our Founding Fathers Proud... Keep America and our Internet FREE!!!
—Octavio Martinez, Anaheim, CA

Please don't destroy the internet.
—Bill Lyon, Louisville, KY

Dear Mr. Chairman, Please reclassify the ISP providers as common carriers and end this push toward removing net neutrality from the marketplace. The internet represents an opportunity to level the playing field for small businesses and start-ups and profit shifting to the telecoms industry undermines the rest of us. This is a moral decision and you have the ability to write the rules to represent us all and not just the telecom profiteers. Do the right thing. Thank you.
—Debra Gerardi, Half moon bay, CA

I can't believe the FCC would even consider allowing such an unfair system to be implimented.This can only lead to a vaste number of problems, even to the extent of putting companies you wouldn't think about being tied to the internet, out of business. Companies like garage door opener companies, (use web based apps to controll garage doors via smart phones over the web) security systems, (cameras can be viewed remotely)the list goes on and on... so unless my internet provider gets a kick back from, or owns, these services I guess the will cease to function correctly due to bandwidth loss???? Thats insane. The net needs neutrality.
—Joseph Daugherty, Pulaski, PA

Keep the internet free ! Net neutrality is a MUST!
—Nan Buckley, zionsville, IN

The internet is just as vital to communication, if not more so, than phone service. Why are you even considering otherwise?
—T L., Bishop, CA

It's important to keep the internet the way it is, because the cable and phone companies as well as satellite charge high prices. If we lose neutrality we the public your constituents would not be happy. A lot of people are below the poverty line as tax payers we wouldn't want to pay our part as well as higher taxes so you could go where you wanted online it's not right or fair. Many rely on the internet for weather, paying bills, keeping in touch with the world, because they can't go out and are home bound due to illness or injury.
—Josephine Toilolo, Moberly, MO

We do not NEED regulations that restrict the current Net Neutrality. The common folks of this country are suffering enough without more instances of the "haves" vs the "have nots".
—Bette Dickenson, Castlewood, VA

Just because I have a "94 GMC truck does not mean I should have to drive slower on the freeway than a BMW.
—Michael McDonald, Jerome, AZ

I refuse to stand for an internet in which corporations are legally sanctioned to filter out whatever they please. I've already seen what it's done to all other forms of media and how that media has decimated the peoples' ability to remain informed and I will be damned if the internet wholly becomes another part of that.
—Darron Perry Jr., Las Vegas, NV

If service providers aren't using a new type of bytes like 1's , 0's and -1's they should be allowed to charge more. All data is currently created equal.
—John Roberts, Hollywood, FL

Do not change net neutrality for the greed of the ISP's. Much innovation has been developed because of net neutrality. This should not and must not happen. Please reconsider your actions.
—Wilbert Pruitt, Pearland, TX

Internet service providers need to be labeled as common carriers in order to protect free speech and free enterprise in the internet.
—Wayne Sturdivant, Mesquite, TX

Please do not allow a corporate oligopoly on the internet. As a young person, I feel like a freedom of expression is getting smaller and smaller in America. The internet is one of the few places that hasn't been strangled by restrictive laws. Thank you for your consideration.
—Blake Merritt, Macomb, OK

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Hands off my internet!
—Ms. Tammy Shearer, Hazel Green, AL

Net neutrality promotes small business. Small business is the backbone of America.
—Zachary Fouts, Austin, TX

Introducing any form of selective availability may seem like a commercially good idea, or a politically wise move, but it is a policy that will all too easily turn round and bite the biter. The only sensible future for the web and internet is for everything to be freely available to all. Parents can oversee their children (ISPs are continually improving this facility), but no other censorship or interference is justifiable. It is pointless - in fact, counterproductive - to ban even such things as paedophilia and terrorism; after all, what's the best way to catch such people, if it isn't through monitoring sites? For a short-term financial gain to a few, the people of the Earth as a whole will suffer; please don't allow such a catastrophic decision to be made for any motive other than the future of humanity - and that, so obviously it scarcely needs saying, is dependent upon every one, every where, having access to truth - even if they have to sort through some less desirable stuff to find it. Please don't put the future of world communications into the hands of private businesses.
—Daleth Horst, St Helens,

Personal & social equality are paramount.
—SJHull, SALEM, MA

The major ISP have proven that they cannot be trusted to regulate themselves, and thus must be regulated by an outside body. That falls to the FCC. The reclassification of ISPs as Common Carriers will prevent them from exerting their power in monopolistic ways. As it stands, the largest ISPs are content creators, content providers, network providers, hardware providers, service providers, and last-mile providers. They own every link in the process from the creation of content all the way down to the end user's consumption of content. This puts the ISPs in the same position of Absolute Power over the information industry that the Railroads of the early 1900's enjoyed over transit. As someone who works in the technology industry and in higher education, I can say that there is no more important resource than information in this day and age. Knowledge is Power (the NSA's hoarding of information is a case in point). Without the reclassification of ISPs as common carriers, they are in a position of near total control over the dissemination of information. I can also say that in the 8 years I have had a cable modem and broadband internet, the quality of my service has never once gone up. Yet my bill has gone up three-fold without a corresponding improvement in service. The USA has fallen embarrassingly far behind even some developing nations in terms of national network infrastructure. We invented the internet. We should be leading instead of following behind.
—Paul Framhein, South River, NJ

Please keep the internet available equally to all, no slow lanes for those who can't pay
—Caren Catterall, Guerneville, CA

Without net neutrality, the internet will no longer be a vehicle for the people. The internet will become just another place for big corporations to buy off. Normal citizens will never be able compete with the amount of money flowing into dividing the internet.
—Stephen Emery, Portland, OR

The Internet is the greatest boon to human communication since the printing press. The development and spread of this marvelous technology, and the extraordinary social changes it wrought, could not have occurred had it been accessible only by a privileged few. Now the proposed FCC rule changes threaten to end the unfettered access to the full capability of the Internet that fueled this progress. Allowing those who control the infrastructure of the Internet to choose what they will transmit and what they won't, or to show favoritism to the wealthy few, effectively makes this full capability available only to those who pay the most. This must not happen. In the 21st century, the Internet is no longer a novel playground; it is an essential part of daily life. It should be classified as such.
—William J Dodd, Dayton, OH

Leave the Internet alone; enough with suffocating the people who enjoy this freedom around the world; better yet focus on getting the disturbed individuals who continue to use Internet for their dirty disgusting ways.
—JB Orbeck, White Rick,

reclassify ISPs as common carriers! equality for all!!
—Andrea Lanyi, indianola, WA

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Frank Megyery, Minong, WI

Without net neutrality, the democratic Internet could fall victim to the companies that deliver Internet services.
—Molly L Matthieson, Los Angeles, CA

Reclassify Internet service providers as common carriers. There should be NO discrimination online.
—Deborah E. Northrop, Rocky Hill, CT

Net Neutrality is vital. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is what the country needs to be competitive and free.
—Scott Randby, Ravenna, OH

Please keep the Net NEUTRAL!!
—Dave Debick, Euclid, OH

Why in the world would you screw small businesses further by getting rid of net neutrality? This is AWFUL!
—Kelly Beacham, Orange, VA

KEEP THE INTERNET NEUTRAL, THAT IS HOW SOME OF US OLDER PEOPLE SPEND OUR TIME.
—Percy Muetz, Bailey, CO

keep the internet free and available. net neutrality for all people.
—Mitchel Soble, ny, NY

ISPs should not be treated as special entities that leverage control over the Internet. The Internet is a resource in which content contributions are not made my the service providers, therefore, does not belong exclusively to the ISPs. Power grabs like this should be acknowledged promptly so that corporations cannot try to leverage services to a global community against itself for the sake of monetary profit.
—Dane Ram, Ottawa,

I do not believe a two-tiered network is the way to proceed. Protect free speech online. Reclassify Internet service providers as Common Carriers!!
—Leigh Benedetti, Kirbyville, MO

Our founding fathers believed that democracy could only work if information was available to everyone. A two-tiered internet with fast and slow lanes would severely restrict the flow of the information our government needs to to function. Please reclassify all ISPs as common carriers.
—Adrianne Middleton, Louisville, CO

I am a software developer who has been working on the Web since 1996. I believe net neutrality is very important for the health of the Internet. Please don't let the big companies unfairly dominate the web. Citizens already pay for "fast lane" Internet access. There is no reason to create a "slow lane" to put the little guys out of business before they get started. It will stifle innovation right from the beginning.
—Larry Zoumas, Seattle, WA

Tell the FCC to throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Karin B. Reetz, Bronxville, NY

The internet is a powerful tool that millions of people use for communication. Keep the internet free!
—Weston Sucy, Rochester, NY

The net is that last place where the free market does not have huge companies strong arming little ones out of business. By creating a system where only the privileged are allowed to dictate to the masses not just in open market but in social media, you are doing human kind a great disservice.
—Jenna Jenks, Bessemer, AL

Net neutrality is the lifeline for probably 50 % of people that use the Internet. Most of us could not afford to pay more for the Internet because that will happen if you take that away from us.
—Volker J. Hruby, Anchorage, AK

I am not in favor or the plan proposed by Mr. Wheeler. I see no good coming from allowing ISPs to charge based on bandwidth. Ultimately the consumer is going to pay more for what he gets now. Can you please explain why the FCC believes the consumer will benefit from the proposed rules?
—Irv Ellner, Hopatcong, NJ

Net Neutrality is critical so that we can keep an equal playing field for all. This will keep our economy rich and wide, vs. being run by a few wealthy people.
—Elizabeth Lewis, Gloucester, MA

We need real net neutrality. Not the proposed plan that will cripple the very essence which is the internet. As human beings with a conscience. Do what's right for the people. Don't satisfy the greedy corporate lobbyists from giving them what they want. Thank you.
—Peter Lopez, jamaica, NY

yes, this really is me and I really do care. A two tiered plan is a bad idea. Don't do it.
—Laura H Stephens, Concord, CA

Dear FCC; I am for real net neutrality. I think Mr. Wheeler's plan is ill considered, and panders to the rich. I am a working professional. I need fast neutral internet. Please vote No to Mr. Wheeler's Plan. Sincerely, William G. Keller Cobleskill, NY 12043
—William G Keller, Cobleskill, NY

Net Neutrality is the basis of free flow of information, to the masses, not to the elect few who pay more to get it faster. No one person has rights to faster Internet simply because they can afford to pay more; the Internet has become ubiquitous with Access for All, allowing anyone, no matter who they are, the same right to data as anyone else. At issue is the current government's willingness to just ignore what the obvious majority wants; the current officials seem more interested in who will line their pockets the best, such as the Verizons, Comcasts, etc., of the world. Plain in simple, Net Neutrality allows the little man to still have a voice, and that is why it should remain the status quo.
—Craig Cramer, Wakeeney, KS

Net Neutrality is essential to the continued technological leadership of the United States! You MUST NOT cave in to cable and telephone titans. DO NOT allow them to discriminate against or provide favorable treatment to ANY network traffic!
—Kirk S. Olsen, Long Beach, CA

Please Don't sell out WE THE PEOPLE.
—Leo Noyola, mcallen, TX

You guys will really suck if you fuck up the internet
—Kendal Cunningham, Michigan City, IN

Do not ruin the internet by breaking it into a two-tier system to force more money out of businesses and the public. I do not support any changes, such as this, that destroy net neutrality and I do not support Tom Wheeler being anywhere near policymaking that concerns the internet.
—Adam, Tahlequah, OK

All data should be treated equally.
—Stephen Juhlin, Raleigh, NC

Net Neutrality is like Freedom of Speech--without Net Neutrality then commercialism takes over and we are force-fed. Let's reclassify ISPs as common carriers, please.
—Marcia Morehead, Austin, TX

Please keep the internet free FCC, this is going to cause nothing but more problems. It is totally unfair to make two different kinds of internet, one super fast one that rich companies can afford to pay and the other that everyone else have to use because we can't afford higher internet costs!
—Allison Doyle, Elk River, MN

The Internet is free, you can't pull this kinda stuff unless you want some good old fashioned anarchy.
—Simon Kastner, sisterbay, WI

Dear FCC: Keep Net Neutrality! A tiered Internet with extra-cost fast lanes and slow speeds for those that don't pay extra is outrageous! Giving companies the power to decide where we go online (and how fast we go there), the power to decide for us where we surf is a dangerous precedent, and will ultimately stifle free speech and the information we can access online. Reclassify Internet providers as common carriers and keep our Internet content and speeds free from a tiered system and available to everyone!
—Damon Mills, Huntington, WV

"The right to Internet access, also known as the right to broadband, is the view that all people must be able to access the Internet in order to exercise and enjoy their rights to Freedom of expression and opinion and other fundamental human rights, that states have a responsibility to ensure that Internet access is broadly available, and that states may not unreasonably restrict an individual's access to the Internet." --Cardozo Journal of International and Comparative Law (JICL), Vol. 19, No. 3, 2011 The United States is already severally behind other first world countries in terms of internet speed and growth of business. While ten years ago or so, classifying the internet as a common carrier may have been controversial, today the internet is unequivocally the most commonly used telecommunications service. Allowing companies to decide what they believe to be "fast-lane" and standard internet speeds does not create an environment in the online marketplace for the free market. Please, do not hinder the growth of American businesses and add to the dissolution of America's place as the great innovator by allowing this bill to pass.
—Corinne Arbuss, Redondo Beach, CA

If ISPs can prioritize trafic, they will subtly and without our awareness change out opinions of sites. These actions will be hidden from the average consumer and thus deceive them. There is no amount of disclaimers on contracts when signing up to an ISP that can make up for this.
—Enrique Ferraro, Austin, TX

There is nothing wrong with the Internet as it currently works today. This is another way corporations can gouge American citizens to make an extra buck and take away our choices. At what point is it enough? Do not mess with what already works and leave the Internet alone!
—John Alfano, MUNDELEIN, IL

Internet Service Providers should not be allowed to decide what traffic they want to carry. Their subscribers are paying for a certain amount of bandwidth. ISPs should not be allowed to extort money from other companies to carry their content--their contractual relationship is with their end user subscribers. Nor should they be allowed to effectively shut down the transit of legal content with which they may not agree with.
—Edward Lamaster, Roseville, CA

The revolving door between the FCC and big business is disgusting. We need legislation to shut that door so the FCC leaders work in the public interest not for their own monetary gain.
—Max Bynum, Santa Rosa, CA

Dear FCC, I am not in favor of your "two-tier internet" solution to the net neutrality debate. In my opinion, it does not effectively open the internet to everyone, and makes information on the web more accessible to those who can afford to pay. This is outrageous. Americans should have the freedom to any and all information they need or want, unless it would cause them undue harm, and by making people pay for "faster" internet service, you put speed bumps on the road for knowledge for the rest of us plebians. That is unacceptable for anyone. -Leah Boll
—Leah Boll, Herndon, VA

In order to survive as a democracy, the internet must be equally open to everyone. If money buys unfair advantage, smaller voices will be squeezed out. Corporations will control the message.
—Charles Dooley, Bellingham, WA

The ending of Net Neutrality will seriously hurt small businesses and the economy as a result. Denying people access to their favorite business will not turn them to the corporations. Net Neutrality is also needed for the free exchange of information. Controlling our access to information makes the United States no different than the communist country China.
—Darlene Elkins, West Richland, WA

The United States needs net neutrality to continue our country's path to innovation. If companies were allowed to control a fast lane and determine which sites load faster than others, small businesses and the middle to lower classes would suffer the most. We cannot continue to depend on AT&T, Comcast, and Verizon to control our ability to consume content through a two-tier Internet. If your Netflix streaming slowed so you can't binge watch your favorite show or if your family members can't view a video you posted online of your daughter's recital or son's game because of slow buffering, who would you blame? The ISP, that's who. And also the FCC.
—Leah Bishop, Acworth, GA

The internet is great as is. Keep it fair, and let all sites load as quickly as any other. Let them remain easy to find. Don't limit the internet, there's so much to learn from it.
—Marlaina A Smith, Houston, TX

We can't let a source of communication have costs imposed to limit information for any of our community.
—Holly Taggart Joseph, Bethesda, MD

To prevent "big business" from taking over free speech and killing small businesses.
—Jerry Jerrell, Linton, IN

True Net Neutrality impacts society at many levels - all citizens should have EQUAL access to online resources so that we can improve as a society overall, rather than punishing the lower classes and further discriminating against them. Please do the right thing for humanity.
—Emily Schooley, Toronto,

We need an equitable internet. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Frank Diekman, Chicago, IL

Throw out your proposed rule changes and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality. Thank you.
—Thomas A Budd, Eugene, OR

If you pass this it just proves you hate small business. It'll be another leg up for those who are already on top. This is completely ludicrous. What exactly are you Mr.Chairman getting out of this? You are supposed to safe guard public interest. Not be another corporate lapdog. The fact you are even considering this makes you suspect. It infers that you have a personal interest that is not for the people. Do the right thing! Stop this insanity.
—James j. Schardt, reno, NV

the internet is as it should be now don't neuter a good thing we believe that the playing ground of the internet is as it needs to be.
—Timothy Bowden, bemidji, MN

Please reclassify the internet as telecom! A two-tiered internet will be a disaster for more reasons than can be listed! Please listen to the people not the big business lobbyists!
—Stephanie Stone, Brunswick, GA

Allowing the internet to be divided into fast lanes and slow lanes is just not something that should happen, especially not at the hands of private companies. Do your job, and maintain the free flow of access to information on the internet that is so important to inovation. Do not let a few large companies pick winners and losers by controlling their bandwidth. Don't let your legacy be "the man who killed the internet".
—Micah Urizar, Nampa, ID

Please keep the internet free. Do not allow internet providers to contol & manipulate the internet. Keep it free for everyone. Gina Karwel Dresher Pa
—virginia Karwel, Dresher, PA

I like in a rural area in Oklahoma. We have ONE option for high speed internet in our town (Windstream) but unfortunately the service they offer doesn't extend to my home. I'm outside the zone by only a few miles. They offer me a "light" option for a reduced price that ended up providing me with .5 MBPS. I have called many times to request changes and tried to explain that the Windstream office is less than 1/2 mile from my house so adding additional equipment should be easy. I also know that they provide it for a Native American Tribal facility close to my home that they do not allow the public to access. In the end I gave up and have nothing. Very frustrating! Net neutrality would allow other companies to bring in competition that might provide better service to anyone who wants quality internet.
—Rena' Brooks, Poteau, OK

Dear FCC, I know that most of the people of your organization are just normal, everyday people who are doing their jobs. I am sure some of you are even employed at the FCC because you feel like you can make a difference. However; The times are changing, and the bureaucracies that we have in position need to keep up, no matter the cost. The governmental wheel that we all love and hate is very large, so when it runs over something and picks it up, it has a VERY long way to go before it gets looked at again. This can not happen with the internet and how it is regulated. The internet can not be classified as a pure entertainment entity. It can't be classified as a pure information zone either. This creates a unique and difficult challenge for the FCC, businesses, and consumers alike. Under the current proposal to allow a two lane "highway", that would cause devastating results to the economy. Everyone knows that ISPs all talk to each other, and a few of them agree not to compete against each other in certain areas so that they can all get the most amount of money out of the consumers' pockets and into their own. A two lane system, or tiered speed systems will prevent upstart companies to compete against ones that already have a foothold in the market due to their lack of funds to pay the ISPs to put them on the higher speed access to consumers. Companies like Google, Yahoo, Youtube, Twitter, Facebook, etc would not be what they are today if a speed tier system would be in place. The ISPs do not own the internet. No single person, soul, entity, nation, being, figure, creed, religion, culture, or company owns the internet. ISPs are Internet Service Providers. They provide access to a service, which is the Internet. In the US, look at how many ISPs there are that actually provide faster than 10mbps. Compare that number to the amount of providers there are in South Korea, Japan, and multiple countries in Europe. It is a dangerous idea to allow such a small amount of companies to have so much power over the access to websites and the speed to those websites. Some countries in Europe have even deemed access to the internet a human right due to the monolithic impact it has on today's day to day life. Again, we can not have a speed tier system, and we can not allow the ISPs to control what websites get throttled simply because either the website's company does not have enough money, or the consumer does not have enough money.
—Christopher Lloyd, Houston, TX

Fuck off with your fucking shit and don't try to change something if there isn't anything wrong with it in the first place.
—Cristian Gouldney Paredes, Pont D'Inca, Marratxi, Mallorca,, FL

Your proposed action is greedy stupid and in the end killing the golden goose, not to mention that it shall suffocate the free flow of information which is the very raison detre of the internet. I vigorouly oppose your proposal.
—Peter Ho, Singapore,

I want the internet neutral. No fast or slow lanes. Treat everything equally and reclassify ISPs as common carriers so we can enforce net neutrality. Stop being for corporations and start being for the people. We elected you to stand up for the consumer and not the provider. Start doing your fing job.
—Ravi Vuthoori, Rancho Mirage, CA

Keep the internet neutral for America!
—Tate Breswick, Portland, OR

This threatens free speech in an unprecedented way. It is crucial to the preservation of the principles of democracy to keep a free and open internet.
—Canute J Haroldson, Pittsburgh, PA

The internet is where many people spread their opinion. It is also a place to connect. Why make people pay more just for a good connection? People may not have the money and they may be trying to better their life through online college, but to do well you need a strong internet connection. Also it is just wrong. Not to mention when companies discriminate against certain content and applications, that takes away part of the freedom of internet users. We fought hard for other countries to have wide access of the web, now why take it away from us? If this passes then we are no better than China or Russia. Net neutrality is crucial in the modern world.
—Catherine Woodman, Harlem, GA

Net Neutrality drives economic innovation, democratic participation, and free speech online. Many of today's most successful applications were able to develop because a neutral playing field allowed them to develop alongside other more dominant, pre-existing players. Without some basic protection for net neutrality, an oligopoly of phone and cable companies will be in a position to control the information that travels over the Internet in the U.S., possibly cutting restrictive deals with the highest bidding companies and shunting aside innovators, small businesses and entrepreneurs. In this situation, the network operators will be able to choose winners and losers. In a neutral network, it is the users who have the power to choose which applications will be successful.
—Sylvia Hatton, Boise, ID

Please don't mess with the internet.
—David Jones, Klamath River, CA

Equality for all, not "separate but equal"
—Naomi Tucker, Los Angeles, CA

We cannot trust our democracy to companies like Comcast that are actively trying to control the pipelines upon which our speech has quickly become based. Save net neutrality!
—Joel Magalnick, Seattle, WA

FCC, throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers! We must have Net Neutrality in America!
—Benny Madera, Pasadena, CA

The entire idea of what the fcc is doing is completely disgusting. This should be completey removed and all isps should be common carriers.
—David J, Roseville, CA

Working at a stealth startup that is currently developing a product that allows users to discover video content sources with adaptive filters of their choice, the effects of allowing bigger companies to pay for priority would shut down our years of effort before we even launch. Such control over the internet is unfathomable, and ISPs are keen to exploit it for short term gain (see Verizon v. FCC, September 2013 hearings).
—Todd Shane, Santa Clara, CA

The fight for net neutrality is a fight for freedom of speech. It's a fight for the common person. It's a fight against corporations having yet more sway on our lives. The internet with net neutrality is a free internet, a fair place; it is the greatest bastion of fairness and freedom in a sea filled with governments and corporations trying to control the masses. The internet has helped topple corrupt governments and has given a voice to those that otherwise would have none. You're not fooling us, the internet fast lane is not net neutrality. It is the beginning of the end for everything the internet is about. If you continue to push this plan, you are harming us all greatly. This will hurt you, your family, your children, your grandchildren; this is taking away the voices of the people and their access to free information. Don't do this. - Andrew Frayser
—Andrew T Frayser, Carbondale, CO

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—Cory Fraser, Carfbondale, CO

My friendships and my hobbies and my passions and my career should be just as important as the next persons' and just as important as every other byte of data on the Internet—no preferential treatment to be abused, no favorites played.
—Danielle, Wantage, NJ

The Internet represents the greatest forum for free expression, and the freest market, our planet has ever seen. Unless broadband providers are classified as Title II common carriers, this freedom and the economic bounty that has come with it, will be lost. And customers will have no choice in the matter, as the vast majority of broadband providers are monopolies. I urge you to reclassify broadband as a Title II common carrier service.
—Kieran Hervold, san francisco, CA

Throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. I support net neutrality, not fast lanes for certain people or content.
—Max morel, Denver, CO

I want the Net to stay neutral, access for all
—Tom Fuerte, San Jose, CA

Look, this is a really big deal. The only right course of action for human civilization is that every person-- EVERY PERSON-- has equal opportunity and equal access to information on the internet. Please take lessons from history and from other countries and do not discriminate based on wealth--it boils down to just being evil. Don't be the villain that made the wrong choice in the history books 100 years from now.
—Lisa Munger, Honolulu, HI

Cable companies must not be allowed to create a tiered system for information exchange. Right now the plan would allow them to charge more to higher companies. However it should be clear to anyone that such a system will eventually sprout more 'tiers' wherein any functional access will require purchase of a higher tier. They have already flouted any spirit of competition through their 'zoning' of services provision. This needs to be curtailed.
—Yume Arashi, Nashua, NH

Please don't let huge corporations (such as Time Warner, Comcast) use their influence ($$$) to thwart the cause of net neutrality. The Internet must remain free and equal for all users. Allowing your stupid proposed new rules to take effect would be just one more evil example of unregulated capitalism, of allowing wealthy corporations to triumph over the rest of us. Did the crash of 2008 teach you NOTHING??
—Teresa Hilleary, San Diego, CA

There is no excuse except blatant greed for not upholding net neutrality.
—Rick Dsida, Chicago, IL

If approved, these rules would mean the end of Net Neutrality.
—Bjarne Henningssøn, København S,

We deserve to have a freedom of expression. The net should remain neutral.
—Alin Boughousi, Glendale, CA

Net Neutrality should be a fundamental right for every citizen, and the constitution should protect it. Hoping for a healthy internet in the near future. Thank you.
—Srikar A, Hyderanad,

Don't let corporations OWN the internet!
—Diana Alfonso, Olympia, WA

It is imperative that net neutrality be maintained. It would be criminal to allow big corporations to hijack the internet. They want to destroy everything that is good in this world only for power and monetary gain.
—Elsa Pieterse, Rustenburg,

Democracy has depended in the past on free press - on the ability of the populace to obtain unbiased and true information. The internet is becoming and has become for a great portion of the populace that tool for people. Any alternatives are quickly disappearing. If access to information via the internet becomes something that is served up to only some, rather than all equally, then we will make it impossible for the populace to be educated and to make educated decisions regarding representation, safety and more. There is a growing economic gap between wealthy and the poor with a shrinking middle class so any economic inequality regarding equal access will necessarily disadvantage the majority of Americans and weaken our democracy.
—Caryn Heilman, New York, NY

Because its time to stop putting corporations and profits over people.
—Leslie, Austin, TX

As a small budget business I'm already struggling to keep up with with the bigger guys, the changes you propose will put me out of business over time.
—Slava M, Bettystown,

Fundamental to our democracy is the assurance that opportunity and resources are equally accessible; creating faster access for those willing to pay will not only stifle new business, it will fundamentally undermine this premise. I unequivocally reject your "fast lane" plan- act on my behalf to stop any attempt to do so. Further more, our interests would be better served if ISPs were classified as "common carriers" for the purpose of regulation.
—Christopher LeFay, Lookout Mountain, GA

We have created and built the most powerful platform in the world for free speech, ingenuity, and so much more. Keeping a line free of watchful eyes and discriminate bias propels exactly what the United States of America has emanated for centuries. Keep the knowledge and power in the peoples hands. They are who you work for.
—Michael McCartney, Camillus, NY

There must be a way to ensure that broadbandheavy players who workaround the broadcast/cable allocation of proximate universal access according to popularity, pay for their hubris without enacting the compromise of net neutrality that many feel is @ad981051's last slingshot against transformers
—Dji Roberts, seattle, WA

Change it back to the old common carrier rules, if you care about freedom, which I hope you do.
—Matthew Dumstorf, Louisville, KY

It is crucial for the well being of private enterprise and the foundations of our internet. Imagine Eisenhower's interstate system where the more money the faster I can drive!! I'd never make it to work on time and could not compete against those who can afford the fast lane.
—Brett Wagner, Modesto, CA

I want what i pay for. When i have a low paying job and the only thing to do when i get home is use the internet for entertainment then i should not have to pay 200 dollars and not have what i pay for it is theft and very frustrating.
—Collin Nunley, yorktown, IN

The internet has become the forum for ordinary citizens to discuss and debate the great issues of our day, as well as organize in the exercise of our First Amendment rights to peaceably assemble and petition our government and its agents for redress of our grievances (much as I am doing now with this comment). It is a place where we can readily and instantly stay in touch with our friends and family when we are away, and where we can meet and make new friends. And it has been a great boon to all sorts of entrepreneurial innovation, aiding small business in starting up and staying current with the latest market trends and developments. But your proposal will radically alter the ease of all of that, making it more difficult for those of us who aren't big businesses or big lobbying organizations with the wealthiest of clients to be innovators and entrepreneurs, or to be in touch with the much wider world than our own close circle of friends and immediate family, or to hear and respond to differing viewpoints or to organize around issues to effect change for improving our lives and the lives of others. I urge you, in the most strenuous terms, to please drop this proposal, and instead examine ways to build out the internet's infrastructure and architecture to accommodate even greater flows of information and activity. It is time to allow all citizens to make a claim to the future direction of this country, not just a privileged few.
—Mr. John G. Warne, Indianpolis, IN

Stop trying to take away net nutrality!
—Louisa, Dubai,

Government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the Earth. http://www.brainyquote.com/quotes/quotes/a/abrahamlin101395. html#JjMt3TpD13FBlXvs.99 Corporations are NOT more important than People, and Corporations are NOT people.
—Jil MacMenamin, Brattleboro, VT

All bits are equal - but some are more equal than others ???
—Karin B., Houston, TX

What happens in regards to net neutrality definitely has impact on Europe, too. So please restore net neutrality.
—Mara Heinzl, Muenchen,

The ability to get the same point to point connectivity regardless of what data is being carried was a major factor in the rise of hte Inernet. Letting telecommunications companies subvert that so they can make deals with content providers undermines one of the things which makes the Internet great. Please enforce net neutrality.
—Joel Uckelman, Heidelberg, WI

I am respectfully requesting that the FCC Chairman, Mr. Tom Wheeler, not allow discrimination to rule the Internet. Please throw out your rules, reclassify ISP's as common carriers. There is already too much disparity between the wealthy, and the rest of us, and this would be just one more case of that on-going unfairness. The wealthy can afford to pay whatever is charged, for anything they want. We "regular" Americans can not, and thus the disparity begins again. The internet should be financially accessible to all, and that won't happen if the FCC proposed rules are passed. The Internet is a tool, used by millions to perform their jobs better, get education, assist students to be better students, and help to spread the word to all, hopefully for the good. The Chairman, Mr. Tom Wheeler, has the opportunity to help those of us that cannot afford these new rules, and there are millions of us. Please use your power, and influence, Mr. Wheeler, to keep Net Neutrality in place, reclassify ISP's as common carriers, and save the Internet the discriminatory"two tier" system that will again divide America into classes. We have enough "have nots" already, don't be a part of creating even more. Thank you.
—Tillie Lane, Encino, CA

Please don't be on the wrong side of history!
—Darryl Stanfill, Springfield, OR

Invasion for profit wether it be a direct war in other lands or at home where connected corporations forcefully enter peoples minds is an insidious practice. Do you remember? (We the people).
—George Mc Grath, Las Vegas, NV

Calling this plan Net Neutrality is a misnomer, it should be called, Big Companies hold your Internet hostage, please pay more money. The United States on average gets charged more for slower speeds than most of the Western world, and now companies want to charge even more or they make the speed even slower. This is an awful bullying tactic that shouldn't be allowed. They would use this to silence what they do not want to be heard or seen. So not only is this would grant the BIG ISP companies a monopoly on our Internet speed, now on our rights to explore what we want. Do not allow this. If you do, I know it would be one of those classic reversals where more enlighten men and women would see the error, in allowing even more control over our content, on the whims of companies, and trash it. If you want a plan called Net Neutrality, do so by making truly impartial. Here I can help. Neutral, as defined: not aligned with or supporting any side or position in a controversy Monopoly, as defined: exclusive control of a commodity or service in a particular market, or a control that makes possible the manipulation of prices. Impartial, as defined: not partial or biased; fair; just. See the issue? This plan is not neutral or impartial in any way, but allows for a monopoly to be created, and don't we disallow companies and a select few to control the market or services, which this plan would allow? Do yourselves a favor and us, do not allow this plan to pass. It is awful and worse, it misleading.
—Nicole, Cincinnati, OH

Net neutrality is beyond important. To promote progress and create a better, safer world net neutrality NEEDS to remain unchanged. The FCC must understand that this issue would affect all those with an internet connection, and set back many important future ventures. It is capitalistic and horrible and utterly terrifying for people whose pockets are not overflowing with cash- people like me. Chairman Tom Wheeler cannot end Net Neutrality and I am confidant that the backlash from even planning to do so will prevent it from ever occurring. It is clear that nobody actually wants these rules to be implemented. After all, they would benefit the corporations rather than the people. And is that not what a place like America should be avoiding?
—Olivia Allum, Canberra, NY

false freedom of speech and corporate personhood have corrupted our democracy to the core foundation of our society...please make some real sense of our democratic values and protect our constitution. thank you for your time. Herman Duque
—Herman, Las Vegas, NV

It allows me freedom to important information that I need to be informed about what is going on in America and the world. This should NOT be controlled by corporate anybody. This is my world and I should have access to it at the same speed as greedy corporate, the world. The Internet should be designated as a utility (common carrier) so their can be less domination by corporate, the world. Make this happen, please.
—Carl Jones, Cincinnati, OH

I do not support Net Neutrality.
—Ali Hotmer, Chadds Ford, PA

The internet was a gift from a Brit to the whole world. only scum would try to steal it from the poor to give to the rich. This discrimination will make more of the World despise USA morality.
—John Shale, wigan,

I believe that true Net Neutrality should be available to everyone. Not the plans that Wheeler is trying to implement, which would be totally discriminatory (in the ways of letting those that can afford it to have a faster route.) It is important that we can all access the information needed in the same amount of time. Wheeler's plan would cause major discrimination against companies (weather they are small, large or family owned), applications, as well as online content being distributed. Please ditch this plan, reclassify ISPs as common carriers and keep true Net Neutrality for all!
—Heather E Greene, Phoenix, AZ

Please throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISP's as common carriers.
—Lucia, Montreal,

Because internet is about freedom and it must be free!
—Michaela Krejcikova, Praha,

Net Neutrality must be preserved by designating broadband as a telecommunications service under the law. Internet access is no longer a luxury in our modern times but a resource. Discriminating the distribution of this resource is a complete violation of human rights and will hold great consequences for all. Instead of consistently taking lobby money from these ISPs please think about the future. Think about your children and your grandchildren, what kind of world do you want them to live in.
—Eric Li, Little Neck, NY

ISPs should be reclassified as common carriers.
—Dan Lamm, Dubuque, IA

Keeping net neutrality is the only way to keep carriers from censoring our freedom of speach. It keeps them from saying that one persons voice is worth more than someone else's. If carriers choose to charge users more for using more data, that is fine that is up to them. It would allow the consumer to decide between carriers and create a more competitive market.
—Kevin Kirkup, Raleigh, NC

The Internet must be kept as a level playing field for all the world to interact on.
—Michael Grotzky, Putnam Valley, NY

I believe that net neutrality is important for the future of the internet.
—Kay Rohe, Chicago Ridge, IL

Please leave the NET as a level playing field.
—Taliesin Smith, St. John's,

The Internet is today's common carrier network. Just like the old telephone companies networks. They must follow the same rules of Net Neutrality for all.
—Mike Grotzky, Putnam Valley, NY

As both a small business owner and an employee at a non-profit, net neutratily is essential to my ability to compete and reach the people we serve. It is one of the only equalizing factors in the business world right now when all sorts of things stack the deck against small businesses, start-ups and non-profit organizations. As an individual, net neutrality gives me more equal choices and more information, which is essential for an educated and thinking population. Unlimited exchange of ideas is one of the last things left that will continue to advance the country and it's citizens. Grow some balls and don't go down in history as the FCC that fucked over the people it is supposed to be serving. Stand up for the rights of 90 percent of the small businesses in this country and the rights of 99 percent of the people in this country; not for the rights of a few big businesses that think they should be getting special treatment because they have the biggest dicks and the biggest bank accounts.
—Laura Charles, Addison, NY

The FCC need to throw out its rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers. The internet is one of the greatest things to have been invented, and to ruin all of that by allowing company's to charge more for it's use is a detriment to humanity as a whole.
—Alvin Sexton, Norton, VA

Net Neutrality is important to the middle class, otherwise the Web will be another thing that would be not affordable to us.
—Mary Pepon, Nanticoke, PA

The internet is one of the most powerful things to have come along in human history, with the capacity to completely change the world, allowing a global awareness and communication that could previously only be dreamed about in sci-fi novels. Therefore it seems to me absolutely vital that the internet should be allowed to function free from corporate interference as far as possible, especially in the sense of giving certain traffic more priority and excessive filtering and interference with content. Access to the internet needs to be declared a basic human requirement and something that is this potentially significant in human history should absolutely NOT be decided on based on money and commercialization.
—David Rix, London,

The greed of a few corporations have changed tv from a valuable means of mass communication to a dumbed down message of consumer consumption controlled by a few profit-driven corporations. We cannot allow these corporations to do the same to the internet. A free and open internet is the last chance for freedom and democracy in an increasingly totalitarian USA and planet. Corporations are notoriously bad stewards of humanity. The internet is for the people and not for the control and profit of a few corporations. Bad news: wheeler goes down in history as guy who sold out his fellow humans to corporations. Good news: corporations control history on the internet, so my grand kids will think you were a great man. #netneutrality
—Craig, Milton, DE

I was an early adopter of the Internet, beginning my exploration of the World Wide Web in 1994, and since then I began a career in technology that has allowed me to participate in the Internet's growth. Since those early days to today, I can't think of any other more powerful engine of our economy and of innovation than the Internet. From the smartphones we carry to the connected vehicles we drive to the streaming video we watch, very few things have changed our lives for the better than the Internet. And I can't help but think of how much of that industry and innovation would not have happened if the Net Neutrality we always took for granted was gone. Please consider what a free and open Internet has provided this nation and the world, and enforce true Net Neutrality. Thank you.
—Christopher Dellario, Nottingham, NH

The Internet is the world's library, do not shut it down. There are countries in this world without open internet; China, many Middle Eastern countries, North Korea. Notice a trend there? They are all countries where it's people are not free, where people live scared. That is not the United States of America. If the internet had existed during the American Revolution, Net Neutrality would have been written into the constitution. Please do not let the ISP providers take away the internet's freedom. This is all about money, and we all know it.
—Miss Shambralyn Baker, Salt Lake City, UT

We need to keep the plying field level for everyone. Not just the greedy companies to make more money by charging for a so call fast lane. How will the start ups compete? The internet was grown because of the start ups.
—Terrell Burch, Camden, SC

This is the most obvious & outright instance of classic bullying. FCC, don't let these guys swish your head in the toilet in front of everybody! STAND UP FOR YOURSELF! Take charge, you know this is the WORST idea ever! You must be mortified that you've even considered this! It's your moment, show these f*%#tards what's really up, tell them to take their money & do something worthwhile with it! The underdog will prevail in this, you're paving the road for a net-neutral isp to come along & leave Comcast & VZ in the dust & then there goes your pay-off...well, after having said that-go ahead, the world would be a better place without them, Let the revolution begin!
—Heather Sellers, Nashville, TN

We must maintain net neutrality in order to keep our right of freedom of speech. Sometimes ONLY the internet has the truth.
—Judith MASCOLINO, Fox River Grove, IL

Internet, like the telephone before it is a necessary part of our lives. But while ATT was broken up and still highly regulated, ISPs/Cable Companies are consolidating and asking to be free to make money any way they can. This includes being able to give more favorable treatment to companies who can and are willing to pay for it. This will stiffle innovation here in the US. Innovation will not doubt shift offshore. This is not good. The only fair thing is to assure equity by assuring net neutrality here in the USA
—Bruce Lederer, Cambridge, MA

The internet was originally paid for by taxpayers' dollars. Why should it not be equally accessible to everyone?
—Kathy Davis, Vero Beach, FL

The web must remain open with equal opportunities for all. Do not end net neutrality.
—Drury Bynum, Baltimore, MD

Net neutrality --and opposing infringements on it -- ensures that the Web is open to all at the same speed. I oppose a tiered, pay more/get it faster approach because it would gut net neutrality, and provide a lot of wealth for a very few people at the expense of very many.
—Jean Ashburn, gladwyne, PA

Dear FCC, Please, you must know at the bottom of your hearts that what you are doing is wrong. If you had to explain this situation, truthfully, to your mother, what would you say? Do you not have any other way of making money, with more honesty and ethics? You know very well that this is an analogy of any symbol of the theory of incompetency. You want power, but you want power over the wrong thing. If you do this, you're going to make the internet a worse place for a while... That's negative. After that, just like nature does, you will probably get owned, because balance is needed everywhere, and mean little tyrants never live a long life.
—Nicholas Charriere, SAN FRANCISCO,

Net Neutrality — TRUE Net Neutrality — makes The Nerd Assembly possible. The Internet is a level playing field, a place where there is true freedom. But with these new rules, you will kill that. Give the power to the Internet service providers, and you will kill us smaller sites. Beyond that, you will essentially censor what I see, what sites I visit. My privacy, my freedom, will be a thing of the past. If you want to make money from the Internet, then figure out another way. Take a page from our book, and try a little ingenuity. But don’t fuck us over.
—James Allen, St. Peters, MO

The internet should be an open access platform - not something that favors the haves and, once again, discriminates against the have nots. I stand in full opposition to Chairman Tom Wheeler’s pay-to-play plan, and I urge you to take steps to protect real Net Neutrality.
—Andrea Cannon, Romeo, MI

It is important that we keep the internet open and free as it is since it's used to share information and is also a tool to freedom of speech. Limiting this tool would be catastrophic to society as a whole. Just because big money and corporations , governments want to limit " We the People" doesn't mean it's right or that we should. History has repeated itself and we have made the same mistakes as we had in the past. We can not oppress the people by limiting the flow of information. Instead we should as a country invest in the future by building a safer, faster, more efficient internet system. As technology progresses more and more things are done via the internet. I oppose the limiting the speed of the internet on the basis of who can afford to pay big corporations who, might I add, already make a substantial amount of profit, for a fast lane. Companies charge us for services rendered, but, asking us to pay extra to even receive these services while paying for these services is ridiculous. It's just like the days of the Boston Tea Party when the ruling government of that time over taxed us for our purchase of their tea. Please do not over tax the people by limiting content and speed of the internet. Thank you for allowing me to post my opinion and exercising my freedom of speech. Please classify ISP's as common carriers.
—Steven Gale, Valparaiso, IN

FCC. Leave the internet alone. Don't surender it to the big media companies. They don't need it. They are just greedy, too big, (have too many friends in Washington DC). Leave the internet alone, it's not your call. Leave the internet alone, it has already been spoiled by constant advertisement, and all kinds of bs, let's not add another layer of stupidity. Selling it out to your friends won't do it any good. It's the last place we have that not under the control of these too big companies, leave the internet alone.
—J Morgand, Rocky River, OH

Network neutrality drives economic innovation, democratic participation, and free speech online. Many of today's most successful applications were able to develop because a neutral playing field allowed them to develop alongside other more dominant, pre-existing players. Without some basic protection for net neutrality, an oligopoly of phone and cable companies will be in a position to control the information that travels over the Internet, possibly cutting restrictive deals with the highest bidding companies and shunting aside innovators, small businesses and entrepreneurs. In this situation, the network operators will be able to choose winners and losers. In a neutral network, it is the users who have the power to choose which applications will be successful.
—Timothy G Scherer, St. Louis, MO

We don't want your backwards two-tiered internet! Give us true net-neutrality!
—Dustin Critcher, Naples, FL

It's about time the Government forgoes money from the corporate behemoths to do what is right. Do not jeapordize net neutrality. Listen to the people and what they want, not the corporations!
—Mo, Austin, TX

The Internet should remain neutral. Passing these proposed rules would essentially grant providers decision making powers that allow discrimination in business, and legalize another area where oligarchy would reign. Not the America of my youth. I urge you to uphold the concept of Net-Neutrality. H. Woodrow Dennis
—H Woodrow Dennis, Columbia, SC

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Joe Berger, Commerce Township, MI

I strongly disagree with the proposed changes to internet access! Please revise to maintain open access for everyone! Do not contribute further to the digital divide and the disappearance of the middle class in America!
—Ms. Sandy Craft, Mt. Sterling, KY

Corporations have enough advantages. As in, enough already!
—Elizabeth Timm, Santa Rosa, CA

Reclassify ISP's as common carriers! Do the right thing. Don't take the internet away from "the people" & give it to corporations!
—Elaine Roddy, Cookeville, TN

So much of modern civilization depends on net neutrality; to cripple it would be barbaric. My own livelihood depends upon fluid internet access for myself and my customers. I'm sure there are other ways to achieve whatever benefit is supposed to be gleaned from this new plan—ways that don't impair the lives of an already impaired low and middle class.
—Erika Deoudes, Henderson, NV

I am opposed to FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler's plan!
—Phillip Makurat, Baileys Harbor, WI

I don't need AT&T, Frontier, and Verizon (I personally use all three) telling me which sites I can and can't visit. AT&T already blocks some domains (certain blogs), which I find unconscionable. Please don't two-tier the internet or fast-lane some sites! Thank you for your consideration,
—Sandra Powers, Winnemucca, NV

A two-tiered Internet is not the way to go - it is time to reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Philip J Palombo, Providence, RI

There are a lot more of persons than there are corporations. This already means that the public as in people should be more important than the few isp companies that are so loudly lobbying (corrupting) the political field with their wishes of double dipping / being paid twice for the same service. Next step would include tiered Internet where you have to pay for each zone I suppose. Well, it is time to say no. Isp companies already received their payments from their customers. That is enough. This ensures even competition among Internet companies.
—Lasse Ylinen, Masala,

We need net neutrality becasue without it the flow of information becomes blocked, there will be further separation of monetary classes and will open the door for digital monopoly. All of which stand against the principals of our economy and founding beliefs.
—Shannon Karl, Georgetown, CT

If you don't redefine the Internet so as to guarantee it stays as is--neutral--you guarantee the Senate and House, and then of course SCOTUS--become Democrat-controlled starting in 2016. Voters really care about the Internet, as the SOPA shutdown showed. We will not put up with your following your corporate masters to our detriment.
—Brenda Barnes, Santa Monica, CA

Net Neutrality is crucial for the United States to continue to foster its entrepreneurial spirit and new job creation driven by small businesses. If small sites cannot be accessed as easily as large sites that can afford to pay for priority placement and access, the FCC will drive a stake into small business creation and economic recovery.
—Jennifer Stephens, Lolo, MT

Real net neutrality means a fair Internet where everyone has a voice.
—David Richards, Ridgewood, NJ

This is discrimination and the FCC better be ready for class action lawsuits.
—Lori Chapman, Clermont, FL

Net Neutrality is Non-negotiable. The internet is all of ours. The cost to the world will be too great. The economic gap is already almost unbridgeable. Surrendering Net Neutrality to greedy corporations is not just the wrong thing to do. It is a crime against humanity.
—Bryan Keith Schraven, Milwaukee, WI

Honestly, it's for the right of privacy. There is no need for companies to discriminate online where people can do many amazing things. It's irritating to see organizations try to control that.
—Sarahti Gassmalla, Washington, DC

Free internet is American.
—Mr. Jack Schriver, channelview, TX

Why does your web site end with .gov? It is because the FCC is a Government agency. Your members are voted in or appointed by the people who pay your salaries. The purpose of the FCC is to serve these people, NOT the big monopolies like COMCAST, TIME-WARNER, AT&T, and the list goes on. As a Citizen of the United States of America, I request - no, I DEMAND that you that you do not destroy Net Neutrality. This can only be done by designating broadband as a telecommunications service under the law. Anything else is an attack on our rights to connect and communicate.
—Clark C Cline, BLAIRSVILLE, PA

Net neutrality is important because it is the only way to keep objectiveness for information and communication to travel as fast, easy, reliable and free as possible. This will help the people be able to audit their own governments and ask for help on emergency situations.
—Arturo Parrales, Guayaquil,

In brief: bullying can kill.
—Henri Nykänen, Oulu,

Net Neutrality is the most important thing for advancing the knowledge base of the human race. Free sharing of information is the single most important thing that the internet does. Don't turn it into a heavily regulated network so that the rich can get richer.
—Sean Madden, Seattle, WA

Please DO NOT allow Mr. Wheeler's plan to go through. Asking some to pay more for access puts a burden on school districts, small businesses, non-profits and more. Basically, this terrible plan gives these conglomerates full access to determine what we are allowed to see. My partner is trying to build a small business on the web. She has an abundance of passion, but she does not have an abundance of money. If Mr Wheeler's plan is approved, her chances of making her business work is nil. Please do not allow these companies to determine what shall be seen on the net. I implore you to make your decision based on not corporations, but on the interests of ALL Americans.
—Jan Kirby, Newark, DE

There are some areas in society where the playing field is still fairly level...this is one of the very few. Please let those of us who don't have the big lobby bucks have cost effective access to information and communication that will leave the "free" in freedom.
—Michele Lord, Grass Valley, CA

Please don't end net neutrality.
—Erin Murray, Mountlake Terrace, WA

The average American is already having a hard enough time staying afloat in this economy. Please don't make it harder by do ping away with true net neutrality.
—Michael Fox, Warrenton, VA

We all need to have an equal voice on the Internet . If you side with big business there will be a revolt like the world has never seen! Don't be a corporate shill.
—Suzanne Roberts, Aguanga, 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 which messages got spread quickly online, and they would discriminate against online content and applications. This is an issue regarding innovation and freedom of speech. Please do not stifle the progress of humanity for the fleeting profits of a few special interests.
—Brad Weisbecker, Fullerton, CA

common uniform internet access is key to innovation and information and has been proved over the decades. its the only clean stuff we have now. Please dont change it to benefit few players. Please stay away from this. if Net is not neutral to everyone, it would be extremely difficult for startups to disrupt the world. We already know how this works in Television industry. I dont want to see the same happen in Internet.
—Naveen Puvvula, Mountain view, CA

World peace is a derivative of Net Neutrality.
—Jay Johnson, Seattle, WA

Please!!! Business is not always first.
—C Francisco Martinez, Los Angeles, CA

The so-called "fast lane" is actually throttling traffic for everyone that doesn't pay what is, for all intents and purposes, a protection fee- it is extortion, pure and simple. Net Neutrality recognizes that Internet traffic is no different than road traffic. Common Carrier status is require to safeguard this from further co-optation in this manner, or ones like it. If the FCC fails to act properly, then the American people will be compelled to call upon Congress to do the FCC's job for it- and that will not be good for the FCC. Deny the Chairman's plan; protect Net Neutrality, and safeguard the FCC's integrity.
—Bradford C. Walker, Minneapolis, MN

There will be nothing to substitute for independent voices lost from the Internet if high-speed lanes associated with corporate interests are given special priority and access. I am so fearful of the kind of world that we will have if the current trend continues in marginalizing content from all but those who "pay to play." I think that our very democracy is at stake in making deals favoring corporate interests over the needs and wishes of our citizens, but losing net neutrality may be the most dangerous development in political life for decades to come.
—Kimberly Hamilton, Muncie, IN

One word: communism. This is the definition of communism. You'd be no better then china who filters google or any other site they deem "bad". Don't be a communist.
—Jen G, Athens, GA

The internet is one of the greatest tools for democracy the world has ever known. Ending Net Neutrality is a disservice to every member of society and a blatant step towards inequality and censorship. The only people who support these changes are those who stand to profit directly from them. Do your job, listen to the people who you are supposed to represent, and throw out these proposed rules.
—Emily Crnkovich, Omaha, NE

It is a travesty that Net Neutrality can be threatened at this point. Please, do not reveal a corrupt decision-making process. Show us that the FCC is above back room dealings and is capable of reflecting it's purpose as a commission for and by the people.
—Richard J. Caton, Astoria, NY

Tiered internet is not in the interest of citizens of the US.
—Michael Pshenishny, Albany, NY

The internet should remain neutral for all users.
—Ginger R Gorum, Garland, TX

I don't want to pay even more for internet service. The CEOs at Verizon, Comcast, etc don't need more money. And that's all this is. And the consumers will have to pay. Don't let America be even more of a joke to the world.
—Kevin Cross, Chicago, IL

Charging the poor more of a percentage of their income just to access information is pure discrimination, especially in a digital age where information is also economic and/or political power. Different tiers of access based on the ability to pay will further entrench the digital divide and make us all intellectually poorer as a species. Imagine if DaVinci or Einstein had been charged for information, then think about what you're doing.
—Heather McLean, Auburndale, FL

Do not underestimate the academic and communal significance of a free an open internet. You should not be serving the interests of corporations but the interests of everyday real people.
—Ian, Lionville, PA

As a media consumer, I want to continue to have the freedom to choose what information sources are pertinent and valid. I don't want those sources to be chosen for me by a monopoly.
—Jason Randolph, El Sobrante, CA

stop listening to corporations and listen to the people. Corporations are not people. We want ISPs to be classified as common carriers. My business relies on the internet for communication with my customers and posting content on my website to drive traffic to my internet cafe. All my system run over the internet including my phone system, IP cameras and my overall business model. If the ISP have the ability to charge based on type of traffic, it would put my out of business.
—Rory O'Donoghue, Greenlawn, NY

Net nutrality is a needed part of the internet because allowing company's to throttle content and ban individuality among videos/blogs/websites is not a free open freedom of expression and speach. It just makes the internet a comunist system that degrades the shairing of information. If this isnt stopped at this point, where will it stop? When company's and big organizations need more processing power will they be allowed to use our bandwith to prioritize their packets to offsite locations and slow down everything in the way of it? I know that seems far fetched but in reality how far from the truth will that be? What extent will they be able stretch the uses before someone steps in and says no? This is the internet, not something that can be owned by one person but a living being that can help humanity grow by shairing ideas and technology. Save net nutrality before it goes to far out of hand
—Jessie kauffman, Hephzibah, GA

FCC: I urge you do not implement the proposed internet rules. Instead please reclassify ISP's as common carriers. Net neutrality should be the goal.
—Bob Skinner, Novato, CA

I would like to be able to receive all messages at the same speed from advertisers and activists, regardless of how much greater the advertisers funds are. Tami.
—Tami Etzion, Oakland, CA

Please maintain net neutrality. No fast lanes and no discrimination on net traffic. The vast majority wants the current net neutrality to remain. Why go against what the people want?
—David Lee, LOS ANGELES, CA

FCC throw out your rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers
—Gary Phillips, puyallup, WA

The FCCs plan will forever change the internet as we know it. It is corruption in the most simple form, more money equals more control. Please, don't take control away from the people.
—Spencer Rowe, New York City, NY

I have an online shop on Etsy and rely on social networking for promotions and visibility. If people can't shop, I would lose my income. I have to come up with money for college books for two kids. Our loans are already maxed out. This affects me greatly!
—Patricia Hodson, Garrettsville, OH

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers
—Rachel Demascal, Shreveport, LA

Please do not screw up the wonderful tool we call the internet.
—Barry Teel, Lancaster, PA

Comcast already throttles my Internet and giving them even more power is a bad idea.
—Martell Marcus, Salisbury, MD

Common Carriers, should continue to be that. Common Carriers! E.Jones Ft Pierce, FL
—Edith Jones, Ft Pierce, FL

Dear Tom, Please help protect the freedoms and rights of internet users everywhere and the freedom of the press and information which is vital for our democracy as it stands now. Thank you for listening to us all. Tyler
—Tyler Cook, Grass Valley, CA

Keep all content on the internet available to everyone on an equal footing - both the consumer and the "producers". Do not allow ISPs to create a structure where some have better access than others and access to all content is on an equal footing.
—Cyd Brown, Holly Springs, NC

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers! Net neutrality is fair.
—Lena M, Edinburgh,

I don't give a shit about your Net Neutrality because the internet is free wherever there is wireless internet[Wi-Fi], and as long as I don't have a shitty dial-up connection like NetZero to load a game of Samurai Jack, then I'm pretty happy. Moore's Law is having technology develop whether I care about it or not, and there's also a lot of talented program developers, so yeah. What I really care about is selling a Mindstorm nxt 2.0 robot for $142.50 united states federal dollars, so that can fund my ticket for capitol-city-block-party in Seattle. I mean sure I care about peace, love, equalition, and hate gender discrimination, homophobes, bigots, nazis, kkk members, and especially icp fans along with really outspoken Stop emailing me.
—Derek, Omaha, NE

Because allowing "paying extra for bandwidth" flies in the face of why the internet has come to be.
—Bruce, Garrettsville, OH

I believe regulating the providers as a utility is desirable.
—Bernard R Bindel, Forest Hill, MD

As a student, the internet is a very important resource for my studies. Introducing tiers to the internet would take away from that resource and would most likely be detrimental to the next generation of technology and students.
—Joseph Korany, Flat Rock, MI

Dear FCC, Would your leaders, please, consider protecting the rights and well-being of American taxpayers instead of the potential earnings of a few corporations who are already selling access to a product they do not manufacture? Will American taxpayers have to secure internet access through Europe in the future... it is already much cheaper there.
—matthieu Chan Tsin, Herndon, VA

RECLASSIFY ISPs AS COMMON CARRIERS
—Michael Lee, Bremerton, WA

The ability to communicate through the internet belongs to ALL, not just a few. There should not be 'better access' for a few.
—Debbie Rosenberg, Omaha, NE

No selling out to corporate giants like Comcast- keep the internet equally accessible to all- no super highway for some and slower internet for others. Let's keep the true spirit of the internet: equal access for everyone!
—Paul Gardner, Sunnyvale ,, CA

I support net neutrality. The pretense of limited bandwidth speeds claimed by the telecommunications industry is a red herring. That industry has allowed it's infrastructure to stagnant and fall way below other countries purely due to a lack competition and interest in improvements. The FCC's ruling against net neutrality is a short term money grab with long term consequences on how the Internet prioritized information. The FCC's ruling will stifle creativity and innovation.
—Dr. Jason A Wulff, bryan, TX

Reclassify Internet service providers as common carriers and do not introduce a two-tier system! Such a division would have devastating consequences in a time when the internet is the primary source of journalism, research, and social activism for billions of people. As an American citizen I am firmly AGAINST the two-tier system proposal and I will do everything in my legal power to prevent it from happening. True Net Neutrality does not have a "fast lane" set above a slower one.
—Emeric Kennard, Oakland, CA

To me, Net Neutrality represents freedom of speech, of ideas, of dreams. I want my website to have the same accessibility and opportunity as the bigger ones. To me, Net Neutrality means that I get to decide what content I wish to access, rather than have telcos/cable decide. Don't take it away from us. Thank you.
—Susan Weschler, boston, MA

I've worked in technology for the last five years both at large blue chip technology companies as well as small venture backed startups. Based on my experience I can definitively say that abandoning net neutrality will have far reaching consequences for internet growth in the US. It will push up the capital requirements needed to found a startup and generally chill innovation. I can see investors now "how will you ensure Comcast / Verizon / etc won't throttle your great new idea?" What if Mark Zuckerberg had to answer that question? Or Larry and Sergey? Or countless other startup founders whose products have transformed the way we live our lives. Abandoning net neutrality will be a huge, costly mistake that will further undermine US competitiveness and degrade our quality of life. I'm not typically a political person - but this is one issue I feel very strongly about based on my first hand experience. Thanks
—John M Bullard Jr, Arlington, VA

Please protect net neutrality. The Little Guy deserves to be heard on equal footing with big guys who already have enough money to make their voices heard.
—Abby K Alcott, SILVER SPRING, MD

To the FCC, get rid of this plan of rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers. That, is the only real way for true Net Neutrality.
—Tahj Mitchell, Magnolia, NJ

Please keep net nuetrality alive. I for one would abandon the net if it was anything other than it is. If the nets channels of information became controlled, I wouldnt pay for it. Tell that to the money pushers who look to buy an extra house of laws like this. This is a major upheaval of system in manner that seems outside of the FCCs business; this is an unnecessary change of flow that aims only to censor and make a buck for those who have a buck. It would be the removal of information for those who cant afford information, the closeting of of many americans from a tool of discourse, and the silencing of the small man. The internet is, has been, and always should be a constant back and forth between common carriers; to turn it into anything is squandering one of humanities greatest inventions. If net neutrality dies, so does the internet.
—Vedante Zalarvis-Chase, Oakland, CA

Net neutrality is important to me and good for the universe. Thank you.
—J McIntyre, Millis, MA

Freedom is all we want!
—Ryan mckechnie, Mooloolaba,

I want all Americans to have EQUAL access to the internet. Let's not have another corporations are people too debacle. Keep net neutrality throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Maxine K Levy, Harrison, TN

Net neutrality is important to all individuals! It may NOT benefit organizations who want political and social control, and it may NOT benefit corporations who want to profit from "fast lanes"...but for the every day person or for small businesses, net neutrality is safe and fair. I support net neutrality!
—Courtney Hodgson, Pismo Beach, CA

At age 79, I have been saddened and disillusioned to see the long term, steady erosion of our country. Once we had high moral standards. Now we face threats from the religious right...supporting the efforts of the super wealthy to buy our Government. Protecting a free internet is crucial for the American middle class to again have a voice in their financial and social freedom. We must have a predominate middle class with small poor and ultra wealthy fringes, as well as a broad based secular standard with religious freedom for everyone. No lesser standards should be deemed a "Democracy". Please don' t drive ANOTHER nail in the coffin!
—Mrs Nancy Courtright, Athol, ID

The internet should stay a free marketplace. Please help maintain it.
—Laurie Centauri, Tulsa, OK

Dear Chairman Wheeler, I am writing to urge the FCC not to allow the creation of a two-tiered Internet, with fast lanes for those who can afford them and a slow dirt road for the rest of us. Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers; do not give them the power to pick winners and losers online and discriminate against certain content or applications.
—Stephen Garfinkel, Bethesda, MD

We can't be free if information is not free.
—Pol Rodriguez Rodriguez, san Francisco, CA

The net is one of the greatest tools in mankind's history. Every day it helps people find what they need, allows speedy communication, gets work done, and even helps people stand up to their oppressors. Net Neutrality is essential, not only for Americans, but for the world. Please think ahead to our future and protect Net Neutrality!
—Jackie Connet, Wichita, KS

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. But YOU can.
—Olivia Destandau, oakland, CA

Competition, innovation, a reasonable cost structure, customer service would all suffer, via this proposed merger. Comcast is a vertically-integrated corporation (NBC/Universal/Comcast) whose clear interest is in effective control of the communication marketplace, both traditional and emerging. Monopolies become "too big to fail," propped up by an army of lobbyists, CEOs who write checks to political campaigns, when they're not out on the golf course with the nation's top leaders. Show us that this process has not become entirely corrupted by money and influence. (That is the appearance). Show us that you have the best interest of the American public in your thoughts, by your deeds. Reject this merger . . . or you will be the architects of this nation's further decline, IMHO.
—Dion Dennis -4, Cedar Creek, TX

The people don't want your plan. We see right through it and will not allow the internet to be taken from us. Reclassify and maintain net neutrality. Everyone is against you with the exception of big corporations who would benefit.
—Jessica Moore, weaverville, NC

The net is supposed to be equal opportunity for artistic expression.
—Audrey Jordan, Hudsonville, MI

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Mike Brenner, brockport, NY

Net Neutrality is important to me because I want equality and a fair playing field for blogs, small businesses, and big companies online. This equality has in large part responsible for the many innovations in product, method, and thought which have taken place via the internet.
—Eliza Woolley, RAMONA, CA

It's bad enough we pay more money for slower speeds than almost anywhere else on the planet due to greed and the lack of competition, now the industry wants to pull this overcharged fast lane / slow lane garbage? The playing field should be level and fair.
—Denny Richards, Youngsville, NC

I don't think it's fair to have corporations deciding what gets seen on the internet, that companies get faster speed while consumers don't. The internet should be equal and fair for all who use it. Stop siding with greedy money hungry corporations.
—Lorri Zbinovev, Carol Stream, IL

Dear FCC: Please do not set up a two-tiered internet system. Speedy internet service is vital to people like myself who live in an isolated rural area. Internet service providers should be regulated as common carriers and the internet should be classified as a utility that is just as vital to us as electricity or telephone service. Please do the sensible thing. Thank you.
—Cheryl Wolfer, Port Angeles, WA

The internet is a utility. We now conduct major aspects of our lives via websites, apps, email, social networks, etc. If you care about free speech, about justice, and about real competition, you must support net neutrality. I don't understand why this is even a debate. When we pay an internet service provider, we are paying for the data; we are not paying for specific websites. ISPs have no right to decide how we use the data, just like electricity companies cannot dictate whether we power a lightbulb vs. a TV. America is already behind in terms of internet speed and affordability. Why create regressive rules that put corporate monopolies' interests above the American people's? Support net neutrality, make the internet a utility, and stand up to the companies that are scared to adapt to a changing world.
—Shannon Taylor, Cary, NC

Do not end "net neutrality". Consumers already pay ISPs for access to content and this content should be provided as quickly and equally as is possible. Allowing ISPs to charge varying rates to content providers is allowing them to charge twice for the same service. Imagine you go to a restaurant and order dinner. You interact with a waiter and pay the waiter for your dinner, which you expect to arrive expeditiously from the kitchen. Now imagine that the FCC has passed a law that allows the waiter to charge the chef in the kitchen more money if the chef wants the dinner taken to the customer quickly. What is the end result here? The waiter (ISP) gets to charge twice for the same service and either food quality goes down or prices go up or both. Will this be the FCC legacy? If so, I hope your chef chooses not to pay and you eat your dinner cold.
—James Bucklen, Washington, DC

Don't need anymore corporate interference with the internet. Providers should be simply providers...like the gas and electric companies. It is the customers who should determine the services they want.
—Victoria Miller, Los Angeles, CA

I'm a small business owner and this is a complete outrage to me. Big business trying to take over the world and eliminate their competitors. Absolute bullshit and they should be ashamed.
—James Johnson III, Uniontown, OH

Dear FCC, It is hard to even imagine that such discrimination on the internet is being considered. Net neutrality must remain a core component of surfing the internet, untainted and uncontrolled by private companies.
—Suzanne Preston, Bedford, IN

ISP's should not have so much control that they turn into monopolies, no ones likes them, so we got to make sure the net neutrality is protected.
—Marcus A. Zavala, Dunsmuir, CA

The internet works because it's a place where ideas and experiences can be shared across nations and languages. It brings people closer together more than anything else in human history. The FCC seems to believe that communication across race, genders, nationalities and languages is a bad idea and must be stopped.
—Josh Momaney, washington, PA

Net neutrality is essential so that the important content and perspective of our cultural institution can be found without being delivered via the major players who can afford the fast lane. I'm very concerned that if net neutrality is not part of the landscape minority voices will not be heard. Please please please protect net neutrality and don't support big business by allowing a fast lane slow lane approach!
—Daniel Davis, Washington, DC

Dear FCC, I am writing in opposition to the "fast-lanes" system proposed by internet service providers to effectively discriminate on what information moves through the internet quickly, and what information lags behind. The internet is an incredible tool that allows people from across the globe to connect instantly, whether to play video games, to collaborate on important scientific research and business deals, or to communicate with government agencies and commissions (like in this letter). It worries me that the FCC would be willing to halt the fastest form of communication ever created, which has brought such amazing results to American and human society.
—Grant Oxer, Ankeny, IA

Please favor the little guy and not the major businesses who stand to gain from lack of neutrality in the essential service of internet access. This is a big deal. We already pay astronomical fees for internet access. It really could and maybe should be a universal utility and not a pricey commodity!!! Please! Please! Take care of use little guys in this playing field. Joe Giampietro Giampietro.joseph@gmail.com Thank you.
—Joseph J Giampietro, Seattle, WA

The internet in many respects has been a beacon of democracy and freedom of information. Do not allow our freedom to be purchased by big telecom companies which seek to homogenize our experience for their own profit. Don't allow more economic consolidation which crushes small business and continues to widen the economic gap. Please uphold Net Neutrality.
—Wesley Wright, San Jose, CA

I bank with the internet. I clock into work through the internet. I keep in touch with family and friends using the internet. I can't imagine my life without the internet just like I can't imagine my life without water or electricity. It is a part of my way of life yet the FCC has done little to secure it's future. I have to put up with self serving oligarchy of AT&T, Comcast and Verizon that overcharges me and is indifferent to my needs because their is no viable alternatives. The FCC has done nothing significant to give citizens a fair, competitive open internet. The FCC under the helm of Tom Wheeler almost seems to have purposely implemented open internet half measures destined to fail. He seems to be more concerned about the profits of the special interests that he worked for than for the citizens that depend on an open internet. I WANT the FCC to classify the internet as a utility under Title II of the Telecommunications Act. Anything less would be a dishonest attempt to keep the status quo. I have no doubt that Tom Wheeler will have a cushy job after his chairmanship ends as a reward for his service towards the very industries he is supposed to protect us from. Sincerely, Anwar Lopez
—Anwar Lopez, Decatur, GA

The internet is a place for all & should not be restricted.
—J Cummings, Coronado, CA

It's incredible that the FCC is even considering creating a two tired internet, rather than just doing the obvious and reversing their previous / myopic decision in which they deemed the internet an information system rather than a common carrier that, in this day, it obviously is and has become. THIS IS A FACT OF LIFE NOW : THE INTERNET IS THE NEW PARADIGM ,THE CORE OF OUR COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM AND THE LAST BASTION OF OUT WATERED DOWN DEMOCRACY. The FCC can / has the authority - and is beholden to the people - to undo the mess they've made by classifying internet as an information service and reclassify it as a common carrier that it is - INITIALLY PAID FOR BY THE AMERICAN TAXPAYER. We're all watching this most important issue very closely. Do your part and what's obviously right and rule for the people; not the corporations, as our gov seems to have been so keen on these last few decades.
—Harry Kondiles, Las Vegas, NV

My career as a web application developer is linked to the success of the internet as a means of free communication. I believe it's future is in peril by likely changes instituted by my government. Please curtail your current rules and classify ISP's as common carriers. I hope free access remains paramount rather than stockholder dividends for companies like ATT and Comcast.
—Al Loewy, Chicago, IL

The net needs to remain free of corporate influence and discrimination.
—William Angle, Pocatello, ID

Haven't the 'Haves' had enough favoritism. Let's stop pretending this is 'No Big Deal' and call it what it is... More Raping of Equality (on the World Wide Web). The Internet is Neutral Ground and speeds of delivery being given to the highest bidder, is just unfair. Sure, folks choose the options of speed to a degree but, this is turning the Internet into a breeding ground for virtual mafias. Speed Wars of the Cartel Kind. Enough of this nonsense. The internet is not an entity anyone owns. Let's not make it into The Wild West, shall we.
—Cyndi Nusbaum, Longmont, CO

Dear FCC, The internet is becoming a basic utility. Americans depend upon it. Don't mess with something that has worked for decades. You need to reclassify ISPs as a common carriers, which is the most like how the internet has traditionally worked. This has sparked innovation by keeping the internet a level playing field. It's so confusing to me that the major ISPs have been shown to terrible customer satisfaction ratings, and you consider giving them more power over the consumer. Isn't their near monopoly enough? Please stand up for the average American, not the ISPs and their lobbyists.
—John Asher, Seattle, WA

End your plans for internet discrimination! No tier system, no more lies! Open internet for everyone or we will make sure that you are taken out of office!
—Drake Vermilion, Lakeland, GA

You have got to be kidding me. If you serve the PEOPLE, DO SO! Stop helping big businesses find ways to limit folks from what used to be the free digital world.
—Jamieson, cincinnati, OH

Preserve Net Neutrality!! Throw out your rules and reclassify ISPs as the common carriers we know they are.
—Heather Volkoff, Mesa, AZ

This is the land of the free... Putting a price on communicating with each other is a form of censorship that favors the wealthy. Please keep the net accessible to all.
—Susan Higgins, Coronado, CA

The Internet needs to be an IMPARTIAL, UN-POLITICAL, UN-BIASED, NON-GEVERNMENT REGULATED area of Free Commerce and Free Speech.
—Richard Hoepfner, Monticello, KY

Not the proposed rules, instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality ... truly !
—G Hardiman, Tucker, GA

It stop big companies cutting out the little business.
—Keith Ivany, Shepton Mallet,

Tiered internet is not in the interest of consumers. Your job is to defend the rights of the consumer. Therefore, I request that you reclassify internet service providers as common carriers. I realize you already know this, therefore this message serves the purpose of a formal complaint from one of the citizens you are to be defending. Sincerely, Dillon
—Dillon, Kirksville, MO

Giant greedy corporations should not be allowed to demolish something so vital as Net Neutrality.
—Elizabeth SP, Rochester, NY

The Internet allows for the greatest democratic expression in history, please don't change that. Net Neutrality must remain intact.
—Greg Jerrett, Crescent, IA

Keep corporations out of limiting the power of the internet
—Jay Guzowski, Los angeles, CA

To whom it may concern, I believe net neutrality goes against our first amendment right to free speech. The great thing about the internet is the free flow of ideas and information. For companies to deem what information should flow faster or slower goes contrary to this principle. We are at a precipice in telecommunications; should we constrict the flow of information or catalyze it? We already fall behind a majority of the world in internet speed. If we want to encourage growth, nurture small businesses, and fight the recession...we should worry more about increasing data transfer rates. Thank you for your time.
—Christopher P Dickhute, Orange, CA

Equal speed for equal competition!
—Sara libert, Durham, NH

I would like to keep the internet how it is. reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Kyle Wilson, Hemet, CA

OK FCC. You are making a grave mistake if you pass legislation or implement policy that contravenes my privacy and my unfettered access to ALL internet-related activities. Given the overwhelming opposition to any such action, there will be a high price to pay.
—Rick Maddocks, Kelowna,

Net Neutrality is justice and equality for all just like the use of the sidewalks and roads we all should have equal access on them.
—Antonio, San Francisco, CA

Real Net Neutrality is what keeps scientific journals, shopping websites, independent journalists and cat videos on the same level. Disrupting that balance would allow for rampant destruction of our values so that advertisers could make a couple bucks.
—Bryce Davis, Tulsa, OK

I work for an internet carrier, and I can guarantee you that there is no such thing as an internet "fast lane". In order to create such a thing, a slow lane will first need to be created. I have already seen a significant amount of withdrawal from potential investors looking at tech startups. This is a very bad thing; Google was a startup once. What about the Wikipedia's of the world? How are they going to pay for their content to be delivered to users within a meaningful amount of time? Sure, their content will eventually be delivered, but every millisecond counts when it comes to user engagement. Where would we be without Wikipedia? Let's move onto Netflix, seeing as they're basically the reason we're having this debate. How would they have become the media giant they are, literally revolutionizing the way that we watch TV. It would not have been possible for them to do this without Net Neutrality. The cable industry has too much money; they will crush any potential competitor given the chance. Allowing them to determine who succeeds or who fails is giving them this chance. It is ridiculous to claim that the Internet is anything but a means of communication. The law must evolve to accommodate new technology, but this should never be at the cost to the consumer. Classifying ISPs as common carriers is the logical evolution in this instance, as it will benefit consumers in more ways than just Net Neutrality.
—David Lasley, Henderson, NV

Net neutrality is not just important to me it is important to everyone. Without neutrality we are allowing major corporations the ability to change the face of free speech and the flow of ideas in the modern age. In the past there have been many controversial ideas be it women's suffrage, Jim Crow, or views on peoples sexual orientations that some had deemed unfavorable but the principles of the first amendment allowed to be heard. In the modern age with so much of these ideas flowing through the Internet it is more important than ever to prevent a minority opinion from influencing what the vast majority is able to absorb and use to shape their own views.
—Brent, Addison, NY

Keep internet free of monopoly of the corporations. We do not need faster service by the few in order to just get more money out of us. ISPs should be common carriers.
—Sharon Bishop, Janesville, WI

Keep the internet free and open as it is now. Don't try to fix what isn't broken.
—Noreen Fish, Worcester, MA

The availability to all was the point of the internet. I am surprised that there is even any conversation regarding "fast lanes". The FCC is supposed to be a government watchdog, not a lapdog for some greedy companies who figured out a way to increase their bottom lines! So, the question is, do you want to do the appropriate thing AND BE that watchdog OR do you want to roll over while the foxes raid the chicken coop? Please be the watchdog that you were hired to be. Our free speech, the First Ammemdment right, depends on it! Thank you, Emily Snyder
—Snyder Emily, Crockett, CA

Do not be clueless. You have to reclassify the ISP's as common carriers to protect true net neutrality. The Internet will die without it and it will look like cable. If you do not you and Obama have sold the American people out. They have bandwidth caps and overages to cure the problem of heaver users. This is a neutral model. They want to do both..... Do not let them.
—Lynette V, Gladewater, TX

Please keep net neutrality, I pay my isp for service regardless of where the traffic goes. I pay for an unlimited pipe to any place on the internet. Stopping net neutrality would basically give the ISP/Cable providers free reign to charge useless fee's. Verizon and AT&T have already done this with the mobile phone services which are going up every year and service speeds are staying the same. They will do the same thing with their ISP business. It will be an endless list of packages like youtube plus family or you need to pay for another connection to hotmail. I will be outraged if the cable/ISP's get their way yet again.
—Chris Hinshaw, Spring, TX

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—P Russel, Gladewater, TX

Although it may not be direct, I think this will lead to customers paying more and/or getting worse service. I think it will lead to the internet service providers having so much control that we, the customers, will no longer have any reasonable choices and left with feeling unfair treatment. Just gives me feelings of "evilness" and "sneakiness".
—Melissa, Spring, TX

I can't afford to live my daily life i have to pay for this shit.
—Mikkel Levin, Copenhagen,

The Internet is not broken and does not need fixing. Net Neutrality works because it allows for fair competition and is helping our economy stay afloat. Do not allow cable companies, companies like Comcast who already operate as a monopoly in Pennsylvania, to create an unequal playing field. We don't need it and we don't want it.
—Dan Kletter, Sunnyvale, CA

The internet is another potential boon for the corporate take over of American with ruthless business practices and another profitable way to oppress the many at the benefit of the few. NO. KEEP THE INTERNET FREE AND NEUTRAL!
—Marianne Sippel, Nevada City, CA

Chairman Wheeler's attempt to list broadband internet as anything but a common carrier service is criminal and an outright abuse of power and position, and the American people will not stand for it, myself included.
—Devin Toney, Saltillo, MS

Leave our internet alone, enough already!
—Crystal, Watertown, NY

The internet should not be categorized and should be open to everyone fairly. The beginning of discrimination begins with the end of Net Neutrality. We teach our children to treat everyone with the same respect, but with the end of Net Neutrality we teach them separation of people. Keep Net Neutrality alive.
—Helen Vo, Philadelphia, PA

FCC throw out these rules that are only good for mega business and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality.
—Kerry Faulkner, West Jordan, UT

Net Neutrality is of immense importance to the Common Good! Allowing corporation's to pick winners (fast lane) and losers (just barely good enough) will hasten the decline of most of U.S. citizens into third world conditions.
—William Earley, Racine, WI

A two-tiered Internet would be harmful to everyone, except for the behemoth ISPs who would profit from it. Real innovation would be stifled. We'd never know what the next big thing will be because the next big thing wouldn't be able to afford bringing it to the public. Essentially, we'd be ensuring that the Internet twenty years from now will look the same as the Internet today. That is not what we want. Mr. Wheeler, the rules need to change. Please protect real net neutrality.
—Garrett Nay, Orem, UT

I strongly disagree with this whole deal.
—Garra Shapiro, Clearwater, FL

The internet belongs to everyone not just the wealthy,big business or powerful. Next, are they going to have their own preferential lanes on our highways where they can drive and speed with impunity?
—Dianne Vivlamore, Clifton Park, NY

Don't let the cable and satellite companies screw over the American people with higher speeds and higher costs to consumers base on content.
—Larry Moyer, metamora, MI

Please support net neutrality for all
—Bhavin Jhaveri, Edison, NJ

It's not right. It's a step back in social fairness.
—Adam dempster, Bowral,

Any action which uses wealth to reduce equal opportunity for all citizens defies the major tenet of the Constitution..."Equal Opportunity".... a level playing field. We have allowed money to buy life, electtions , and apparrently access to data. Monied folk can enjoy luxury, but their intrusion on basic human needs really makes our touted priciples a farce!
—Bernice/Jeff Anderson, Valhalla, NY

I don't want big corporations to decide what I want to search.
—Nate Esterline, Reading, PA

You, Chairman Tom Wheeler, have a plan to create a two-tiered Internet which would provide a fast lane to service providers who will pay high fees for it and a slow(er) lane for the rest of us. I categorically condemn this unwise and destructive proposal. The Internet should be a place where all users are equal regardless of how rich they are. The best way to save the Internet and have it work for all of us is to reclassify internet service providers as common carriers. It is time the FCC started acting in the public interest rather than for the special interests. Please, the Roberts Supreme Court having twice sold us to big business, please do not sell us again.
—Hal Norvell, Gardiner, ME

The Government has a Constitutional responsibility to protect the Freedom of Speech and EQUAL access to information. Government should not create a tiered system of those that have better access to information than those that cannot afford that same access. Government should level the playing field, not create winners and losers.
—Bill Schelinski, St. Louis, MO

Keep your greedy fingers off of our internet! There was a time when companies actually cared, but profits made them traitors of the very workers that made them great! " HANDS OFF"
—Kenneth V Larsson, Sun Valley, NV

I'm Australian, but this would still affect me in the long run. Net Neutrality is what makes the internet such an amazing tool. Arseholes at the FCC who are trying to make more money than they currently do deserve a fist up their arse. Net Neutrality is what we have, want and will always have. You dumb cunts.
—Guy Schulz, Clinton,

Allowing corporations to create a tiered internet is corrupt and destructive. Leave the internet open, reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Marshall T Mabie, Alexandria, VA

Taking away net neutrality opens the doors for companies such as Comcast from keeping small independent websites from achieving success without them having to pay in. How could you allow this to happen in a free market? Don't go down in history as those who took man's greatest library of knowledge and sold it for a dollar.
—Jeffrey Hale, Auburn, WA

Prevent Payola Broadband! I want an internet with no blocking, no discrimination, no slowdown, no speedup. Reclassify broadband Internet access as a telecommunications service, reclassify ISPs as common carriers! Gary Hosey Greensboro, NC
—Gary Hosey, Greensboro, NC

Although I may not be an American citizen, the FCC's decision is important to me because American policy is influential internationally, particularly in my own country Australia. As such it is important to defend Net Neutrality wherever it is threatened as one countries decisions could influence many others. The internet should be an equal platform, where new voices have just as much ability to express themselves and be recognised as those companies on the internet who have massive financial resources to back them. The beauty of the internet is its democratic nature. Allowing service providers to determine which content is given priority based on how much sites pay, would commodifying he internet and stamping all over its democracy of voices. As someone from a democratic country who deeply cares about this, to someone in another democratic country, which holds democracy among its core ideals, please defend Net Neutrality, and do not let service providers commodify our most democratic platform. For the people, not the companies.
—Emma Armstrong, Sydney,

We must keep the net neutral! You must reclassify ISPs as common carriers!
—Jeff Somma, quincy, MA

Please don't let them limit the internet!
—Lee, Double Springs, AL

"Chairman Tom Wheeler has a plan to create a two-tiered Internet which would provide a fast lane to service providers who will pay high fees for it and a slow(er) lane for the rest of us. I categorically condemn this unwise and destructive proposal. The Internet should be a place where all users are equal regardless of how rich they are. The best way to save the Internet and have it work for all of us is to reclassify internet service providers as common carriers. It is time the FCC started acting in the public interest rather than for the special interests."
—Susan Zaslaw, San Jose, CA

Please, leave the internet the way that it is. We do not need a premium internet for those who pay more when we have an internet that everyone already has to pay for. The service providers are already being paid for the internet. Please leave Net Neutrality as it is. NO to Tom Wheeler's plan. Thank you very much.
—Josh Aiman, Moscow, ID

The American culture needs true Net Neutrality in order for the people to thrive in the information age... If the Internet becomes controlled by the media monopolies for their money making schemes, we are lost... Please reclassify ISPs as Common Carriers so there is at least a chance for the voice, and the thoughts of the people to to be shared... online...
—Glen Tracy, Riverside, CA

I support Net Neutrality. I do not support any compromises of this right. Do not sell off our freedom & equal access to internet consumers.
—Victoria LaFara, Portland, OR

Net Neutrality is the reason why the internet is different from other platforms like TV and radio. Little to no money is needed for people to share their work and connect with like-minded individuals. The internet services people value the most are free like Facebook and YouTube or of extremely low costs. All that matters is the quality of content you share because everyone is treated equally. A two-tier system will destroy the equal platform and the reason why people love the internet will disappear forever.
—Rishi Mittal, Faridabad,

The American people and our civilization as we know it deserves to be able to live the American dream. Making the world a better place doesn't involve limiting startups from getting their share of the internet. Letting net neutrality die can have serious impacts on our economy too. Think about this, you will literally have the fate of the world in your hands when you make this decision.
—Andrew Cordova, Albuquerque, NM

I am writing you to voice my concerns about policy, that if implemented, could radically alter the way the internet functions and would undermine the democratic and egalitarian aspects that our society values. By threatening to dismantle net neutrality, you are also threatening the very foundations of a free and equal society. By giving special privileges to specific entities based on wealth and power, you are restricting creativity and dampening the voice of people who don’t have the means to compete in an unfair market. I urge you to uphold the values of a free internet for a free society. Thank you.
—Brett Pike, Bradenton, FL

Dear FCC, Please don't create two-tiered internet. The content on any page should not be discriminated against. Throw out the rules for two tiered internet and reclassify the ISPs as common carriers. Thank you.
—Mariya Chechina, Maywood, NJ

Because companies don't need any more help dicking over the working people of America. It's bad enough our cable tv system is complete shit, we don't need to allow them to make things even worse.
—Robin Baird, Newbury, MA

Without net neutrality, the Internet will be yet another example of the rich minority being pampered at the expense of the rest of us. It is a tool for free expression, and the voices of the majority should not be stifled in a democratic society. But the U.S. doesn't have a good track record for this kind of thing, so I'm not keeping my hopes up.
—Christopher Snape, McLaren Flat,

Chairman Wheeler - A two-tiered Internet is simply wrong. ISPs should be classified as common carriers.
—Mr Aaron A Gesicki, Oak Creek, WI

To the FCC, I encourage you to keep net neutrality in order to assure fair and equal access to the internet. FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler's plan will allow yet another case of financial extortion by the large corporations. Keep the internet open and available to everyone equally. Thank you.
—Michael Greene, Boalsburg, PA

Allowing multi-tiered internet service will only exacerbate the existing inequalities with regard to access to information. It's bad enough that internet access has become so expensive along with its growing centrality to our daily lives - schools requiring internet-researched projects, businesses requiring employees check e-mail on days away, content delivery such as tv shows streamed directly from the networks or Hulu - and allowing companies to control who sees what information and how quickly will make it worse. It puts more power into the hands of a few to decide what content to allow and serve to the many. These could easily become anti-competitive, such as a cable company creating a choke point to slow all data from alternate news or TV broadcasters (e.g. Fox on a Comcast connection), in turn creating an uneven market for internet content providers. I pay for the transfer of data, not for the service providers to choose what and how quickly to transfer it. Allowing companies to artificially slow data based simply on its origin unless the consumer can pay a premium effectively puts a tax on the freedom of information. Allowing the end of Net Neutrality is fundamentally anti-democratic. (In case you're wondering why a Canadian cares about US law, 1) most of my internet traffic goes through US servers, such as you can see on my e-mail address, and 2) anti-Net Neutrality measures in the USA would be a test case for the rest of the world.)
—Aria D, Enfield,

You MUST protect real Net Neutrality!! This is America, NO!?!???
—Ronda Brown, Waverly, NY

We don't need a more plutocratic world. Please protect Net Neutrality.
—Jade Shao, Temple City, CA

It is extremely important not to allow the Internet to be purchased by big media and communications companies, which only care about making big profits and controlling access to information. They'll be deciding what information to which we have access and what information to which we do not have access, which is un-American and is just plain wrong. Please do not support FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler's plan. This plan has the words "monopolistic violation of freedom" written all over it.
—Rachel Cantrell, Ferris, TX

This should be a common carrier for all. Not a 2 tier system for those willing to pay more for faster service.
—Marvin Yaker, Lutherville, MD

I support net neutrality, in order to maintain the diversity of the Internet. Please do not allow money to guide what content is available.
—Annette Jones-Wilson, Annapolis, MD

Stop this nonsense and keep our right to freedom on the internet. There's plenty of bandwidth if these companies would start investing some of their billions in profit in upgrading the lines. There is no NEED to pursue this nonsense discrimination bomb. You say you will enforce rules now, but what happens in 5 years or 10 years when the entire administration changes. You don't think the cable companies are banking on that?
—Matt Perkins, Mesa, AZ

The internet in the modern world is a utility, not a luxury. It is a tool used everyday by everyone; for communication, business and entertainment. For me, the internet is a central hub, connecting aspects of my life. Tearing down Net Neutrality will negatively impact my personal life. My dreams are to create tools which every person can use to accomplish daily tasks. The internet is the key to that. Without Net Neutrality, my hopes are crushed. The exchange of ideas and information is not to be dictated by any power. Keep Net Neutrality.
—Hong Kim, College Point, NY

Net Neutrality is important because freedom must exist everywhere.
—Fabrice Lanfrey, Reggio Emilia,

There is absolutely no reason to allow net neutrality to be destroyed. Our system now works perfectly and is equal. Big companies need to deal with having the same playground as everyone else.
—Megan Butler, Port Orchard, WA

Its important in protecting a free open enviroment that lets creativity thrive for one and all, haveing any sort of limitation or speciality is too easly abused.
—Trevor J Holland, Las Vegas, NV

The FCC has the power and the responsibility to ensure that Internet access is equal for all citizens. The Internet should be classified as telecommunication service and a public utility that it not for sale to the highest bidder. Internet Neutrality is essential to all Americans as we go about our daily affairs like communicating freely, shopping for jobs or homes or health information. Maybe we use the Internet to help us conduct our business - to create our livelihoods. Or maybe we just want to know that we have access to any information we might need in order to be responsible members of a democracy. The Internet is NOT for sale and never should be! Think about air - and if someone with a lot of money could not let you get as much as someone else. Or think about censorship! Ever heard of George Orwell? Without Net Neutrality our children might never hear of him either. That's kinda the point don't you think? Internet Neutrality is essential!
—Ken Broome, Raleigh, NC

It's only fair to allow EVERYONE to be equal on the internet. Please do not allow MONEY to rule humanity-
—Michelle Zaladonis, chicago, IL

So many innovations and advancements have been made possible through everyone being able to access the Internet in the same way regardless of their carrier or where they're from. Giving the companies who already make money off of providing this service the ability to charge even more for it and determine who can get the full benefits of it will only hurt us over time. Besides, I get my phone service and my Internet service from the same company over the same line and use my Internet for communication more than I use my phone; how are they not a telecommunications service and a common carrier?
—David Wilson, Kent, WA

to protect free speech online is to reclassify Internet service providers as common carriers.
—Eric Hunt, las vegas, NV

The internet is Global. Do not try to censure or discriminate who or what we can research. That is the job of parents and no one else.
—MK GRassel, Nambour,

Classify ISPs as common carriers under telecom standards like they used to be.
—Brendan Aragorn, Roseburg, OR

Comcast, att already have monopoly in providing internet service which is terrible. Since there is hardly any competition these companies charge exorbitant prices for a sub-par service. This law will give these companies more power and ruin small businesses.
—Chandni Singh, Mountain View, CA

The internet has become a necessity like any other public utility. To allow corporations the ability to have this type of control over the internet would hurt both citizens and smaller businesses; and benefit only large corporations.
—Eric Morton, Fishers, IN

No one is better than any other person in our nation. Knowledge needs to be available to all to make wise decisions. We do not need levels of access based on the size and influence of the organization. Net neutrality protects the little guy from being exploited. Thank You.
—Mark B. Jordan, Santa Cruz, CA

all data should stay equal
—Katherine Carpenter, San Francisco, CA

It unmakes the internet as it is (was) and thereby starts a huge information war - between lower Net services; Hell, I wasn't born with the 'net, but without it, just think of the knowledge and creativity bases lost - solely due to your 'laws'. Sure, a law can be good; but not when it exists solely to destroy what (is) was the greatest source of knowledge upon this earth.....
—John Kevin Webster, Madison, MS

I am an IT professional and Net Neutrality is extremely important to me. The internet needs to remain as open and neutral as possible. It is not owned by any one country or company and should not be driven and controlled to the betterment of any company, cause or service, rather it should be open for all. Legal and free use should not be controlled, while illegal activities should be monitored and attacked as needed. We have already seen some countries like China control their internet and it creates an underground movement and prosecution of innocent people. ISPs in the U.S. are trying to manipulate their service to the internet to continue to increase their revenue. Things like audio and video are being delivered more and more via the internet. ISPs should not be able to control what is delivered or at what speed. We pay these ISPs for a service which they do not even deliver well. The real answer would be to see internet service more like a utility delivering electricity, gas or water, where we pay for it but aren't raped by poor serving corporate entities.
—Norman Cocke, MEMPHIS, TN

The internet was created with public dollars and belongs to the public as a common carrier that provides equal access to all. We really don't need third parties such as Comcast, Verizon, and AT&t interfering with or limiting access. Nationalize the internet - we funded it to begin with - and that would solve the problem completely!
—Linda Bassett, RPV, CA

I do not want my internet regulated.
—Clifton Shepherd, Williamstown, NJ

The Internet needs to be an equal access way of communication for all people. Discrimination against people who can not afford to pay extra fees should not be allowed.
—Betty Ott, Reseda, CA

ISP's shouldn't have the power to control what I can and can't view on the internet especially with tiers.
—Maximillion Rosario, Miami, FL

Access to the internet should not be driven by profits for ISP's. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—James Cartwright, North Hollywood, CA

How is this even an issue? Isn't the FCC a U.S. gov agency, and therefore, working on behalf of the peoples interests? On the FCC About page of their own web site it says: "In its work facing economic opportunities and challenges associated with rapidly evolving advances in global communications, the agency capitalizes on its competencies in: Promoting competition, innovation and investment in broadband services and facilities" How is selling bandwidth to the highest bidder going to promote competition, or innovation? A few cable companies have already been allowed to become near monopolies, corporations can spend unlimited money bribing politicians and influencing elections, so the internet is the last place ordinary people can be heard. So now you going to allow that as well!
—Ian Talcroft, Santa Rosa, CA

If Wheeler wants this idiotic piece of public policy then he should be willing to sign a contract that says he will never work in any way, shape or form with any organization that deals with telecommunications, the internet, or with a firm that in any way, shape or form deals with these industries. Wheeler's career when he steps down should be FCC neutered, not neutral.
—P S. Ring, Los Angeles, CA

All data must be treated equally. Freedom in spreading informations.
—Marek Veleba, Zvolen,

So, the FCC is trying to allow the monopolization of the internet? Great. Fan-friggen--tastic. Have we forgotten everything Teddy Roosevelt fought against in his trust-busting campaigns? Teddy built his entire 8-year presidency on the precedent that Monopolization of ANYTHING was manipulation of the masses and was detrimental to society as a whole. Do you really think AT&T and Comcast won't turn into 21st-century monopoly replicas of Rockefeller's Standard Oil? Internet access will become a luxury resource, one that standard American families will struggle to afford because smaller, less competitive internet providers will be driven out of business or swallowed by the tycoon companies. There will be no such thing as competitive rates or competition in the internet provider field anymore. Large companies will be able to charge whatever they want for however limited access they choose to be standard, allowed to set pay-by-speed prices that would leave the general public in the dark ages of the internet, incapable of even the most simple web search. With that, I conclude my argument against Net Neutrality and just hope that you consider at least some of the more educated and reasonable arguments here, even if mine doesn't exactly turn out to be one. - Thank you.
—Michael Shaver, Chicago, IL

Net Neutrality is essential for a fair and equitable modern society. Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Sydney Brinker, Maplewood, MN

The internet as we know it today would never have developed without the principle of network neutrality. Please don't sell us out. Future generations will not forgive you.
—David Lively, Hudson, MA

Without net neutrality, the Internet will be claimed by big-money corporations and snatched away from the lower classes of society. As well as this, certain websites may be slowed down to the point of uselessness.
—Seán Ó Broin, Ballydehob,

Start-ups do not have advertising budgets. Start-ups change the technology landscape giving better products and services cheaper than existing products and services. In the absence of net neutrality, the start-ups would be pushed down and the general public suffers monopoly of the big corporations. Please classify the Internet Service as a Public Utility and protect net neutrality.
—Mohideen Ibramsha, Salisbury, MD

We need a free Internet for everybody! No matter how much money one has. Please keep the internet free, FCC! Otherwhile many people will really get pissed, and you know, the internet is strong!
—Bill Heidenreich, Dresden,

Keep the internet neutral. Throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Julie Osmanski, Taos, NM

We have fewer and fewer platforms today to speak our minds. Corporations and government agencies have taken so much away from us, especially the freedoms to make a difference, to voice our opinions, to tell our truths, whether left or right. The voices of the American people are disappearing and when that happens, our country will disappear, becoming something it never should become. The Net belongs to all of us. Do not steal our voices. Corporations are afraid of us, and we are one of the only stops on them. This is our country. Not yours, FCC. Mine. My friends. My country. Ours, not yours.
—Loana Hoylman, Santa Fe, NM

Dear FCC (Tom Wheeler): As a citizen of the U.S. who everyday feels that corporations are dictating our government decisions, I would like to add my 2-cents to the growing clamor for real net neutrality. My vote is for ISPs to be reclassified as common carriers> I say "NO" to a two-tiered Internet! Philip Cook
—Philip E Cook, Myrtle Beach, SC

"You couldn't describe a monopoly more clearly if you wore a metal hat driving a metal car after winning 2nd prize in a beauty contest". - John Oliver
—Jonte Smith, Houston, TX

I don't like the idea of these corporations interfering any further about any decisions pertaining to anything in my life.
—Justus, Commerce, MI

We do not need your new rulings. Please stop messing with what already works. My wish would be that Wheeler be pulled from office. He should have never been put there in the first place.
—Shad hadley, de soto, KS

Freedom is precious, so is the internet. Keep it that way, please.
—Rui Torres, Covilhã/Teixoso,

The internet is an open gift that we as humans have harnessed and deserve to have complete accessibility to. The internet have become a vital part of our culture as a human race. Even in school it is a requirement. Making it harder to obtain is far from the answer. The matter of restricting our internet access is another matter of restricting our freedoms. Honestly Internet should be freely accessible but it isn't. It is a wonderful thing that allows us to connect with cultures and people in brand new ways allowing us to open up and expand our minds. Net Nuetrality is the best option currently.
—Heather Mosher, Gloversville, NY

Stop taking your marching orders from corporate communications companies seeking only to maximize profits and put us in informational lockdown by ending our privacy. Don't any of your fed bureaucrats read?
—Joseph Taylor, Elizabethton, TN

why,why,why,why,why,why,why, would our government do this??
—Bryan Johnson, raleigh, NC

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!
—Michelle Malinoski, OJAI, CA

Do you really want to eliminate the last place censure-free?...
—Bogdan, Timisoara,

Dear Commissioners, Please respect ALL web content by keeping our internet NEUTRAL. Consumers deserve equal access to all aspects of the web, and the wealthiest players should not control connection speeds. I urge you to reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Michael J. Barnes, Villas, NJ

Our Constitutions does not say "We the Corporations", it says, "We the PEOPLE" - and regardless of what the SCJOTUS says, Corporations are NOT PEOPLE. The Net is FOR the PEOPLE. NOT to be manipulated, and controlled by lobby funding big business. DO THE RIGHT THING!
—Rhonda Matson, Westport, MA

Occupy Wall Street was nothing. If you (the FCC/ federal government) put this new form of mass control on our internet, the citizens backlash will make you all sorry. RT.com reported a story yesterday that a new NSA whistleblower has just come forward and revealed that the NSA has recorded not only our Meta Data, but the actual voice recordings from 80% of US phone calls. This shows that you(US Government) are obviously scared shitless that the people will revolt. This is also why all the uprising from around the world this year have not been televised on any US news stations. The internet is the last place left to get uncorrupted, unbiased news in the United States, and your new multi-tier internet will be used to oppress those web sites that provide news that the US government doesn't deem suitable for the masses. The appointment of Tom Wheeler to head the FCC is a first hand example of how corrupt our government actually is. I mean come on, a former lobbyist for the cable industry. Are you shitting me? Don't be as stupid as the government thinks you(the individual) are. Don't ruin the internet retards!
—Donald Baxter, pittsburgh, PA

Dear Chairman Wheeler, "Net Neutrality" is important because it makes the Internet one of the few places where there truly is "a level playing field". Guess what a "half fast half slow Internet" does? It's not just LOUSY for consumers. It makes it hard for NEW businesses to start & compete. Less successful new business start-up's equals LESS jobs equals a STAGNANT economy! Sincerely, Jeremiah N. Carreon
—Jeremiah N Carreon, Los Angeles, CA

ISPs have had far too much leeway and market control for too long as it is. If they are going to provide an essential service--which, in this day and age internet access absolutely is--then they should fall subject to reclassification as common carriers, and be prohibited from the discriminatory and monopolistic practices that they already use, as well as preventing further discrimination of traffic and access to both the utilization of, and adding to information online by everyday persons, regardless of whether or not they are in the top percentage of corporations, or everyday citizens who do not want to pay a premium for decreased options and access. Do not let ISPs destroy one of the greatest achievements in human history in the name of their already out of control profiteering.
—M Finch, arlington, VA

The internet should be a free resource for all citizens of the United States. By allowing "internet fast lanes" you will ruin the internet. Large internet communication companies will be able to bully smaller companies out of the internet space by charging money to load their content on the internet. That is not how the internet should be. The internet should be freely available to all people and businesses. I strongly urge the FCC to reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Kyle Busdieker, Milford, OH

This would represent an historical step backwards equivalent to destroying the interstate highways in favor of paid toll systems. The beginning of the end of the American Century with corrupt businesses and politicians lining up their pockets at the expense of our civilization. That Wheeler is the vehicle for this incredible and scandalous attempt is unsurprising. Disgraceful is the only adjective that is applicable.
—Richard Unanue, Asheville, NC

We Are Hard Working People Who Are Struggling To Get By. We Deserve To Be Treated Fairly. We Pay Our Bills. We Deserve To Be Rewarded For The Things That We Work Hard For. The Internet Is Our Connection To The World And If That Connection Is Slowed Down Then That Means The Progress Of The World Will Slow Down As Well. We Are Human Beings Just Like Everyone Else And We Deserve A Level Playing Field.
—Brandon, Charleston, SC

Stop it! Enough with being a bunch of control freaks.
—Kelly Vaughn, Longview, TX

Ending Net Neutrality is like revoking all citizens passports and drivers licenses. Everyone can just stay home, without connection to the outside world.
—Eric, Exton, PA

Dear FCC I am a family doctor and my patients need ISPs as common carriers for their health and well being. I need it to communicate public health and safety to them.
—Patricia Boiko MD, Seattle, WA

I want my children to be able to learn and teach themselves with the internet, if you allow fast lanes then their minds will be manipulated and dumbed down due to orwellian psychosocial manipulation
—Eric, tempe, AZ

You must preserve Net Neutrality for all the people as one of our commons! The corporations are too greedy and taken over too much already. Please don't allow this takeover!
—Jim Zak, Pine City, MN

The net should be available to everyone with the same speed, same capabilities, same everything. Corporations should not be given controls to provide to people based on how much money they choose to spend for the "freedom" to be on the web. This society is losing all of it's freedoms as a result of the government providing to companies in exchange for gifts!
—Brenda Browning, Cross Junction, VA

The internet should remain an equal playing field for all companies not cater to those with the largest bank accounts.
—Andy Mool, Pittsburgh, PA

Two tiered, or more; means second class, and worse. Common carrier designation is needed instead.
—Vince George, Tallahassee, FL

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—Daniel Borcherding, bramsche,

Permitting the ISPs to create a slow lane for traffic generated by less wealthy organizations and individuals will stifle the innovation and exchange of ideas we've enjoyed so much from the Internet over the past few decades. The Internet of Things (IoT) relies on small devices exchanging data between each other and cloud services. These devices may be produced by inventors, young budding startups, researchers, and hobbyists. Forcing them to pay in order to be competitive with larger established corporations will reduce the number of jobs created for small businesses and reduce the competitiveness of this market. Only continued neutrality will ensure that we can ride the wave of free innovation through the 21st century and realize the potential of smarter, greener, more efficient and resilient buildings, cars, cities, and lives. Furthermore, the only time a "fast lane" should be considered is in emergency situations. The ISPs should provide a fast-lane to officially registered and recognized emergency response organizations and no other time. This should not require payment by these groups as they are often underfunded and staffed by volunteers. Please consider the researchers and entrepreneurs, like myself, that will continue to grow our economy and create high-paying jobs right here in the United States. Don't allow the ISPs to pick and choose which companies bubble to the top because they are unlikely to adopt innovation and competition-friendly policies for that process. The public demands that this service, which has become an important part of our lives and economy, be reclassified as a public utility. Given the private ISPs track record, this is the only possible option for revitalizing our networks' growth and catching up to the rest of the developed world in terms of Internet speed, availability, and service. America built the first internet and it deserves to be first. Please don't rob that from US!
—Kyle Benson, Hockessin, DE

Net neutrality is important to me because I the internet is the most powerful force of individual liberty and individual empowerment the world has ever seen. It is a great fortress standing against the corporitization of information. When billions of people can interact with each other Truly the internet it is a public utility. It is the pipeline of information and these pipelines should be as free and undiscriminating as water, electricity, gas. A water company is not permitted to drastically decrease water pressure to mom-and-pop business and give better water pressure to high-paying McBusiness. ISPs should not be permitted to throttle speeds to Small_Tech_Startup and give rich McDotCom ultra fast connection. Another analogy would be if telephone companies were permitted to give poor connections and dropped calls to mom-and-pop stores while giving crisp, clear, and reliable connections to Walmart. The American economy is viciously corporatized. We have corporate monopolies and oligopolies in this country that are comparable in size, power, and greed to those of the deplorable oil, steel, and rail monopolies of the early 1900s. The internet is one of the few avenues the people have to do business and innovate without the oppression of mega-corporations. If you allow ISPs to discriminate in any way, you you will be assaulting the rights of your citizens to open and free expression, you will be assaulting democratic values, and you will be seriously damaging e-commerce and all of the incredible innovation and start-ups that a free and open internet permits. To save the internet is entirely within the power of the FCC. Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—David Jiang MD, New York, NY

Big corporations control enough of America as it is. Free and open internet is essential.
—Katy C, Allentown, PA

I am a small business owner and I rely on the internet everyday to run my business. I am also broke as hell. I work a second job to make ends meet but I also have major health issues and have to worry about raising my son. I am already living on a tight budget and have no money to spare. Tiered internet could easily lead to price increases which could effectively drive me, and my partners, out of business. The business we've worked most of our lives to create.
—Logan Guidry, St. Augustine, FL

Net Neutrality is a protection for the technological progression of the future. The internet has been one of the greatest inventions of humanity rivaled only by the invention of the printing press in the dissemination of ideas, thoughts, communication, progress. If you take that away, if you regulate it into restriction and capitalism and demagogy, then you are destroying one of the greatest resources humanity has ever had at their fingertips, all for the increase of profits in the immediacy for some companies. If you protect Net Neutrality you increase the profit of information and access the world over. Don't throw away Net Neutrality. It's the last bastion of progress America has to pursue.
—Matthew Shearer, Charlotte, NC

Our country is based on equal opportunity. We have noticed that there is less of it than ever and it is affecting our standing as a first world country and our socio-economic health. DO NOT develop a tiered system. The future of our nation depends on it.
—Nicole Fall, Sparks, MD

Please do not sell even more of our democracy to the highest bidder. The citizens of the United States of American need net neutrality to be continued and upheld. Please reclassify the internet as a "common service carrier, and don't shunt the ordinary people who cannot afford any more extra fees. my self and my family included. My husband is on oxygen 24/7, and the internet is one of the very few ways he has to stay connected.
—Bernadette Monaghan, Bedford, TX

Perhaps it's time to think about what's best for the public - that is, the majority of citizens in the United States - for a change!
—Dr. Raymond E. Waldner, Palm Beach Gardens, FL

If we hadn't had net neutrality from the dawn of the internet until now, w wouldn't be able to enjoy and utilize many of the sites and apps that are so popular now. If this goes forward, it still be nothing more than a way for big business to strangle it anyone trying to start below them. How does this in any way resemble, or endorse, a free-market system. This is the kind of decision that law makers will be remembered for in the future. How you are remembered is up to you.
—Greg White, Fayetteville, AR

Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality.
—Ravi Patel, Boston, MA

You can´t take control of net neutrality, it´s important that everyone can have fast internet if they pay the provider, you can´t make certain companies that pay have faster connection. Not only because it´s unfair, it´s discrimination of small companies and it will lead to creating market without competing business.
—Filip Láslofi, Moldava nad Bodvou,

The internet belongs to everyone. It should not be offered to the highest bidder. That is not fair.
—Sally Mericle, Baltimore, MD

Big companies will control who gets the better service? How fair is that?
—Maria Gonzalez, Houston, TX

The interenet should be equally available to all not just mega corporations who will end up charging the average citizen dollars which should be our right. Have you ever heard of freedom of the press?
—Anita Rosenthal, slidell, LA

Don't ruin the Internet. ISPs are common carriers. They should find another industry if they aren't interested in being a utility.
—Sebastian Ferrari, Ann Arbor, MI

we support net neutrality. hands off. this is discrimination at its finest and I believe deep down you know it to be true. do the right thing. protect Americans.
—Mamie Janik, austin, TX

Net Neutrality has been responsible for some of the greatest economic growth in the last 15 years. Removing it will limit the ability for new entries into markets and provide the already saturated and lazy internet providers unbalanced control of the market.
—Bruce Medler, Cordova, TN

I direct the digital arm of a nonprofit providing seniors who are new to digital technologies the education, information and inspiration they need to get them online. For this population (as well as for low-income mothers) easy access to broadband helps erase social isolation, makes available critical information resources and provides forums for their voices to be heard. A two-speed highway will almost undoubtedly create a situation where slow-lane sites become too slow for many people, especially those who are still getting used to navigating the Internet.It will also undoubtedly mean that sites that do pay for fast-lane status will pass on the cost to consumers. Seniors will not put up with this - and they will want to know who to blame. Efficient and freely available broadband access cannot be considered a consumer luxury. It is essential. The FCC should reclassify broadband as an essential utility, and encourage providers to offer reduced cost service for seniors and low-income families. And ISPs should continue to be required to offer consumers of broadband access to all sites on a level playing field basis.
—Barbara Moore, New York, NY

The internet is free to all,can we please keep it that way
—Evan harris, loveland, OH

The Internet works because it is a free-form platform for innovation, connection, and experimentation. It needs to be free and accessible to ALL people, not just those with money. You need to reclassify ISPs as common carriers in order for true net neutrality to be protected as a common good.
—Pearl Klein, Seattle, WA

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality.
—Edward, Phoenix, AZ

Net neutrality is important to me because I am an educator. The internet serves as a an educational tool for millions of people around the world. Net neutrality means that students and teachers have aceess to the wealth of resources on the internet. Ending net neutrality is a terrible idea because it would end quick, efficient access to less affluent teachers and students. Please maintain net neutrality. Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the best policy for maintaining a well-educated citizenry.
—Mark Lund, Baltimore, MD

Dear Chairman Wheeler: I urge you to take action to preserve net neutrality and reclassify internet service providers as common carriers. By doing this you would limit the ISPs' ability to charge for preferred access and faster speeds that would completely change the internet as we know it. Right now, a small website or business is able to compete with larger entities on the internet based on merit (quality of information, product, customer service, etc.). Many start-up businesses have come from nowhere and found tremendous success on the internet, for example Amazon and Facebook. A two-tiered system that gives those able to pay preferred access and speed would eliminate this level playing field. Choices for products, news and pretty much anything else would be skewed toward larger entities able to pay. The internet is valuable to me because of the wide variety of information I am able to find. I do business with several smaller companies that provide excellent products and service. I also frequently search for news, athletic, and medical information. While the larger organizations can provide good content, I often find more detail and what I'm really looking for via smaller sites. I am very concerned that with a two-tiered system these smaller sites will be more difficult to find and may have relatively slower speeds that will discourage people (including myself) from using them. In addition, if the larger sites (Netflix, for example) have to pay for faster access, I am very concerned that the increased costs will be passed on to me. Even worse, even though safeguards are technically supposed to be in place, I am concerned that ISPs could potentially discriminate against certain entities by deliberately changing speeds. The prospect of a few ISPs dictating what content we see is terrifying and would be devastating to the free speech the internet is known for. Even if there are laws in place that forbid this, laws like this are often not strictly enforced. Limited access to information and increased costs are what we face if the ISPs are allowed to proceed with a two-tiered system. Again, I urge you to use your power to preempt this potential devastation to free speech and classify ISPs as common carriers. Thank you for your consideration.
—Anne Trotter, Gainesville, GA

The internet is communications. Give the "airwaves" back to the people! Yes, reclassify ISPs as common carriers!
—Sandra Luthi, Fargo, ND

The current 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. The internet should afford EVERYONE equal access to information and services. As the internet speed increases, everyone should be able to enjoy those improvements. Equally!
—Muhammad Salahuddin, River Ridge, LA

The two tiered plan is not good for everyone!!! True net neutrality is where everyone has the same opportunity at the same costs. Kindly do not proceed with the two tier plan.
—David Etchells, Hudsonville, MI

Do not provide an internet ghetto for some and a penthouse for others. New Neutrality will keep the internet viable for all the peoples of the world. It will keep the conduits of world communication open and available for all which is why the internet works as a way of disseminating instantaneous information on world events, wars, injustice and joy alike.
—Nancy Rutland, Corrales, NM

FCC: I urge you to throw out the internet rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Glassman Mazzeo, Holmdel, NJ

The world is not your personal bastion of personal morals and outdated thinking. Go away, leave it to the people who suffer enough with your decisions, if not as a place to get away from you.
—Kyle Sharpe, Charleston, SC

As we stated before, all citizens need equal access to this medium.
—William d. Dyke, Chicago, IL

Leave the internet as it is and don't create yet another class system that hurts small businesses, the middle working class and the American people in general all for another break for the one percent.
—JayJoshua Anderson, Kalamazoo, MI

Please do not let greed take over the internet. Keep it open for all people rich and poor. There is still plenty of money to be made by big companies without restricting open access.
—Steven Huntley, makawao, HI

The internet costs the government nothing. Why should that require an economic approach to rationing it? Keep the net neutral!
—David Fields, New York, NY

Because we live in a democracy, and the Net has been and should continue to be democratic, not influenced and changed by wealth and power.
—Ainslie Gilligan, Brattleboro, VT

The internet is a public utility and should be regulated as such. It is discrimination against the America public to let it turn it a tool for the wealthy.
—Mollie jay, Cheyenne, WY

The FCC's proposed Internet rules are 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. 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.
—Jennifer Cherry, madison heights, MI

Please re-classify ISPs as common carriers. Monopoly power has always been recognized as a threat to democracy. Net Neutrality is a key issue for the future of the USA.
—Michael Shoemaker, L.A., CA

Throw out your rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Leave our internet alone, no charges or discrimination! Thank you.
—Cathy Simpson, Winston-Salem, NC

Net neutrality is important to me because freedom of speech is a basic human right, and if access to websites can be regulated by businesses, people can be silenced.
—Ralph Pootawn, Livonia, MI

FCC needs to throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality.
—Michael Horning, San Francisco, CA

Pleaser maintain net neutrality. Maintain the democratic nature of internet communications and avoid the creation of a new approach that unfairly favors the rich and powerful. Keep things the same. Thanks.
—Sean Fitzpatrick, Freeport, ME

PLEASE!! It is entirely an unfair decision to allow this plan to continue. Let the internet be NEUTRAL!!
—Lorraine F Steeves, port saint lucie, FL

To FCC: The ruling to make the internet available to the highest bidder is in direct violation to the principles of free access to the public and to free education. The Internet was invented with taxpayer money — public money and we are now at a crossroad of businesses cutting off access to a free internet. Although I am not against a business interest, your ruling, allow those with money to flourish with no concern for the impact that the Internet has to offer to those practicing in the field of ideas. In keeping within the framework of democracy, We the people should be willing to pay to keep the Internet free and accessible to all.
—Oletha DeVane, Ellicott City, MD

Do you really think you're fooling anyone? Everyone with sense knows that their speed is going to be slowed. If these companies could provide faster service they'd already be charging for it. This is blatant discrimination and people aren't going to stand for it. Not on this scale. Not with this.
—Cecilia McElroy, Brockton, MA

No discrimination. Equal internet for all. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—J, osceola, WI

I'm a free enterprise, pro business person but also work for one of Silicon Valley's largest companies. The level of Internet service we receive here in the US is abysmal compared to those of other countries. We get slow speeds and high prices, and now those few companies that control that access want to strangle it even more. Please, PLEASE, regulate, in no uncertain terms, that the Internet is an open platform with no content restriction on access.
—Eduardo Franqui, San Diego, CA

My current network provider is Comcast they are a poor provider at best. Please!!!!!! don't give them any more control over the way content is delivered... I beg you keep the internet free from carrier control.....
—David W Devey, Salt Lake City, UT

Few would argue that the productivity increases we have experienced, and from which we have benefited, over the past several decades would have been possible without the innovation made possible by the explosion of internet access. That innovation, and all of the innovation that lies ahead for us, is at risk in this decision. Innovation doesn't happen with permission from established players and ISPs. Innovation happens in the most unexpected of places. Net neutrality provides a level playing field for the entrepreneurs who made America the economy that it continues to be. Suffocating them, even a little bit, with anything but net neutrality may make some happy in the short run, but it ignores the long-term consequences. Regulators are supposed to be focused on guarding the long-term for all of us. The arguments for net neutrality have been discussed in depth elsewhere. (For example, by reference, I incorporate the arguments by Marvin Ammori here: http://www.foreignaffairs.com/ articles/141536/marvin-ammori/ the-case-for-net-neutrality.) We consumers pay for access to the internet. Why should ISPs be able to charge for internet access twice--once from the consumer, and once from the provider? In any world other than the world of DC lobbying, that seems ridiculous. If there are bandwidth constraints, net neutrality would encourage the construction of more bandwidth... and the current FCC's proposal would encourage the reduction of it (higher profitability for the ISPs). The FCC's proposed Internet rules creates terrible incentives for the future. This seems to be a fight between the ISPs and the citizens of the US. I haven't heard an intellectual argument for the ISP's version of the rules, or the FCC's proposed rules. All of the people who think deeply about this (who aren't arguing on behalf of entrenched commercial interests) seem to favor net neutrality. How can the FCC ignore that? Isn't the FCC supposed to be looking out for the citizenry? I beg the FCC to show that it isn't in the pocket of a few powerful commercial interests and do the right thing--fight for net neutrality. There may not be a more important rule from the FCC in the next decade. This one counts. There are plenty of brilliant lawyers who have demonstrated that the FCC has the authority to make net neutrality happen. I encourage the FCC to take that path.
—Ethan Bernstein, West Newton, MA

The greatest democracy in the world should support the democracy of the greatest free speech medium of the world.
—Scott Susslin, San Francisco, CA

FCC, please throw out these restrictive and frankly disgustingly oppressive rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Jessica Beeli, Manhattan Beach, CA

Net Neutrality is one of the most important assets we have for the future of democracy and freedom. It must not be sacrificed for profit motivated interests. The profits of a few (or even large enterprises) can never serve the interests of the whole world public like a free and open internet. It would be UNJUST to allow private interests to limit access to the internet in any manner. That all people are now equal on the internet is a major world achievement which must not be lost! Lowell Hayes
—Lowell Hayes, Valle Crucis, NC

Tom Wheeler - you will be the Benedict Arnold of the 21st century if this passes under your watch. Absolutely no good will come of this proposal to attack what should be an inalienable right, and you know it. It's despicable that this has even come as far as it has.
—Brian Lucas, Tinley Park, IL

Net neutrality spurs innovation in the important technological industry. Seeing as nothing will be gained by stopping net neutrality by the general public (only a small number of large corporations will benefit), net neutrality should continue.
—Coryelle Pondy, Columbia, SC

Save the internet from being bought from the highest bidder! Free access for all!
—Ewallner1000@gmailcom Wallner, Alexandria, VA

Fair and equal service to all, for all.
—N Kern, Brooklyn, NY

Its about the bureau's and administrations and institutions and all the rest of this big administration acting as parent to all the little people and doing as they wish with no regard for what the American people want.The American people will only stand for so much and now that currency is printed,created at will on the backs of American labor theres no need for tax dollars to make the call,but we dont need to stand for socialistic rule and wont have it.Keep the internet and everything it stands for.
—David Charles, Pac Pal, CA

Because I teach English at a Community College in WV, net neutrality is essential for me and my students to do research with very, very, limited resources.
—Lisa Brewer, Summersville, WV

My livelihood depends upon a free and open internet, unfettered by the necessity of paying extra to reach my customers due to restrictions by providers. Help keep our economy's recovery on track by supporting net neutrality.
—Matthew Broyles, Fort Worth, TX

Everybody deserves the same rights to internet access. There should be no fast or slow lanes. I'm tired of being treated like a second class citizen because I am not rich. The discrimination between the have and the have-nots has grown significantly in many areas of day to day life. Please do not let that happen with internet.
—Lori Mulvey, Comstock Park, MI

I live in rural Idaho. Our connection to the state and federal government news and information comes from internet. I do not trust bureaucrats or CEO's to make my news and information decisions for me.
—Nita Musick, Grangeville, ID

Dear FCC, I do not agree with Chairman Wheeler's proposed two tier Internet. There can be no fast lanes on the Internet. Anyone who enters the internet economy should have equal access to consumers. Speed is everything in this age, unless we reclassify ISPs as common carriers, the small businesses and startups that use the internet will be guaranteed to lose against established giants of the industry that already have money to buy their way to people's computers and smartphones.
—Joseph DiZoglio jr, East Greenwich, RI

Dear fcc.Net neutrality must reman in firm place and be protected at all cost if not the net will be completely ruined and most likely the countries economy will follow suit if you allow this it will be your fault for being such a pussy greedy bastard for sucking companies dicks yep if you allow this your no better then a company dick sucker you will forever be known as that.Tom wheeler is a giant douchbag pussy company dick sucker that loves to bend over for giant corps.If verison especially starts taking full control of the net i'll definitely discontinue my contract with them and i'm sure many others will follow by discontinuing their contracts and watch as verison goes down the shitter.I hope the country crumbles if this is allowed to happen this is total bull grow a dang backbone and quit kissing up to companies.I'll also cancel my net if this crap is allowed cause what is the point if it's going to be slower then a turtle.Also might i mention computer sales with the average net user will most likely plummet big time.
—Chris, valley mills, TX

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. Controlling what data is available, and to whom is a form of censorship that will have severe consequences.
—Maeraj Sheikh, Ames, IA

The country shouldn't be controlled by special interest groups. Eliminating Net Neutrality will kill the internet as we know and use it. We don't need another victory for cooperate america, we need a victory for "we the people".
—Terry Jenkins, Hagerstown, MD

Because an informed public is an intelligent public, and an intelligent public is a better tax base.
—Bill Bendelow, Brooklyn, NY

Show America that the government still cares about protecting freedom not enabling companies to make money off it's citizens. Keep Net neutrality.
—John Rosales, oak forest, IL

Dear sirs, Do not allow cable companies and their lobbyists to steal the internet from the citizens of the United States.
—John Keyser, Nobleboro, ME

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers to ensure the freedom, versatility, and access we have come to accept, appreciate, and rely on. Do the right thing.
—Daniel Conklin, Largo, FL

Mr. Wheeler, I was very disappointed to read about the plan you are pushing that I feel would only create online discrimination by hurting those of us on fixed incomes. I am asking the FCC to throw out its rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the only way to protect real Net Neutrality, which in today's world is truly a necessity. Please do the right thing. Sincerely, Georgine Robertshaw
—Georgine Robertshaw, Summit Hill, PA

No way for any discrimination online! Fcc, throw out your rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers Protect Net Neutrality for al of us !
—Janice Killian, Des Mines, IA

Net Neutrality couldn't be more important. So much of the Internet we access is free resources and information websites with low overheads. How can these kinds of sites compete with large companies in a bidding war on bandwidth? Ending Net Neutrality will ruin the Internet for everyone and allow companies with more money to monopolise their markets. In support of small businesses and the interest of equal opportunities and anti-discrimination do not allow a proposal that jeopardises this.
—Rose Mckeon, Lancaster,

No fast lanes. Everyone deserves an open internet. Simple as that. Don't ruin it for everyone.
—Aaron Finch, Swansboro, NC

Hello I feel that net neutrality is of importance because I value community, small business and more diverse information that a tiered commercial service. I would like to suggest also that the FCC change its current rules and instead reclassify ISP's and common carriers.
—Karl Jensen, Wellington,

Equal Internet accessibility should be considered a basic human right. People over profit, humanity before corporations. Please put people first. Thank you for accepting comments.
—Judy G Driggers, Mint Hill, NC

PLEASE keep Net Neutrality by reclassifying all ISP's as common carriers. We do not want corporations deciding who can view what on the internet.
—Sheila Barnes, Hawthorne, FL

keep the net free its not for the elite!
—Blake M Conroy, Sparks, MD

Everyonethe same public libraries, right? In turn, shouldn'f everyone travel the same information highway? Is there no longer a government entitfy that regulates th estation of this somewhat publifc utiliity?
—Geoffrey Gannon, fayetteville, AR

Hello- I feel larger companies will squeeze out smaller and innovative companies, using their privileged (speed-wise) position to suppress good ideas. Marty Durkin, Milton, MA
—Martin Durkin, Milton, MA

Isn't there enough discrimination against those of us who aren't fortunate enough to be wealthy in this country? Please, please, please serve the common good for a change, rather than the special interests of those who can afford to buy government regulation. Net Neutrality is important to me because it keeps the world of the Internet open to all of us. Yes, to many it is just recreation. But the educational aspects will be negatively affected by the rules proposed by Mr. Wheeler. There are millions of people counting on the FCC to do the right thing here.
—Larry Mann, Lakeland, FL

The internet is not broken. Please do not try to "fix" it.
—Chris Sullivan, Los Angeles, CA

Don't let companies slow down internet access and increase profits at the same time
—Mike Bresser, Merrill, MI

Internet service providers should be reclassified as common carriers. To do otherwise puts individuals, small businesses and DEMOCRACY ITSELF at a disadvantage compared to the interests of large, wealthy corporations. This impedes progress on a broad front. Broadband internet service is fundamentally and obviously a part of the commons, just as telephone service is, and should be classified as such.
—David Leibowitz, New York, NY

Net neutrality is absolutely essential to the American way of life, to insure continuance of the country's intrinsic pursuit of freedom as one of the cornerstones of our democracy. Net neutrality promotes the enhancement of: Freedom of thought, Freedom to promote a fertile exchange ideas, and the Freedom for a "level playing field" for ALL irregardless of wealth, position or power.
—John Sturgeon Professor, Baltimore, MD

Free press is a fundamental American value that unfortunately we find ourselves enjoying less and less of. More and more I am turning to international sources to find put what is really happening since I can no longer rely on US news media.
—Karen Graham, SF, CA

I strongly support net-neutrality. Please do not allow this plan to be implemented.
—Mark Zeravica, Hawthorne, FL

The concept of a multi-tiered internet, with the ability for providers to cater to the wealthy and effectively punish lower income customers is unacceptable. With the internet rapidly becoming a desired source for services which not only include online shopping, but also media consumption in the form of newspapers, radio and television, it is imperative that everybody be treated on an equal footing. One rule, one policy for all, true net neutrality is the only viable option. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers to ensure that everybody has fair access to the internet.
—Paul Gillanders, Delta,

The internet must be free and uncensored by anyone.
—Gary Kitzis, Woodbury, NY

I am a dual US and Panamanian citizen by virtue of my birth in Panama to American parents, lived about half of my life in the United States and from Panama run a small website with many of my readers in the USA. The fight for freedom of the press is worldwide, but in Latin America we have certain things that people in the States may not be used to. In Panama we have fought off attacks on websites by the recently departed administration, and promises to "ban malicious websites" by candidates from the dictatorship era. ALL Latin Americans can look to Cuba, not through Miami exile lenses but as it is, and notice how the Castros censor the Internet. Cubans wanting to see a website that the government does not want them to see find that the download speed for those publications are slowed to the point of impossibility. So are you going to give corporations that don't know or care anything at all about Panama the ability to block Americans from seeing Latin America's perspectives on the news, our culture, the concerns of Americans living here and so on? Are the warnings that US investors ought to get about the various predators of many nationalities laying in wait for them if they do business here going to be blocked? That sort of blockage is what a fast lane for the Internet ultimately means. It's a disgusting, totalitarian idea. Make the Internet a common carrier with no discrimination, not only for the American people, but as an important attribute and tool for US foreign relations.
—Eric Jackson, Antón,

As the owner of a website I do not want to have access slowed by unfair manipulation of internet traffic
—Ernest Larson, Jesup, GA

Net neutrality is essential to the Freedom of Speech we are guaranteed. Money should not be able to buy better service and more ads.
—Martha Matsuda, Berkeley, CA

PLEASE PROTECT NET NEUTRALITY! Democracy depends upon freedom of information! ISP's ought to be common carriers!
—Eric Karn, St. paul, MN

Reclassify broadband Internet access as a telecommunications service and preserve net neutrality. The internet is the way it is now is an invaluable resource to all. By allowing large companies to control what is posted online is a clear violation of freedom of speech.
—Lindsey Harvey, Maple Valley, WA

how much more are you gonna take from the people?
—Patricia Donnelly, seattle, WA

1. It's none of the FCC's business; keep your laws off my communications. 2. It fosters INEQUALITY and ELITISM and is thus un-American, 3. We're already on the slowest internet in the World, and you want to slow us down further? No.
—R Roth, Cleveland, OH

The Internet belong to everyone and not just people with more money and power!
—David, Westminster, CA

To the FCC, Please maintain Net Neutrality and reclassify ISPs as common carriers. The Internet is the last source to keep democracy in this country, without net neutrality you will allow discrimination in favor of corporations who provide internet service. If the Supreme Court can rule corporations as people, than no two-tiered Internet is justified. If we are all people all must be equal.
—Mr. Jenny Takakura, los angeles, CA

Money and Power should not be able to control how we use the Internet!
—David, Costa Mesa, CA

The end of Net-Neutrality will be really bad for all normal people, and will make the internet less useable. It will change the internet in ways people dont realize now. Please, do not go ahead with this idea, it is not good. And you will be responsible for everyone's internet use, and freedom, forever. Its you guys' responsibility to make the right decision on this.
—Michael Skramstad Johnson, Lillehammer,

This is not fair and people in lower income brackets like myself who use the net to finish and further their education to become productive members of the great nation are being penalized! Unacceptable!
—James Leonard Tillotson Jr, Dallas, TX

How is Internet not a utility? Do the right thing. Capitalism demands it. However, I suppose if you're already bought and paid for, we need to replace you.
—Ashley Musick, Middleton, ID

Keep freedom of speech - Reclassify ISPs as common carriers and maintain net neutrality.
—Samantha Coughlin, Astoria, NY

The FCC's proposed destruction of Net Neutrality as we know it is more than a simple concern. It is nothing short of a social and economic catastrophe that caters to the monopolistic tendencies of corporate America that are in direct violation of the tenants upon which our anti-monopolistic laws are based. Any Chairman that would allow such a plan to be enacted (much less support it), deserves more ire and scorn than I have words for. Under no circumstances should this plan be put into effect. The fact that an agency of the federal government is behind a plan that will benefit absolutely none of the American public that make up that government screams of corruption and hypocrisy. I refuse to sit idly by while my government is bought out by greedy corporations looking to bend (or demolish) rules to stretch profits. I stand united with the millions of other Americans who have taken up the cause of saving Net Neutrality because it's a right we will fight to protect.
—Daniel Cronin, Alton, NH

Please do not discriminate against me. The internet should be equal to all. Fast and slow lanes should not exist within the web.
—Joshua Irvin, Sacramento, CA

Your proposed rules on "Net Neutrality" would only benefit so few and swindle so many. All Internet Service should be treated equally and not become a monopoly.
—Andrew Cuzick, Elkhart, IN

Net neutrality is essential to our democracy. Fight for it!
—Jennifer McNulty, Davenport, CA

Data providers (i.e. Comcast, Verizon, AT&T, Time Warner Cable, etc) should not be able to pick winners and losers over the internet. The proposal by the FCC would do just that where the data provides can dictate how much it will cost to play their game. This is against free market and American values. Keep all companies on a level playing field on the internet. Prevent companies from favoring their own content (Comcast with NBC and Verizon with Red Box). The creativity on the internet is a triumph of America and is our biggest competitive advantage in the world stage. Let's protect this and cement this position by enacting true net neutrality. Classify all of these data providers as Telecommunications companies and enforce true net neutrality.
—Jeffrey Caniglia, Jersey City, NJ

Access to the internet needs to be a fundamental human right.
—Brooke Hall, Baltimore, MD

Net Neutrality is important to people who need the internet and can barely afford the internet already. If there is no Net Neutrality then internet will be to slow to work with and to expensive to buy. Please stop and reconsider what your doing.
—Elizabeth, Madison, NJ

I believe all people who access the web should have unfettered access to information, without giving internet service providers preferred access/speed that costs more.
—Burton Thelander, Godeffroy, NY

Preserve our democracy of we the people of the United States! We the people need net neutrality if we are to survive as a democracy!
—Robert Van Kolken, Grand Rapids, MI

If you pass this law, everyone loses except for the billionaires who own the cable companies. No decent person who is out for the common good as opposed to lining their own pockets would ever vote against net neutrality.
—Matthew James Curtice, Hilliard, OH

Do your job, Tom Wheeler. How can you look at the broadband infrastructure across this country today and believe a word of what AT&T, Comcast, and the like are telling you about their fast lanes "bolstering competition." Internet service providers today abuse the word "competition" and are trying to convince the public that a monopoly with the power to nickel and dime both consumers and companies for services they already pay for is somehow creating a more competitive marketplace. We both know this is no the way to a competitive America. Please uphold net neutrality and change the classification of broadband providers to that of a utility.
—Nicole Tilly, Seattle, WA

Net belongs to everyone equally irrespective of financial status.
—Muzammil Syed, San Antonio, TX

Chairman Tom Wheeler has a plan to create a two-tiered Internet which would provide a fast lane to service providers who will pay high fees for it and a slow(er) lane for the rest of us. I categorically condemn this unwise and destructive proposal. The Internet should be a place where all users are equal regardless of how rich they are. The best way to save the Internet and have it work for all of us is to reclassify internet service providers as common carriers. It is time the FCC started acting in the public interest rather than for the special interests.
—Julie Jodock, Bothell, WA

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—Jerry Jodock, Bothell, WA

As a senior citizen, I am very concerned about the end of Net Neutrality. So much of what I do and how I gather news, learn about community events and stay current depends on free and easily available internet access. It seems to me that by implementing the proposed changes once again there will be a discrepancy between the haves and have nots. Who will decide whose useage takes precedence? Whose needs are more important? The internet will become a luxury many folks will be unable to afford. The ISPs must be reclassified as common carriers!
—Judith O'Shea, Fayetteville, NY

So that the internet remains on equal footing for all, it is essential that it remains a level playing field. To create a two-tiered system is against the very idea of the internet.
—Tim A, Arvada, CO

I don't want a future where we will be out-gunned by well-funded individuals and network corporations who have the means to take advantage of Internet fat-pipe high speed rail while the rest of us have no choice but to huff and puff on low budget dial-up rickshaws. The stratification of the Internet could very well be in our future and there's no way ordinary people like us, the 95% of United States citizens will benefit. Please cast aside your plans for "paid prioritization" and reclassify Internet Service Providers as telecommunication companies under Title II.
—David Steele, Signal Hill, CA

I urge that ISPs be reclassified as common carriers. The internet is not cable TV; its accessibility is much more crucial to our progress.
—Angel Mancebo, Kissimmee, FL

Net neutrality is important to me because it helps fuel innovation, growth, and the spread of ideas and culture. ISPs need to be reclassified as common carries to insure that we have a fair, open internet.
—James Lewis, Towson, MD

This whole proposal is just going to backfire horribly. Cable companies are going to lose catastrophic amounts of money from these fraudulent business practices!
—Elijah Dickerson, Shorewood, IL

It would not be fair for those with higher income to have access to more information than those with lower incomes.
—Lisa Wisniewski, Scheller, IL

Where does the greed end? Is there nothing that people can simply pay for and enjoy? Why must there always be more? Why must there always be a caveat? FCC, Mr. Wheeler: show that you have some morality and halt these efforts to control and profit off of every aspect of society. This is clearly a loophole that has been made to make another dollar off of the common people and it is sickening. Make your decision carefully. We are watching and we will remember.
—Andrea Brzezinski, Gulfport, MS

Dear People, I would like to ask you to overturn your current rules regarding the internet, and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Keep the Internet Free and accessible for All! Thank you, Debra Stretch
—Debra Stretch, Sebastopol, CA

Because its not fair for me, who pays for online, to be limited to internet options and information, its a violation on my first amendment right . And, its not right for those who uses the internet for small businesses who can't afford the fees . Have some common courtesy to everyone who uses the internet and leave Net Neutrality alone .
—Chris Trigg, Manchester, NH

We need net neutrality, not some "oversight" that is really a nod and a wink at the broadband buddies of Tom Wheeler. We need a free and open internet not a capitulation to the big business giants!
—Margaret R Crockett, San Luis Obispo, CA

Net Neutrality levels the playing field. The internet should be a neutral playing field.
—David Satkowski, New York, NY

The FCC needs to reclassify broadband providers as common carriers under Title II of the Communications Act, and put in place rules that prevent special interests from privileging the flow of some data over others. Protect NET NeUtrality!! Please!!! I think it's a free speech issue too!
—Theresa Shovlin, Baltimore, MD

It all began with the end of the Fairness Doctrine in 1987 during the Reagan administration. The FCC acted irresponsibly in that case and has never made any attempt to regain its credibility. The US continues on its road to censorship. Keep going, guys.....you'll make the US a third world country yet. As a retired government employee I am continuously amazed by the number of government employees who have forgotten; if they ever knew; who they work for.
—Carlos L'Dera, Bakersfield, CA

Dear FCC, I strongly oppose the suggested rules to eliminate net neutrality. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers. The Internet is the last great public forum, where people can share freely and on equal terms. Please do not work to destroy this critical freedom. Best, Rachel Brenc
—Rachel Brenc, Plainfield, IL

It has been said that independent news in vital to a democratic society. The same is true of the Internet. We need to maintain net neutrality. Thank you Chuck Eddy ceddy@kih.net
—yChuck Edd, Lexington, KY

America is suppose to be the land of the free. What happen???
—Amanda Abney, Port Hueneme, CA

Net neutrality is essential for American economic health and vitality and freedom of speech. It's essential.
—Allison Tripp, Richfield, MN

Your proposed rules benefit only corporate media and you know it. For once will a regulatory body designed to benefit the people please do so You are supposed to be protecting we the people and not inventing new ways for corporation to profit. Please just stop. You are a citizen of this country, too. Your children will have to use a corporate ruled internet that only benefits a few CEO's. Pleas just stop!
—Ms. lucia Jennings, West Covina, CA

I'm usually not one to take political action, but this is an issue that lies so close to my heart that I feel like I have to say something. I feel like Wheeler's plan is everything that is un-American by creating a discriminating system for both companies and customers.
—Katherine Wong, RESEDA, CA

The internet is special because it allows people of all classes the opportunity to express themselves. Please do not allow ISP's to gain the advantage and take control just because they have purchasing power.
—Ken Fleischer, Lake Worth, FL

Net neutrality is the backbone of free and neutral internet as we know it. Don't let internet providers dictate their law and do as tiyranical gouvernments do in countries like Cuba and North Korea. Don't let them discriminate towards those that don't have the money to pay for what they would want us to pay.Reclassify ISPs as common carriers!
—Amarillys Taylor, Saillon,

The internet is fine the way it is, it does not need to become two-tiered. Remember the national anthem of the United States of America. Look at the resistance to these proposed rules that clearly laugh in the face of said anthem.
—John Paul Troy Cooke, Edmonton,

Please do not implement FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler's current plan the will end Net Neutrality. The consequences of this action would be far reaching and have a negative impact on our Country for the foreseeable future. Do not reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Duncan MacKinnon
—Duncan MacKinnon, Reno, NV

Giving special treatment to large corporations by way of faster internet speeds is wrong. This cripples the efforts of small businesses and the public at large when it comes to getting our own web sites and business needs met. I am sick and tired of big business and BIG MONEY stripping us of our rights. Corporations are NOT people. And WE THE PEOPLE demand Net Neutrality!!!!!!!!!!!
—Eran Afner, Seattle, WA

Dear FCC, I'm Jeffrey Cassianna and I live in San Ramon, CA. Net neutrality, the principle that Internet service providers (ISPs) should treat all data that travels over their networks equally, is important to me because without it ISPs could have too much power to determine my Internet experience by providing better access to some services but not others. A pay-¬to-play Internet worries me because new, innovative services that can’t afford expensive fees for better service will be less likely to succeed. The Internet is important to me because, as an employee of a large technology company and an avid consumer of products sold on the internet, I need to know that there will not be barriers to entry for the new ideas and services that my customers and I hope to bring to the marketplace. If ISP subscribers have an easier time loading websites of existing companies than my new innovative product, there’s no way that I will be able to compete or succeed. I urge you to throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Sincerely, Jeffrey Cassianna 8280 Saturn Park Drive San Ramon, CA 94582
—Jeff, Concord, CA

There's already enough discrimination in the world between the rich and the poor - don't add to it.
—Donna Rodgers, Prestonpans,

Net neutrality is important to me because the proposed discriminatory policy is not only wrong (for a variety of reasons), but will also stunt the intellectual, cultural, and economic growth of our country.
—Max Ungar, Pittsburgh, PA

Internet service is too high already. Allowing Internet Service Providers chose content destroys free speech. People shouldn't have to pay extra fees on top of a high subscription fee to see content placed on the internet. Internet Service Providers should be classified as common carriers. Let's make it fair for everyone.
—Tara Vinson, Chicago, IL

Classify ISPs as common carriers. I am tired that my service providers slows down my internet when I visit certain sites.
—Lydia Johnson, Chicago, IL

The free speech idea comes into play here; speed differences will give power to some entities while denying it to others. Think of the role the Internet has played in spreading truth by allowing anyone brave enough to publish news about what they see and hear happening so that world opinion can bring it weight onto overbearing governments and other issues. Please don't change net neutrality and let the Internet become another tool dominated by big business and wealthy users.
—Donald J. Bergman, Bremerton, WA

this is and important tool for everyone! Taking it away so sudden would be wrong and stupid. I feel like we're fighting for a home, a home that can provide enterteinmant,promote talents and help the world. Doing this is horrible, and to have the guts to put it all in lanes? I beg you pardon. From a 15 year old. (sweden)
—Sulub mohammed youseff, Stockholm,

We, the People Own those types of communication lines that are threatened by a loss of my current rights to Internet Neutrality! Our taxes were written off on this technology. I demand I have a say in my assets! I am a tax payer, a property owner and I do not want some more extra costs on my life. Tom Wheeler is NOT MY REPRESENTATIVE! I am not happy with this corporate droid! He is a corporate shill and I want no part of this man! I DEMAND INTERNET NEUTRALITY! if this be treason, let us make the most of it! bob manke! american!
—Robert Manke, Des Moines, IA

We need net neutrality so that all the people who want to help people (non-profits, do-gooders, researchers, etc.) can have equal access to this tool (the internet) that allows them to continue their work in an efficient manner. I'm involved with a non-profit that does tax returns for lower income people. It may not sound like much but our software is cloud-based and the drop in speed will mean less returns if the internet is not kept neutral. Please, FCC, classify ISPs as common carriers so you can insist on net neutrality.
—H Sadowniczak, Wilmington, DE

A "fast lane" internet stifles competition and innovation, while fostering bureaucratic waste and mismanagement. Net Neutrality gives everyone an equal voice, one of the foundation principles of a democracy. Please support the ongoing prosperity of our country by supporting Net Neutrality.
—Leo Dauenhauer, Estacada, OR

Chairman Wheeler, please protect the internet for all Americans. I kindly ask you to reclassify ISPs as common carriers. There should be no discrimination on the internet I am asking you to protect Net Neutrality for all. Best Regards, Kimberly Parks 513-504-3838
—Kimberly D Parks, New Richmond, OH

It is simply not right to allow companies to discriminate any further than they already do.
—Natasha, Toronto,

Please do not pass this bill. We have an obligation to keep the internet free, open and unadulterated by private interests.
—Kevin Klein, West Hollywood, CA

The internet is the people's medium. Corporations and moneyed interests already control most media and the content of what people are exposed to. Please keep the playing field level for the rest of us this time. Thank you!
—David Gruenewald, LakeForest Park, WA

I think these rules are bias, and only intend to benefit the wealthy. I am against the proposed rules!
—Randall Cooke, Iron Station, NC

This is wrong the internet should not e for only the rich it should be for everyone. As a disable mother and grand mother I find this so hard to understand why are we going to be left out because we can not afford to pay the high price. That would mean our kids, our grand kids and our foster kids will have to be left out and to us this is wrong. Why is it always the people who work hard that get left out and have to pay the price. I did NOT ask to get hurt on my job as a CNA in 2004 I loved my job and was heart broken when I couldn't work any more so if this happens than I will be once again be punished and yes I mean punished. So please don't let these company's take over the internet it is free and that i how it should be for every one no matter how much your bank account has in it.
—Cathie Summers, Dundee, FL

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—Wendell Summers, Dundee, FL

The Internet was originally a taxpayer-funded resource, indispensable to today's lives, that all people should access equally.
—Geoffrey Glibas, San Jose, CA

The small websites that I need to read for my work will be much slower and cost me time in my small business that I could use to develop the business. The elimination of net neutrality means the ability of US corporations to censor the Internet the way that the Cuban government censors it, by making the download speed of websites they dislike impossibly slow.
—Jozef Timmers, Chicago, IL

This is stupid I pay enough money to have the internet and they already have different prices for slow and fast internet we don't need anymore. If you do this you will fall by the hands of Jesus. This is how I communicate with my friends and family. wow some people are so greedy and think they need to make more money
—Martha Taylor, Redding, CA

Net Neutrality is very important to me and everyone I know; it allows for so much of what makes the internet the wonderful thing it is. The threat to net neutrality is a big issue and I think it should be preserved to allow the internet to keep growing and being a place where everyone is welcome and equal.
—Tamara Devitt, nanaimo,

Dear FCC, Selling bandwidth to the highest bidder is one more step against ensuring freedom of access to all. I compare this act to restricting access to particular books in the library. I already can't wait until we get more providers like Google Fiber or any other options besides Comcast and Century Link - we are backwards relative to the rest of the world when it comes to bandwidth - 10gb lines at NTT in Japan - vastly more liberal access rules in Europe- we behave more and more like China every day when it comes to the web with our restrictive NSA minded policies and now you have been bought and decided it would be smart to sell the bandwidth to the highest bidder (Comcast/AT&T) - who already happen to own most of the set top box and content access applications along with 60+ percent of all content - what a brilliant idea! Time is money and you know that seconds are what days used to be - scooping a story is a matter of seconds now - who do you think will be scooping the stories going forward? Ted Wheeler - you have been bought and we all know it....Turn the Internet into a Utility or get ready to face the torches and pitchforks. Don Welty
—Don Welty, Portland, OR

As a deaf-blind person who relies on computer contact I want the net to stay equal. I consider the INTERNET to be an basic utility like the land line phone system that it is basically replacing. Dr. Shinager
—Christian Shinaberger, Santa Monica, CA

ISPs need to maintain their neutrality in the provision of content and net neutrality needs to be protected.
—Jeremy Langley, Llanfynydd,

I don't want to have information for projects/assignments restricted just because my ISP hates a certain website or group of people (republican, democrat, liberal, progressive, etc...). I don't want my ISP to throttle my 10 mb upload/download speeds just because I'm playing video games online..... I PAID FOR THAT SERVICE AND THEY THROTTLE ME BECAUSE IM PLAYING A GAME? THATS WHY I EVEN PAY FOR INTERNET IN THE FIRST PLACE! then they charge me up the ass for more service that may or may not be throttled. this sucks.... thats like selling someone a cupcake and slicing off the frosting just before they take a bite. ISPs should not have the power to take away parts of a service after we pay for it..... they should not have the power to charge websites more because they get more traffic.
—Sean Ausi, Shelby Township, MI

Net neutrality serves all the people, equally. The development of the internet is the most important advance in technology in today's world. It needs to remain an open channel for everyone.
—Barbara Temsamani, Capitola, CA

Dear FCC: Please abolish rules that allow ISPs to push back lower income users and organizations/companies from accessing internet at equal speeds. Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers so we can all have equal access to information. Many of us users are startups, small businesses, freelancers and entrepreneurs who don't have a lot of money and the only way we can succeed in our businesses is with a neutral internet. Thank you.
—Steven Rose Jr., Woodland, CA

Differential access fees will inevitably restrict access. Do you honestly expect Comcast won't restrict access speed to websites that offer content also available through their cable television services? ISPs need to be considered common carriers.
—Nate Hanson, Oakland, CA

Will the wealthy again decide who gets decent internet service? Students and small businesses who rely on the internet suffer so that a handful of greedy people benefit while the rest of us struggle? Please stop this discrimination.
—Ramona Rhoades, San Antonio, TX

The site tells me to tell why net neutrality is important. Net neutrality is freedom. If i need you too tell why freedom is important then i'm probably wasting our time.
—Name, City,

Please keep the internet open and free for all providers. Also let any provider have access to any town or city.....
—Douglas m KROS, Green cove springs, FL

If net neutrality was to be dropped now it would most probably inhibit internet investment, significantly increase consumer broadband prices and enable the established IT giants to more-or-less lock the gates to new competitors by choking their access.
—Barry Sweeney, Dungloe,

net neutrality to me means internet freedom, Free Speech to have a voice without being silenced and to gain information and knowledge to enrich us all without censorship, its about Freedom.
—Daniel Kuipers, Burnie,

Saving net neutronality is crucial in the preservation of the democracy that we believe in. Giving companies the power to discriminate based on affordability, when we are talking about something as basic to democracy and human rights as communication, is like deciding that certain citizens, just because they're wealthy, have more rights than the rest of us.
—Maria Malaret, San Juan, PR

The United States of America needs to have net neutrality. Please for once, place the citizens over the corporations. This
—Ronald Legg, Jacksonville, IL

Net neutrality is plain common sense. America is supposed to be a land of equal opportunity - for it's citizens and small businesses as well. In light of this, the FCC should reclassify ISPs as common carriers. That is the only way to ensure fairness for all Americans.
—Jennifer L Carey, Monrovia, MD

"Chairman Tom Wheeler has a plan to create a two-tiered Internet which would provide a fast lane to service providers who will pay high fees for it and a slow(er) lane for the rest of us. I categorically condemn this unwise and destructive proposal. The Internet should be a place where all users are equal regardless of how rich they are. The best way to save the Internet and have it work for all of us is to reclassify internet service providers as common carriers. It is time the FCC started acting in the public interest rather than for the special interests."
—Elizabeth Jamieson, Fort Wayne, IN

The internet is a public utility and should be treated as one.
—Mr. Daniel Moore, Durham, NC

Net neutrality is critical to the future of democracy. Corporations and big money already control our political system--don't let them control the internet too.
—Kathy Levenston, Richmond, VA

I work from home and I dont need more cost to do my Job, mind you I work for the governement. Kinda funny how they want increase cost for me to a job for them. They need to look at all the reasons, not just $. I pay enough for internet I dont need to pay twice. I know the Time Warner/Comcast compaines just need a reason to double their already crazy prices. People can not live or make a living if we keep getting all these fees! Reclassify the ISP's now!
—Julie Soulia, westmoreland, NY

if the ISPs decided that they didn't like some companies or products (apps). they could throttle the bandwidth that they use, to the ends of killing them off.
—Christopher R Juden, portand, OR

Not everything should be for sale. The Internet can be a great leveler an a tool of democracy, but not if you have to pay to play for equal access. Corporate America is out of control and ordinary users of media and communications are paying the price, which keeps going up.
—Charlotte Dion, BROOKLYN, NY

I own a small Mom and Pop business and rely on customers to find me through my web site.How will I be able to compete with large companies who will be able to afford net services I can not?
—Beth Woolley, Elberon, NJ

Another move to make the USA the equivalent of regressive countries, depriving citizens of freedom. Another win for big business controlling our lives!
—Dana Larson, Miami, FL

Keep the monopoly from limiting the internet speeds for profit.
—Joseph Keady, Dumfries, VA

The internet was paid for in the 50's, 60's, and 70's by the American taxpayer and does not need to be censored, we are not children even though this is a very patriarchal effort to treat us as such.
—Savannah Hawkins, Chicago, IL

The American people's best interest is in your trust. We may not know it or even care about it. But you know it. Every government employee knows it and it is your duty to defend us the the unknowing and uncaring. Your agency is not to be on the behalf of the current crop of carrier and content behemoths who speak the loudest, caring and spending the most . They will pass and we, the lowly users and the struggling creative startups will find our experience better or worse because of what you decide.Planes, trains, ferries, gas, electric - communications. How are these not to be held for the common good?
—Stephen Tracey, Fresno, CA

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.
—Ben Berry, New York, NY

The Internet needs to be equally available to EVERYONE! Forcing people to choose an ultimatum of paying extra for faster internet or being forced to settle for slow internet is wrong! The FCC needs to reclassify ISPs as Common Carriers!
—Zachary Welch, Tuttle, OK

America already has the worst Internet service among industrialized nations in the world, allowing the few coroporations that control the flow of content on the Internet to further restrict access to only those willing to pay extra for it will only make it worse. Further resitrictions on internet content and access will only make a few corporations richer and the whole country poorer.
—David Holstein, Arvada, CO

I believe keeping the internet accessible to all; that is same speeds and access to all regardless of the size of the sits wallet is critical to our continued growth economically and politically.
—Michael Kagan, NY, NY

Chairman Wheeler! You need to do the right thing for the American Public and reclassify the internet service providers as common carriers. Anything less is unacceptable. joe
—Joe Samples, Austin, TX

As a researcher, I rely on the fact that my students have more-or-less equal access to research resources, which are increasingly only available on the internet. Abandoning net neutrality will widen the already horrendous inequities in our society and reproduce them for generations. My encounters with activists and journalists from other countries have yielded two interesting observations about the U.S.: 1) the United States is a politically underdeveloped country and 2) Americans are the most educated but least informed people in the world. If we abandon net neutrality, these two statements will be even more true for more people in this country. Political freedom requires equitable access to information.
—Jackie Smith, Pittsburgh, PA

Allowing for fast and slow lanes on the Internet ends equal access and promotes discrimination of content.
—Bennett Brumson, Spencer, NY

Please do not take away the fundamental purpose of the internet - the free sharing of information. Regardless of who the source is; credible or not, this is not something that can simply be silenced. Most importantly, We can not give special privileges to those who are able to pay for 'enhanced service'. ISPs have a monopoly on the current market & this bill will ONLY benefit the few while doing a disservice to the many. If you take away our right to voice our opinions than the Unite States is no different from those 'civil rights violators' we continually wage war upon. Stand up for what is right - for the greater good & say no to the momentary boost in lobbyist money in order to ensure the characteristics that has made this country great. Thanks for listening
—Griffen Fargo, Burlington, VT

Please don't let Internet to become a kind of restricted, corporate-controlled world. Please do not surrender control of the internet to market forces.
—Elena DeBold, Catonsville, MD

the changes ISPs are now allowed to make to the Internet as we know it will plow under the level playing field that has allowed the richness of the Internet to flourish, and ultimately remove it as a social tool of any consequence.
—Emily Goldstein, Baltimore, MD

Net Neutrality is important to me because I believe everyone should be able to have high speed internet and whatever content is available on the internet. The internet is a free flowing source of information that can only be hindered by making it a two tiered system, and I would hate to have my kids grow up in a world where I have to say things like "I remember when.." in regards to Net Neutrality.
—Nicholas Stewart, Burlington, MA

Like millions of Americans today, I get virtually all of my news from the Net, depending on various small, independent news sources to provide intelligent accurate information I simply can't get from network TV news programs or the few surviving national newspapers. For nearly two decades I've been doing all of my work through the Internet, with a number of small businesses that can compete with larger corporations only because of Net neutrality. Over the years I've used the Net for research, as a creative outlet, to connect with other people who share my passions and interests, to explore the world or ideas and so much more. It is truly the most powerful tool of democracy in the world and it can only survive and thrive for the people it was designed to serve if it remains free and open.
—Dorothy Hoffman, Lansdowne, PA

I'm calling to urge the FCC to scrap its plan to allow Internet service providers to charge for preferential treatment. As an American college graduate and Business & Marketing major, I realize that the proposed rules are anti-competitive and anti-progress. Anything less than a reclassification of ISPs as telecommunications services is insufficient to restore real Net Neutrality
—Dominic King, New York, NY

Please protect net neutrality for the sake of democracy and freedom.
—William Rohde, Baltimore, MD

A two tier internet with a "fast lane" is effectively abandoning the principles that make the internet different from most other modern communications systems. If you've studied any history you understand that the market will quickly move to squelch competition discriminate against new companies not benefiting the established monopolies and with it we could bid farewell innovation. I know the Chairman of the FCC didn't appreciate Jon Oliver's dingo reference, but frankly there is no better description. Your proposal is deplorable and shows that you have abandoned your principles and sold out to the industry for which you lobbied. You should be ashamed. ISPs are common carriers. You need to reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Eric Matthew Sundrup, Ann Arbor, MI

Because online discrimination is a crime. Freedom of information is the greatest freedom of all.
—DeAnna Kerley, Burlington, VT

Once upon a time in America, there was a concept called "the public good". Laws were passed, which enforced rules on the market place to ensure that the public good was upheld. This kept in check the excesses that are part of our version of capitalism, namely that profit is the highest good. Certain sectors of the economy were considered part of the infrastructure and were regulated to support the rest of the economy. Now, we have a system in which these infrastructure industries are now deregulated and have the ability to gouge the public by charging higher prices, give inferior services and generally make life more difficult for the average person. Internet Access is one such service. Certain forward-looking countries provide communication services to their citizens that are fast, inexpensive, and easy to access. This provides a foundation upon which the rest of commerce is conducted. The USA already suffers from inferiors internet connectivity because we have left the development of the internet infrastructure to the market. If the principle of net neutrality is abandoned and the ISP oligarchy are allowed to impose their monetized version of the access, our country will suffer even more. As an internet entrepreneur, I oppose ending net neutrality. Not everything in our country should go to those who can pay the most. And this is what this proposal points to.
—Peter R. G. Small, Santa Fe, NM

The internet is one of the most important things that we use in our lives right now we use for school for work for our children if they make higher speeds more expense and we get stuck with the slower speeds we will be in a big disadvantage and thats not fair. I dont want to go back to the old times were your waiting 20 min to upload something when we live in a fast pace world there is no room to be waiting so please stop this and allow everyone to have fast speed internet with affordable prices
—Dannel Bisono, Miami, FL

I know we throw around the phrase "freedom isn't free" a lot these days, but I'm pretty sure it doesn't mean big cable gets to buy out our ability to communicate freely via the internet. The cynical lobbying efforts of the major cable companies is dangerous to our constitutional liberties and should be opposed. The net should stay free and fast - open competition should be based on quality of service, not ability to restrict access. I oppose the two-tiered Internet, and support net neutrality and the reclassification of ISPs as common carriers.
—Mr. Jason Welle, Berkeley, CA

The internet is the most important communication and exchange medium EVER. Privatizing the net would effectively kill the only equal exchange communication medium there has ever been and cement the notion that corporations rule in the USA.
—Nicholas Brogren, Minneapolis, MN

My husband and I are retired and live in a rural area. We depend on the internet for news, connections to friends far away and shopping. The news rules would make all of this more expensive and more difficult for us. The internet as it is works fine for the millions of americans, like us, who depend on it for so many things. Protect equality and keep the internet neutral so that everyone, not just the rich can benefit and enjoy its services.
—Jean Herzog, Sheboygan Falls, WI

To build a strong American society, it's important to keep the flow of information free and unrestricted. Net Neutrality ensures this by making sure large corporations can't influence that flow. Beholden to Wall St. and profit maximization, large corporations would be unequipped to moderate internet traffic in a fair way, and would indeed be incentivized to ensure the scales are tipped in their favor, to all our detriment. Please classify ISPs as common carriers, so we can avoid this mess altogether.
—Curt Hopmann, Mendota Heights, MN

As an independent phone app developer, I cannot possibly compete with established companies if I am in the slow lane, which means no innovation from me.
—Gregory Everitt, New York, NY

The internet needs to be open and free without this tier system. This only benefits the ISP's who can make more money from this and will prevent smaller companies from delivering content. This is not good.
—Shawn Frank, Holts Summit, MO

The future depends on free flowing information and commerce, not controlled by media companies, internet companies, or even big business. This is beyond important to the health of the Internet as a whole and the future! If this is allowed to pass it will fundamentally change the way the Internet functions and damage everything it has achieved in the process.
—Ethan Bonet, Columbia, MO

I do not agree with the FCC's proposed internet rules. In my opinion they abandon the notion of net neutrality and with it the idea that people can raise themselves up without the backing of large corporations. Thus ends the American dream and the dream of small businesses everywhere as we knew them.
—Jessica Horswell, Midlothian, VA

The internet has been integrated into the lives of hundreds of thousands of citizens as has TV and radio. I do virtually all my commerce on the internet and it has been an indispensable product for research on any topic. Currently I am involved in on line college courses. The importance of net neutrality cannot be understated, particularly to those people who may not have the resources to pay the funds the providers are hoping to extract from all of us who are not part of corporate America. I am retired and living on a fixed income. Forcing higher prices on me for avoiding slower speeds will just strangle my ability to continue on the net. I just cannot afford all the fees, taxes, corporate price rises forced on me. Also, internet providers are very aware long wait times for downloads are the cause of people leaving a web address. Slowing the internet down is their cash cow. Is it necessary to continue to extract every possible penny from consumers? How much is enough? This very action, based solely and unnecessarily on greed is exactly the kind of thing destroying this country and its citizens. Why would the FCC not see this or understand the implications enough to disallow net neutrality? I urge the FCC to stop a discriminatory proposition that would prevent access to a system that has become as important to the lives of citizens in this country as a telephone, TV or radio which, many people have to pay dearly for as well. Is it an FCC mandate to prevent as many people as possible from having access to information? Has the FCC become just another corporate tool allowing this corporate greed to continue? Consider the big picture. This country exists with the foot of corporate America standing on its throat. Protect the American public. They helped make this country great and have been decimated by the corporations who continue to destroy this nation. This ruling would be another step in that direction. Is that the purpose now of all government agencies?
—Everett Aubin, Cranston, RI

Please continue Internet neutrality. A 2 tiered system will be a disaster. Thank you
—Cathy Bonello, Hopkins, MN

Because I want a free and open internet, that allows everyone the same access.
—Amanda Walsh, Mandeville, LA

Imagine the profit Tim Berners-Lee could have made? We don't always have to sell our souls!
—Mr. J Ferry, Menomonie, WI

I can't believe you are siding with internet providers that make billions over the american people who you represent. what the fcc is proposing is NOT what the people want... its what rich businessmen want, which tom wheeler has been working with for years. and this is for the good of america ? this is for the good of the american people ?
—Sam Slitee, new york, NY

Net Neutrality is what makes my job as a videographer and visual effects artist easy. I have to meet deadlines and I CAN'T have these money-hungry leviathans sucking up my speed. I NEED net neutrality and you're our only hope. Please don't crush my passion with letting ISP's manipulate my internet. You asked for a response and let me tell you, America is responding.
—Anthony Cundro, Hazleton, PA

Proposed changes to the Internet are NOT in the best interest of ordinary citizens and erode one of our basic rights to free speech and information. DO NOT MAKE THESE PROPOSED CHANGES rather protect the rights of citizens vs. business and big money. Thank you, Ruth Green
—Ruth L Green, Raleigh, NC

ISPs should be treated as utilities. ISPs should not be allowed to throttle the internet for specific users. I use the internet for streaming videos, streaming music, and for working at home. Sometimes my work requires me to upload / download large files. This legislation will affect both my work and recreational life. Please don't rule in favor of the big ISP companies. Please rule in favor of Net Neutrality. Thank you.
—Daniel Sprechman, Baltimore, MD

this plan is unfair. supposedly we live in a democracy. your plan is I democratic. do not do this
—Susan, Clinton, CT

The internet should be equal for all.
—Michael hael Fierst, Portland, OR

Please protect net neutrality by reclassifying ISPs as common carriers.
—Michael D Purdy, Staunton, VA

Chairman Wheeler and the FCC: stop selling democracy to the highest bidders. Treat all Internet traffic equally!
—Raji, Cambridge, MA

Dear Commissioners, I am writing to strongly urge you to oppose Chairman Wheeler's proposal, which threatens to destroy net neutrality as we know it. Striking down net neutrality risks to stifle one of mankind's greatest inventions – a free and open way to communicate with each other. We need more competition in the ISP industry, not less. I urge you to reclassify ISPs as Title II Common Carriers, and help end the monopolistic stranglehold that a few telecommunications companies have over our internet access. Sincerely, Mimi Torres
—M Torres, Berkeley, CA

I feed my family with the revenue generated from my online art school. The school is changing many lives for the better. We have a long list of testimonials to prove it. The equal bandwidth, content delivery speed and placement in search rankings that I receive has kept me from getting buried by the big companies. Favoritism of any kind that is given to big media companies is an extremely slippery slope. It betrays Ben Franklin's very vision of entrepreneurial equality country that has made our country great. America is currently losing it's middle class - the very backbone of our economy. The hope to save it is in the Fair, Open Web.
—Chris Oatley, Columbus, OH

We live in the information age. Net Neutrality ensures that I have access to information I need to be informed, to educate myself, and to enrich my life. Taking that away to benefit corporations is antithetical to my basic rights as an American. If you gave a Wal-Mart the right to build and maintain public roads, the roads leading to Wal-Mart would be pristine and the roads leading to other stores would be neglected. I am asking you to protect me from this; protect me and the rest of the public from being an intellectual casualty of corporate greed. Please protect Net Neutrality.
—Margaret Anne Bambenek, Winona, MN

Net neutrality is needed in order for the internet to continue to function in true free market fashion. Allowing ISP's to charge more for a "fast lane" will destroy small businesses that will not be able to compete with large established corporations. Internet access should be treated as a utility, like phone, sewage, electricity. Pay for what you use, not where you want to use it.
—James Gooding, Mountain Home, ID

Don't do it Tom - speak up for your fellow Americans!
—James W Steeves, Albuquerque, NM

Net Neutrality is vital to our community. Please do not give corporations the ability to determine what data I am able to view or limit the sharing of information and ideas amongst citizens. isp's should be common carriers.
—Todd Spalt, baltimore, MD

Corporate media gives me a choice between an inaccurate reporting of an incident or issue or no reporting. In a democracy I believe, as do millions of others, that I should be allowed to choose the source of my news. If there is no net neutrality, someone is going to be censoring my information and basically telling me what I should believe and do. If that can happen, can I tell you what you should believe and do? Throw out the FCC rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Carol Schaefer, Carlinville, IL

As a student in College getting rid of net neutrality would be devastating to my studies. Why should I have lower loading rates on websites when im trying to collect information, find sources, etc? We might as well go back 40 years and start using books again to find all that information.
—Mackenzy, Glendale, AZ

I want a contemporary society that allows everyone the same chance to communicate openly. A tiered internet would limit commerce, communication and collective creativity. The tiered system is meant to assure economic success for a few corporations with the consequence of limiting the success of others with less capital.
—Joshua Hachmeister, Pecatonica, IL

The job of the broadband provider is to build and maintain a pipeline. That is all. Just like the pipes that deliver water to my home, or the wires that bring electricity to my house. The water and electric companies don’t have any say in how I use the water or electricity.
—John M Powell, Salt Lake City, UT

Protect real Net Neutrality. A free and open exchange of ideas and information is the most important aspect of ensuring a healthy democracy. If you turn this power over to private industry you will be turning over a vital part of our society in the next century.
—Harry Conley, San Jose, CA

Keep the internet, as it was intended, to be an open, equally available source of communication and information. Every American should have the same access. Becky McGinnity
—Becky McGinnity, Fort Worth, TX

The Internet was developed through government research and public money. It should not be hijacked by monied corporate intetests. Keep the Internet open and neutral. It is one of the lifelines of our democracy.
—Terri Prevost, San Diego, CA

Please re-classify - the internet is used as a means of communication and it should NOT be limited. This seems like a viscous ploy for companies to make more money and that is not representative of the country I want to live in.
—Erin L Horsey, Budd Lake, NJ

The internet is a public forum or "town hall" conceived of and developed with public funds. It belongs to all the people and you have no right to privatize access to it. By ending internet neutrality, you will begin a new censorship that will only benefit the richest and most powerful who can pay. Your job is to protect the American people who hired you in the first place and keep the internet access completely free .... Not sell to the highest bidder. The Internet is our democratic fourth estate of public information allowing for information exchanges necessary to maintain our democracy . Save Internet neutrality... a small attack on neutrality today will evolve into greater and greater encroachments in the future. Serve the American people who hired you, not the corporate interests trying to buy you. Reclassify ISP s as common carriers
—Norman, S.f., CA

A two-tiered Internet would further isolate and alienate the "99%" in favor of the "1" percent, thus contributing to the inequality that has so undermined our democracy and furthering cynicism toward government.
—Geoff Cole, Seattle, WA

The Internet does not belong to Internet Service Providers. It is part of our commons. We all build it, maintain it, and we must have equality and neutrality. ISPs should not be allowed to slow down web traffic, and give pass-through speed boosts to specific web sites who will pay a premium over other web sites with lower operating budgets. We already pay different prices for different speed tiers. But removing net neutrality will allow ISPs to come up with all sorts of pricing models that will give speed favoritism to the highest bidders, and make it more costly and difficult for low-budget groups, small businesses, and start-up companies to do business on the Internet. Between different news sites, there shouldn't be pages that load faster than others simply because ISPs are able to slow down the page load times on small budget sites who can't afford the same rates. Information should travel at the same speed across the board. The Internet has become our "information commons." We wouldn't allow our hospital's emergency rooms to create a skewed pricing model and give faster/better service to people who pay a premium, and make poor people wait longer because they can't afford premium services. People are treated on a scale of urgency in an ER, not given favoritism simply because they're rich. There are obvious ethical reasons why emergency services should be equal. The most important reasons to keep the Internet equal may seem less obvious, but everyone deserves equal treatment, every website deserves equal pass-through speeds. Let's not allow ISPs to create a skewed model of unequal treatment and favoritism to the highest bidder, simply because they feel like making more money.
—Von Kairos, Portland, OR

The proposed plan is completely against the spirit of the US Constitution!!
—Rahul Sarkar, AVON, IN

We need net neutrality to preserve the open internet
—Gareth Chen, San Jose, CA

Please reclassify ISP's as common carriers.
—David Meserve, Arcata, CA

it's rather unconscionable to establish hierarchy's on the net, which will in fact lead to higher cost for the end consumers. They already charge an inordinate amount for a decent internet connection in this country; which currently is lacking far behind most countries on the planet. And we already paid millions, if not billions in taxes that funded research that intially established the internet. in a free and open society if we all come together to establish something then it should be free for everyone; not something we all pay for once and the private sector then thinks it's their God given right to take over and then charge us again for. it's the the epitome of double jeopardy. keep the intrnet equal and nuetral!
—Brian Klocek, Clinton, NY

The FCC's proposed Internet rules are 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. 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.
—Riley Leuthold, Jacksonville, FL

FCC - reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality. Thank you.
—Harold J Elder, Ulster Park, NY

I am against discriminatory regulations that would allow the internet to be divided into "slow" and "fast" usage lanes. We don't have adequate service as it is, with Japan and other nations providing much faster service to all customers, America is lagging already. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers. America relies on its small businesses to drive economic rebound, and small businesses rely on the internet!
—Dharma Girl, New York, NY

Free and equal access to information is important to a democratic society and to a society that upholds ideals of class free opportunities and potentials. Place no tiers on access to the Internet.
—Virginia DeBolt, Albuquerque, NM

The internet has become our collective library. It should be open and free for all to use and access any time 24/7. The idea, that there can be a fee structure for this collective entity, for a few, by a few, is wrong. We have all built it, we must retain the right to all access it. I personally have worked hard for most of my life making this a rich place for people to learn and grow. Abandon your rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers. It would be short-sighted to do less. We need access to solve the pressing issues of our world today. All minds making contributions and observations/decisions, not just a few, need to work on these issues.
—Andrea Metz, Grand Junction, CO

The FCC needs to throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Kara Hamilton, Kettering, OH

Dear FCC, Ending Net Neutrality would be one of the most terrible decisions you could make. I already receive poor-quality Internet service from the only provider available in my area. I can't afford to pay more to access what should be equally available to all. Nor should anyone else have to do that, regardless of their online content or use. Please throw out the FCC's proposed Internet rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Protecting real Net Neutrality is vital for our future! Thank you.
—Malia Cordel, NEW PALTZ, NY

Mr. Wheeler: I will keep this short, but I want you to reconsider your stance to have a two tier plan regarding internet providers. This country is built on competition and your plan would violate this precedent. As I Cox Communications customer, I know their lack of competition has let to nearly annual price increases and allowed them to break my two-year rate freeze for my agreement to sign up for 24 months. Thank you,
—Tom Gradoville, L.P., AZ

Net Neutrality is a necessity to all citizens. No one needs to be treated any differently on the internet. We all use the same information superhighway
—Samantha O'Connor, Jasonville, IN

Giving communication (speech) preferences to the rich is not what the forefathers intended.
—Jim Ingram, Kettering, OH

As a college professor, I know the importance of "net neutrality". It's essential for free speech. It's essential for critical thinking. It's essential for anyone who wants access to thorough and accurate information, and for teaching the critical thinking skills necessary for determining which information is reliable and which is not. Wealth should not determine which sites get read, whose speech gets heard, which information is presented as truth.
—Dr. Kelly Kraemer, Saint Cloud, MN

We do not need to promote class distinctions among internet users. If we do it will add further divisions and lack of harmony within the American society. The answer is simple: retain net neutrality!
—Charles R. McCarthy, Richmond, VA

I think the principles of net neutrality and an open free net are very important. Maintain a neutral platform that encourages experimentation and equity for every single user of the Internet
—Pete Brackenbury, New York, NY

As a university professor, I use the internet extensively for teaching, research, and writing. I teach my students how to critically evaluate the content of various sites and how to examine the claims people, organizations, or corporations make, and to investigate and evaluate the evidence for these claims. I use many academic and non-profit sites in this work. It is my understanding that these sites will be harmed under the plan that the FCC is considering. I strongly urge the FCC to reject this plan and protect the rights of the US public and of all sites to have an equal chance to be viewed. For democracy and for the benefit of the public, the FCC should maintain net neutrality and make sure that there will be no discrimination on the internet. ISPs should be reclassified as common carriers. There should be no two-tiered system where a few companies can determine what content and applications are most easily available to the public. The FCC has a responsibility to the US public first and should represent OUR interests not the narrow interests of a few corporations!
—Dr. Julie Andrzejewski, St. Cloud, MN

The net should be free and equally accessible by all.
—Ms. Tanya Baldwin, Kettering, OH

Net Neutrality means an even playing field and equal rights on the internet, something that means a lot to me. Thanks you!
—Kelsi Ricks, Leominster, MA

Please side with the open internet and people and reclassify ISPs as common carriers!
—Sterling Stokes, Gainesville, FL

Please reconsider you plan as it will undoubtedly adversely affect small companies that cannot afford to pay the "toll" that the incumbent, entrenched companies will pay for prioritizing their traffic.
—Michael Hall, Brampton,

Tell the big corporate ISPs such as Verizon, AT&T, Comcast, and Time Warner to keep their little greedy hands off the internet. YOUR PISSING ME AND THE AMERICAN PEOPLE OFF BY LETTING NET NEUTRALITY DISAPPEAR!!!!
—Albert Leatherwood, Stephenville, TX

I urge the FCC to reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Don't be on the wrong side of history.
—Zach Ganschow, Boise, ID

1. Internet Users Should Get What They Want, When They Want It The Internet should be free from censorship, discrimination and anticompetitive behavior, protected by simple and enforceable rules that ensure a consumer’s equal access to the content they want. 2. Internet Users Should Get What They Pay For Broadband subscribers should get the bandwidth they are paying for – content should be treated equally, without degradations in speed or quality. No artificial slow lanes. 3. All Networks Should Have Equal Protection No matter how users choose to connect to the Internet, net neutrality rules should apply universally on both wireless and wireline networks.
—Robyn L. Class, Orange, CA

Maintain internet neutrality. Companies such as comcast, at&t and verizon already have too much control over the speed and accessibility of the net. Most of the rest of the world has significantly faster internet speeds at much lower costs to customers. Please don't allow these companies to continue, and strengthen their monopoly on the US internet.
—Paul Harrison, Salt Lake City,, UT

We must keep the internet Free ~ As Neil Young says, Freedom Rocks!
—Jim Glover, Brandon, FL

Allowing these changes would be directly helping companies in becoming monopolies and creating class warfare. It is outrageous that the FCC has considered such. Do not gut Net Neutrality.
—Mr. Garc, Ocoee, FL

Democracy can only flourish in a free exchange. Please keep net neutrality.
—Nancy Helvey, Twin Falls, ID

Hello, If I could have a moment. I really would appreciate it if you upheld the law of Net Neutrality. The Internet is a big thing for those of us who have no ways or means of voicing our opinions out in the open freely without facing discrimination. We have a right to the 1st Amendment. I personally feel your proposed law favors the rich and is nothing but a way to oppress those that don't hold those standards. Thank you in advance.
—Sameerah Rhodes, Newark, NJ

This is an utterly ridiculous plan...
—Errol Larkins@hotmail.com, Stafford, TX

Dear FCC, I grew up on the internet. I've learned so much about things I would otherwise have never heard of in my isolated town. To me, the internet is about freedom, progress, and giving. Websites like wikipedia, youtube, and reddit are all thriving communities of people giving up their time and energy to make something that would last, that would be of some value - no matter how little - to somebody else, somewhere in the world. ISPs are not creating fast lanes. They are not providing any additional services. The providers should not be able to artificially raise the prices by artificially slowing down other people's internet. They should not expect more money from providing what they are paid to provide. ISPs should not have government support to cheat their customers. To this generation, and all future generations, the internet is an essential resource. The internet is information, it is knowledge, and it is opportunity. In the future, it will undeniably be deemed as a public utility. Thus, ISPs have a responsibility to provide indiscriminately, and the government has a responsibility to enforce net neutrality. Thank you for your time.
—Kim, Carmel, IN

We tried. I realize that the majority of Americans are too ignorant or "busy" to understand what is happening here, but we tried to tell them. It's your turn to try. Be a real leader. We now live in a nation where the president can rightfully declare that the income gap is the greatest challenge of our time, and then back down when the .07%'s media attack dogs convince people that the president is taking part in class warfare; a class warfare that the .07% started a long time ago. We ALL know what this about. This is about Comcast, Time Warner, and the major networks obtaining the legal right to defeat competition without using consumer demand as the battlefield. They want to use you as a weapon to allow them to price gouge and gate-keep. They don't want services coming around and providing a better service for less. That would be fair competition. That wouldn't allow them to extract as much as they can out of America's consumers. That would open the door for someone else to make millions. Without the highway system paid for and regulated by the government, this economy would never have taken off the way it did. That is a fact of life. Without enforcing total neutrality and the competitiveness of a neutral market, the internet economy will stagnate. That is a fact of life. Do the right thing, Tom. Do you believe in freedom, or do you believe in "freedom until you read the fine print?" Re-classify the internet. Give the power to the consumer. That's capitalism. That's fair. You know that.
—Brett Dill, Menasha, WI

Represent the Rights of All Americans and NOT THE CORPORATIONS!!! KEEP THE INTERNET OPEN FOR EVERYONE EQUALLY!!! YOU ARE EMPLOYED BY THE AVERAGE WORKING CLASS AMERICAN NOT COMCAST OR AT&T OR VERIZON OR SPRINT!!! VOTE FOR NET NEUTRALITY YOU FASCISTS THROW OUT ITS RULES AND RECLASSIFY ISPS AS COMMON CARRIERS
—George Coffey, chicago, IL

Dear Spineless and Corrupt Colluders, We put quite enough money in ISP pockets as it is, for unremarkable, unbeholden-to-the-customer service. Shame on your for directing more gravy their way. The Internet is critical, worldwide, democratic infrastructure, with absolutely no place for intrinsic infrastructure discrimination against users and content. There are countless details we could argue, but the reality is simple: all arguments to give companies control over content and access, subtly or not, are wrong. If you ask your inner voice, way deep down inside, buried by decades of corruption, you'll know this is true. The question is: are you honest enough with yourself to do the right thing for the right reason, just once? Especially when it's what the populace wants? This, after all, is your job. I know you will screw The People over, talking yourself into the belief that your shameless plan is "helping" us (money corrupts). So, prepare to face the music of an extremely unhappy electorate. You'll probably get away with it, as you realize - but not if we can help it. -jar
—John Richetta, Waltham, MA

Dear FCC, Do not implement a two tier system with "fast lanes". Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Kyle Schwab, Boise, ID

Please listen to the voices of the public, the people who you are supposed to serve and protect their rights. We have spoken and want ISP's classified as common carriers.
—Matt M, Meridian, ID

I do NOT support the proposed FCC rules that Mr. Wheeler is pushing. I agree with thousands, millions, that instead of such rules, ISPs must be reclassifed as common carriers and that all networks must have equal protection. I agree that this is the ONLY way to protect real net neutrality.
—Ross Lockridge III, Cerrillos, NM

Your rules regarding ISPs are outrageous. They should be reclassified as common carriers. You should protect Net Neutrality.
—Ruth Imershein, McLean, VA

Letting ISPs create a system that allows a fast lane for those who can afford it Slower lanes for those who can't is unfair. Please protect consumers by reclassifying ISPs as common carriers. Thank you.
—Jerry Mylin, Mount Prospect, IL

Please preserve net neutrality because without it, our small business will die, and any economist will tell you that small business is the cornerstone to our economy. So, what looks like something lucrative to you now will just end up hurting all of us in the long run. Also, I want to be in charge of what I am able to find and read online- not Walmart or Amazon because they have paid for their stories to get top billing. I could go on and on about this, but I am begging you to do the right thing and PRESERVE NET NUTRALITY!
—Amy Abbott, Middletown, OH

A free and open internet is a free and open society. If you let huge corporate interests regulate who gets free and open we are all doomed.
—Sue Sorem, Renton, WA

Net neutrality is absolutely essential. We don't want or need different speeds and different access. The internet isn't just a business that you can control or take money from.
—William Abbott, Middletown, OH

Net neutrality is important in this day and age because so many people rely in the Internet. To increase prices in such hard economical times is shameful, just to fill a few people's pockets. I support this movement so that people can continue to use the Internet freely.
—Kellie Duval, Wilmington, NC

Dear FCC: It is imperative that you reclassify ISPs as common carriers . Not only for myself but for others who are on a fixed income, who as U.S. Citizens deserve a level playing field. What happened to equal protection under the law. I need to access the internet on the same terms as others who have larger incomes than I do; in the name of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.
—Arlene Garcia, McAllen, TX

Letting cable companies control access to the Internet is like paper companies dictating what can and cannot be printed on the paper they sell.
—Nathan Fritz, davenport, IA

We are being squeezed by more corporate interests than we can keep track of, and now you want to stratify the internet based on how much more we're willing to spend? You want to hand control over to companies whose only motive is profit? Preserve Net Neutrality in its current form!
—Jay Berner, Beverly, MA

These comments are in response to proceeding #14-28. Free speech should not be bought and sold. The proposal to grant ISPs the right to charge for 'fast lanes' threatens this celebrated American principle. The company that connects us to the internet should not get to manipulate or control what we do on the internet. I'm calling on you to reclassify the Internet as a telecommunications service to obligate ISPs to deliver all data on the Internet without discrimination. Please do the right thing: let corporations know that the Internet is not for sale to the highest bidder. Thank you for preserving a free and open Internet.
—Michael Harper, Pittsburgh, PA

Your job is to protect the interests of the public, not the corporations. Please preserve net neutrality.
—Brian Taylor, Dayton, OH

Net Neutrality is essential to maintaining democracy.
—Hazel Witte, Bremerton, WA

you are violating the constitutional amendments everyone is not to be discriminated against
—Rob Delesbore, Port Arthur, TX

Dear FCC, please reclassify ISPs as common carriers, net neutrality is important to not only prevent monopolies in entertainment systems, but to keep the internet as it was, with an equal chance for everyone to succeed or fail based on quality of their service
—Matthew Lange, Houston, TX

An open internet is the only source of information for the majority. We cannot afford to pay a tiered system which is what will happen if Net Neutrality is not protected.
—Pete Russell, Port St. Lucie, FL

A class based system of access to public airwaves effectively privatizes a collective good. It is anti-democratic and exacerbates the already difficult time low-income people have getting any kind of internet access. Please preserve net neutrality.
—Mr. Jack Tilney, San Francisco, CA

Justice for all, equal access, fairness. Yes to the average human being and no to for profit corporations. No "two-tiered Internet". Do the right thing this time. Thanks...you really need to pay attention to what the average internet user wants and needs.
—Bruce McKalson, Paradise, CA

Do what is right this time. Stand up for citizens rather than corporations!
—Sean M, Washington, DC

Net Neutrality is essential to capitalism. Breaking Net Neutrality would abolish fair competition among newer and older companies/corporations. It would further enable extortion-like practices for content delivery that smaller yet vital organizations would not survive. Further, converting the Net into a place of fast and slow lanes would discourage the advancement of a communications infrastructure by sacrificing the general public's, and small to mid-sized businesses, information access and handing over the bandwidth then available to an upper, wealthier tier of society. And perhaps worst of all, it would give a very few corporations complete control over what most everyone would have tolerable access to on the internet, effectively controlling an essential avenue of news and information. Generally speaking, America no longer has a free press on the mainstream media circuits - television. A free press is essential to a democracy. An open and free internet, one conforming to Net Neutrality, is the only way we can preserve a level ground for the distribution of news, opinion, and discourse. Failing to preserve Net Neutrality would very abruptly put an end to legitimate commerce, open expression, timely and unbiased news, and equal access for everyone who can pay their cable/phone bill.
—Thomas Kelly, Flemington, NJ

I urge you to reject the proposed plan that would effectively end "net neutrality." If it goes forward, it will be the end of free and open sharing of information.
—Chris Gray, San Francisco, CA

Please keep the internet open, free and without degradation in quality.
—Christine Robinson, San Diego, CA

Net neutrality is effective anti-trust. Net neutrality supports small business. Net neutrality protects freedom of speech.
—Nathaniel Hinchey, Richmond, CA

It is the FCC's responsibility to keep internet communications free of the hampering inequalities being proposed. The internet must continue to be regulated as a common carrier, and not allowed to striate to the advantage of the few, at the cost of the many. Thank you, -jmsj
—Jason St. John, Chicago, IL

The public demands an open and free internet. The passing of this bill destroys net neutrality, and marks the beginning of the end of the internet.
—Anthony Ma, Mandeville, LA

Please do not change the FCC Net Neutrality rules in favor of large ISP like AT&T, Comcast, and Verizon where there would be two lanes of service for fast and slow traffic. The internet is a public utility and all of us use it on a daily basis, just like water, electricity, and sewers. We don't create tiers for those services and we shouldn't with the internet.
—Joe Braun, Pawtucket, RI

The Internet is one of the last bastions of democracy left in our country. It would be almost criminal to take it away. Do the right thing - keep Net Net Neutrality.
—Larry Beard, Sebastopol, CA

As a low income senior citizen, U.S. Navy veteran and equal human being, I deserve affordable access to a free and open internet; to the information and exchange of ideas that I choose, not the slow, censored version you are advocating. Chairman Wheeler, you know what is really happening. Do your job as a Public Servant. Reclassify ISP's as common carriers. Stand up to the self-serving corporations and repressive politicians who are trying to control us, instead of bending over like a wealthy prostitute in their service, while We the People get raped.
—Stevie Cool, Fort Bragg, CA

In this age of rising income inequality, Net Neutrality is more important than ever before.
—Bob Smith, Westford, MA

It is already true and well documented that internet users in the U.S. pay more than anyone in the world, and also generally receive the worst service in the world. The wish to create a fast lane - slow lane tiered internet system is driven by greed, not by need. Furthermore, in service of greed, corporate interests have succeeded in preventing municipalities from acting as "non-profit internet utility providers" to serve the best interests of their own communities. Just as the FCC is obligated to protect the "public airwaves," the FCC should similarly protect cyber space as a common, open, neutral, cultural and communications asset, equally accessible by everyone. Cyberspace (ie., the internet) should not be privatized or monopolized by corporate interests. Throw out your proposed rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Mr. Krishna Singh Khalsa, Espanola, NM

The internet is a tool because it is an open form of communication where all traffic is treated equally. If tiered internet is introduced, it will open up a continual process where the internet will become a commerce platform controlled by big spenders. This may be great for economics but the internet will fail as a method of human to human communication.
—Lucas Vickers, Astoria, NY

I am an Instructor in a Community College in a very rural area. My colleagues, my students, and I all rely on the Internet to access information which, simply, was completely unavailable and unattainable before the Internet. We already have areas around here with criminally slow Internet speeds. The FCC's hare-brained scheme to create super-fast toll lanes on the one hand, and speed-slowing traffic jams on the other, is a direct affront to the American People. No one, short of the Commission's Corporate "handlers" favours this plan. Your decision on this matter, either rejecting "fast" and "slow" lanes and thereby SUPPORTING the American People, or accepting the de-democratization of this invaluable resource and thereby SLAPPING the American People in the face, will be very revealing to ALL OF US as to who pulls the Commission's Strings. I hope I am wrong. I hope the Commission realizes its obligation, collectively and in the votes of its individual members, is to the AMERICAN PEOPLE. Say YES to Net Neutrality!
—Mike Clark, Loleta, CA

As a graduate student with entrepreneurial ambitions, having an internet in which I can present my idea with equal accessibility to my competitors without having to pay ISPs is essential. If I can't afford a website that encourages traffic, my startup would be dead before I got the chance to prove it to the world.
—Stephen Krotseng, Bradenton, FL

Gentlemen, Allowing the major service providers an exclusive fast lane flies in the face of what we all believe the Internet should be and what it was designed for: a common, neutral entity for all parties, with an equal ability for usage, speed, and without discrimination against content providers. I urge you to keep the Internet neutral!
—Sharon Shero, Dallas, TX

Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers to protect net neutrality.
—Cynthia Matty, Centerville, OH

Open Internet, Net Neutrality for all. Treat the internet as a "commons" like it has become.
—Sean Hagstrom, Redlands, CA

The FCC's proposed Internet rules would be furthering the U.S. into the abyss of the "haves and have-nots". It is a completely anti-American idea. Net Neutrality is important for America.
—Rose Rasroi, healdsburg, CA

Net Neutrality is vital to the future of our country, essential to our ordinary citizens. I am very concerned that your new Chairman is leading this commission in a direction that favors the corporate interests of AT&T, Comcast and Verizon to create a two-tiered Internet, that gives faster access to only those who can afford to buy it. Universal and neutral access is the direction you should be ensuring to foster prosperity and fairness.
—Margaret Sweeny, San Ramon, CA

Dear Chairman Wheeler, Net neutrality is very important to small busines owners like myself. I have a website that helps HR people find software solutions and the majority of them find me through Google and other search engines. If ISPs were able to decide how fast they wanted my content to load I would likely be out of business. I cannot afford to pay them large sums of money so that my free and helpful website loads in a timely manner--we are still growing and this kind of practice would be devestating to our future. I plead with you as a concerned citizen, internet user and business owner that fast lanes on the net should NOT exist--it does nothing but create an internet of the haves and have nots. The web is a place where we can still be innovative and share our ideas--it should not be just a playing ground for large corporations. Please keep the internet open. Thank you for considering my comments. Sincerely, Dave Rietsema
—David Rietsema, Orlando, FL

We need to protect Net Neutrality. Thank you!
—Tracy Allen, West Carrollton, OH

The Internet is how I access knowledge. Knowledge cannot be subject to the highest bidder. Like the airwaves, the Internet should be owned by and for everyone.
—Cherish Jones, Blowing Rock, NC

Throw out the rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Maxine Bamford, Lauder,

Please reclassify broadband internet as a common carrier. If we really want the internet to have a transformative impact on the world, we need to view it as a public utility like electricity. It would be unthinkable to give priority to specific electrical appliances in one's home because they had worked out a preferential treatment deal with the electric company if that technology existed. Why would anyone considering doing the same to the internet?
—Douglas Laustsen, Basking Ridge, NJ

I use the Internet constantly for research relating to my writing. The fast-slow split could cripple me. Please don't do it.
—Paula S. Jordan, Lake Lure, NC

Net neutrality is important to me because the internet is the only place in America where I don't feel like it is 1984. As Americans, we talk of freedom - the FCC's plan, like much of modern day America, destroys all that this country was built upon. Tom Wheeler and the like should be ashamed of themselves for proposing such discriminatory and anti-American plans.
—Erin Kennedy, Silver Spring, MD

Hey FCC, Stop. Seriously. Just stop. Bring back Net Neutrality.
—Nicholas Paquette, Rockwood, MI

Please make ISPs a Title II Common Carrier. Your litigation in regards to the rules you are proposing to implement are shady and will cause hassles to everyone down the line. If ISPs were to become Title II Common Carriers then the internet would stay the same as it always has, an open access to information.
—James Rush, Albany, OR

Net Neutrality is essential to the development of new technology companies, especially in an environment where the consumer does not have choice for their "last mile" internet provider.
—Dan Marques, Scituate, MA

I am a big fan of net neutrality. To me, it is one of the most pressing civil rights issues of our time. As an educator and curious person, I love that digital technologies invite people to engage in original research and share their insights and questions. We need an open, equal, and free internet. We need open spaces for communication and collaboration that place people - actual living, embodied individuals, not private corporations - at the center.
—Darshan Elena Campos, Berkeley, CA

In a democracy the press must be free and accessible to every citizen. It is the internet that gives access to those who follow what is going on in our world on the Net, and now it includes, justly, those who would lose access if they are not in a position to participate when Net Neutrality is lost. It is unjust in a free society to discriminate, and what is now being proposed is unjust. Reclassify ISP as common carriers for the good of our society.
—Elizabeth Sempadian, Fresno, CA

Throw out all the regulative rules for letting the ISPs control the speed of our internet activity and redefine them as a common carrier!
—Alyssa Bahler, Omaha, NE

The internet was invented with the intention of a being a free, open to use concept to promote knowledge and influence. Countless companies have sprung up from the fact that people have an internet connection. Everyone has encouraged the fairness that the internet provides to everyone except companies like Verizon, Comcast, AT&T, Time Warner, and people like Tom Wheeler who used to be a lobbyist for Verizon Wireless. And since Tom is such a tool I had to take them time out of my day to write this. Tom I hope you specifically read this and realize you are an idiot. Why even hide what you are doing? We all know what side you are rooting for, because you don't care about the next big thing at all. You care about companies who help you which is why for all we know you are on the phone right now with Verizon saying how cute it is people are giving you all this feedback. Well Tom, we hate you. That's for sure. So I hope you read this and realize that I, along with everyone else, want net neutrality and don't want internet fast lanes. If anything we should be cracking down on current ones that are avoiding the law. Also, I hate you. Even if you do the right thing here and maintain net neutrality we all now know that you are the face of corrupt capitalism.
—Megan O'Reily, Columbia, MO

I am an 88-year-old former professor active in civic affairs and writing a book which requires a great deal of on-line research. That book will be useful to social scientists and society, not a vanity book. I cannot often go to a university library. If I cannot access web sites quickly and download quickly, I may never live to finish my book. p.s. I am amazed that the US is outpaced in internet speed and freedom by other nations.
—David Lewit, Boston, MA

Fairness is the American way. When it suffers, the country is diminished.
—Patricia Quinn, Palmdale, CA

I would like to see the FCC reclassify ISPs as common carries instead of moving forward with creating fast lanes for big companies who can afford it.
—Lester Grimly, Columbia, MO

Dear FCC: Please preserve net neutrality and reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Many small businesses like mine (I am a self-employed editor who works entirely online) depend on consistent, fair internet access. Sincerely, Danielle LaVaque-Manty
—Danielle LaVaque-Manty, Ann Arbor, MI

Contrary to popular belief of the current managing structure of the FCC, the FCC is a government sanctioned entity whose purpose is to protect the American people. The FCC is not a government sanctioned entity whose purpose is to protect corporate profit margins. The only question the FCC should be asking itself is: What is best for the American people? The BIG ISPs do not have what is best in mind for the people. They do everything in their power to ensure that they socialize the expense of doing business (via massive tax credits for building infrastructure, that they subsequently take full credit for investing the money in), while privatizing the rewards to themselves. They then have the nerve to attempt to put in bottlenecks to increase profits even further, while there is no real shortage of bandwidth? Please stop putting corporate profits ahead of what is best for the people. Please stop calling it “Open Internet”, as that “whitewashes” over the real issue(s) here. The net needs to be neutral for all that access it, regardless if they are a user or a content provider. It would be a pleasant change for the US government to be something other than a shill for those who can pay to sit at the table during policy discussions.
—Matthew Kench, Savannah, TX

I support the reclassification of ISPs as common carriers. Only reclassification will provide the certainty needed to protect the interests of all stakeholders in the continued development of the Internet.
—Frank Lugar, Spring Valley, WI

please keep the net free. It was built with that in mind. you should not have to pay a toll to use it. If the giants want to build thier own net, and charge a toll for use, great. just allow us to keep our net free.
—Albert Birks, wichita falls, TX

I only obtained a broadband connection a year ago because the "pipes" are not classified as a necessary common good. The cable company and the tele-comm serving my area had first determined not to compete with each other, and that it wasn't profitable to run the necessary lines, lines leaving myself and a whole host of neighbors out of the information age. Meanwhile, all the businesses I dealt with required me to be online to conduct business! So first of all, the infrastructure that provides the internet needs to be classified as a common carrier service just so all Americans can have a connection. second of all, I see a real conflict of interest when the companies that provide the physical structure, the cables and the wires, have suddenly become content providers!!! We used to have a strong legal system against monopoly behavior and the laws have not been struck down, it is just that the agencies such as yours are no longer enforcing the laws you are charged to uphold. If these companies are to be both providers of infrastructure and then content, there needs to be a strict division erected and maintained between the two services, and the best way to do that is to classify the physical structures as a common good.
—Kate Campau, Reidsville, NC

Dear Chairman the internet has been free send is creation we should not allow people that have lots of resource To piecemeal and sell the internet for profit. Please vote against this bill.
—Eric deshazo, sherman Oaks, CA

Net neutrality is essential for our democratic society.
—Diane Kuthy, Baltimore, MD

Dear totalitarian FCC people, As a 25 year-old American in 2014 who studies written language, much of my life has been shaped by the dominant mode of communication in our society, that shoddy military information system which in the 1990's became probably the most important invention of our generation. To the point that this miraculous advent has made me as an individual more slothlike and desensitized, there is some argument to be made. But even in my laziness today I could not let myself neglect my responsibility, indeed my debt, to the animal that is the Net Neutral internet. To "disciminate against online content" is to open the floodgates for a rendering of the web as a mere tool for propaganda rather than free speech. The internet always has been and must remain "for the people, by the people". Long live Net Neutrality! With great concern, Adam Kimball
—Adam Adair Kimball, Marysville, WA

FCC, I agree completely with the "Dear FCC..." comment prefacing this message. It is high time to get media corporate capitalism influence out of the FCC and demand that the FCC relinquish ALL its associations with capitalist monetary control of this agency's decisions. The FCC should be 100 percent devoted to public interests and not the interests of a comparative handful of capitalist scumbags whose only interest is personal and shareholder profiteering.
—Dave Morton, Longmont, CO

In most areas it seems there is one or maybe two ISP's to choose from. The chosen few will be allowed to control which and how content is delivered and at what speed. If a free and open dissemination of information is needed for a democracy, removing net neutrality limits access by the informed voter and therefore democracy. The internet has become a utility (for a lack of a better word). Allowing a handful of people to dictate how it is accessed and used by the rest of us is an oligarchy.
—Joel, chicago, IL

It is plain old common sense, in order to to creatively sustain our democracy in the healthiest way, not only this generation, but all those who will follow us in future. Tom Donaldson
—Mr. Tom Donaldson, Los Angeles, CA

Protect Net Neutrality. Reclassify the Internet as a Public Utility to be regulated in the public interest!
—David Hansen, Greenfield, WI

The internet is a realm of free expression and user equality. Skewing the balance based on ISP discretion, highest bidders, and other factors would be extremely detrimental to this virtual environment that has played a crucial role in the development of society and technology in recent years. Don't make a terrible mistake.
—Gary R, orlando, FL

I don't stream videos on the internet. I shop at small retailers. I read news from small news outlets. I read fanfiction. Already I notice the difference in access to say Amazon vs small used book sellers. The little guy can't "Pay to Play" (mmm where have I heard that before - thought it was illegal). I like to go places that don't have a lot of advertizements or fancy 'whiz bang' videos and effects to sell c**p. We claim 'competition is the backbone of capitalisim'. This is monopoly plain and simple. This is payola plain and simple This is conflict of interest plain and simple. Don't sell out WE THE PEOPLE yet again, and.... for everything that's sacred, bring back THE FAIRNESS DOCTRINE.
—Ej Wearley, Sylmar, CA

Net Neutrality is important to prevent companies like Comcast to further their monopoly in America. It would give them complete control over the internet and will be used to slow speeds unless you pay ridiculous amounts of money that start up companies and even smaller companies can't afford. They will control companies or slow their speed. It will make it legal for comcast to be even bigger bullies than they are already. Just look what they did to Netflix. Net Neutality is extremely important. Without it the internet may be destroyed.
—Derek Ferguson, Morris, IL

The writing is on the wall. Our internet is entitled to Title II Common Carrier status.
—Bartlett D. Moore IV, HOUSTON, TX

The attacks on net neutrality are corrupt and stupid pandering to wealthy corporations at the expense of the people and the country. Please do your job in protecting the net for the people rather than garner favor with a few corporations.
—Roger A. Hull, Torrance, CA

The internet needs to stay neutral.
—Mike, san antonio, TX

Please don't allow the discriminate use of the internet by large providers-very dangerous!!!!
—Tim Roberts, villa park, CA

The internet gives everyone with access an equal voice to communicate with. It would be a great loss for democracy if it were to become yet another platform weighted by income and controlled by monopolies.
—Jessie Delaplaine, Bethesda, MD

Since the beginning of the internet, there has always been some website suing more of the available bandwidth than others. Even telephone lines, some use those same lines more often and in a larger capacity, even at the basic level for local calls within the base rate we all pay. If Janice and Martha want to gossip 7 times a day, I still pay the same as them even though I never use my land line. Sure the demand for bandwidth has risen, but so has what they charge and they fiber optic pipes they use. Rulings against Net Neutrality threaten one of the greatest resources in America, a resource for knowledge and innovation. ISP's already charge you by connection speed, so if I pay for the speed I should get it. PERIOD. Keep the internet neutral and open.
—Tim Noble, Huntington Beach, CA

I need unbiased access to the internet to access global events and varying viewpoints inform me
—Cynthia Lynn Bakish, Albany, NY

What is convenient for the provider is not always good for the customer. When a customer has only one option for providers, and those providers can control or limit access to what they promised to provide, they effectively force customers to limit use of websites the provider arbitrarily decides not to support. To monopolize both the customer base and the customer's use of the internet in the name of "efficiency" is to create a monopoly in the truest sense of the term, and more importantly, a monopoly on one of the present age's most valuable and necessary resources. I oppose the creation of any rule system that would allow this to happen, and establish it's legality.
—Sean O'Toole, Boise, ID

America seems to be owned by Wall Street and the NSA. Its citizens no longer have a voice. Nevertheless, I choose to speak out against the FCC plan to privatize the internet. It is a regressive action which will pay off, in the long run, by slashing productivity and making the rich richer.
—Mr. William Bliss, Forest Grove, OR

If you attempt to regulate the internet, the people will simply make a new internet. Do not even try. That greed and uniformity of vision is not helping this planet.
—Adam D'Amalfi, Robbinsdale, MN

The internet defined my generation. With it, we have accomplished unfathomable things. There is information buzzing about all about any one of us, all of the time. Why should any company have so much control over how I tap into the stream of information that empowers the existence of our very planet? You're giving control of the internet to people with an agenda for capitalization. Imagine the terrible ignorance that major companies could inflict on future generations if things got out of hand. Every major event starts as one tiny decision. I can't help but think that this is the first step of many that will disastrously negate the freedoms we now so easily take for granted. Have you all never read any George Orwell?
—Derek Brown, Baltimore, MD

Internet access is no longer a luxury. It's become a basic element of infrastructure and a vital source of knowledge. Equal access to it is essential to the free and open exchange of ideas and information, as well as the basic functionality of our economy. Most businesses, particularly new and small businesses, rely on internet access for one thing or another in order to survive. A tiered system could create barriers to market entry and trade, stifling innovation and competition. Imagine if all highways were toll roads that only big, established companies with deep pockets had been able to afford. Or if telephone service had a “fast lane” that prioritized only calls from people who paid a special fee, and everyone else had to hold, or dial over and over until they got through. I doubt our society and economy would have done as well as it did over the last century. The truth is that this near-monopoly industry has the power to do whatever it wants unless definitively checked by regulation. This is a historic moment. You can bring us into the 21st century with the tools to thrive, or condemn us to an oligopoly where modern life is dictated by backroom deals among giants. Please choose net neutrality.
—Alyssa Fong, Waltham, MA

Net Neutrality is critical to free speech, to giving even the poorest people an equal footing to have a say, to protecting unfettered dissent in democratic societies. Please protect it!
—John Marshall, Calgary,

The Internet has grown into an incredible source of information, and an incomparable resource for creativity and self-expression. Thus far, everyone with an Internet connection has been treated as an equal, regardless of income. There are very few outlets in this world that allow for such equality. Please, do not discriminate, especially against the less fortunate. Give everyone access to knowledge and expression, quickly and easily.
—Melissa Meli, Astoria, NY

Dear FCC, I don't like what you are doing to the internet. 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. It is in all of our best interest. Yours truly, Lauren
—Lauren Mills, Cocoa, FL

Funneling content, content to which the public should have free* and easy access, through corporate monopolies will without a doubt restrict the flow of knowledge and commerce. The web will be become a wasteland of vapid fluff, subjective reporting, and other biased flotsam that those with the funding will feed to us. No more choice. No more free speech... really. Any individual or entity not able to pay the price of admission will lose his voice online. Small businesses and start-ups could fail, innovation would dwindle, and the sharing of knowledge will be stunted. Anyone remember the TV culture portrayed in Fahrenheit 451? I really don't doubt we're headed down that path. All we need is the red, blue, and gold pills to anesthetize us to the reality. (* "free" meaning not Comcast's sole idea of what "content" should be, but "free" meaning that a person should be free choose what he reads and views)
—Robyn Belair, somerville, MA

FCC: reclassify ISPs as common carriers!
—Ken York, Young Harris, GA

I use the internet daily and desire Net Neutrality just for peace of mind.
—Julia Mohn, port hadlock, WA

The internet should remain a place of open and equal expression, unhampered by class or social stature. Without such equality, it becomes nothing more than a dizzying buzz of corporate shilling and capitalistic oligarchy run amok.
—Jara Jones, New York, NY

The Internet is a public resource. All users should have equal access. Speed of access should not be determined by paying extra fees.
—Kristine Pfleiderer, San Rafael, CA

Since ISPs have "monopolies" on different areas, this would allow them to make the "fast lane" (which is what we call NORMAL speeds right now) as expensive as possible, but since the slower tier will be able to be as slow as they want it, most people will be forced to buy the "fast lane," even if they already can't pay the rent. Internet access should be something that eventually becomes free, because it is such an important part of everyday life now, and this is a HUGE step in the wrong direction. Please at least get rid of these new rules, and if anything try to think of something that forces ISPs to stop throttling people in the first place.
—Calen Burgess, Tahuya, WA

I have been working in the computer field since the "information superhighway" was just a dream and a promise. We took that metaphor--that of a superhighway--seriously. I in my small car and big Wal-Mart trucks have equal access and travel the same speeds and follow the same rules. Some who use the roads more may pay more, but they get the same access and service. That's what the internet should be: a common carrier serving all equally well. No provider--but especially not a provider with content interests as well--should get better service.
—Robert J Fleischer, Groton, MA

There is no reason to allow the ISPs to milk customers for dollars that they have no claim to. Retain Net Neutrality. Keep the internet in its most useful form. Do not allow corporate America to demean one of the only true media outlets that its citizens have. This has already happened to cable television. This has already happened to cellular service. It cannot happen to the Internet as a whole.
—Anthony Rutledge, Covington, LA

I use the internet to keep relationships with people I haven't physically seen in years. I use it to learn about things I would have never even known about. With the internet, my curiosity is the limit. It's not right for companies to be able to discriminate against content they don't believe in. That's not what the internet is about.
—David Saul, Bridgeton, NJ

Hello FCC, Please keep the internet a fair ground for ALL companies, big or small. That is how we have achieved the great internet as we know it today. Because on the internet, everybody has a voice, no matter how big your bankroll is. If we allow big companies to pay for priority, it will no doubt have a snowball effect and totally destroy the diversity and equal opportunity that the internet now provides. If Tom Wheeler is not going to accept the voice of the people on this decision, then perhaps it is time we look to another chairman, one who will act on behalf of the people and is not so influenced by money and greed, which we see way too often in today's capitalist society.
—Dale Chang, San Jose, CA

Please don't break the internet
—Sean Davis, Greenwich, NJ

The fact that the FCC is led by an ex-lobbyist for the telecom industry is in itself horrifying and undermines my faith in our democracy. So, when I also learned the FCC was preparing to do away with net neutrality altogether I wasn't terribly surprised. I just figured that since Time Warner & Comcast were allowed to merge into a super company (side note: the two worst rated companies for customer service in America) that wields far too much power over users and the industry, that this sort of butt fucking would be coming any day now. So go ahead, prove that once again the industry regulators are basically company's bitches. In case you couldn't tell, I was joking. DON'T UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES DO AWAY WITH NET NEUTRALITY. THAT WOULD BE THE SINGLE STUPIDEST THING YOU COULD DO TO AMERICAN INNOVATION.
—Logan Daniel Patterson, Yakima, WA

Net Neutrality is important to me because I believe it is essential to a democracy. A level playing field for all and not you're on top if your rich as most of our country is becoming.
—Susan Ramsey Abeyta, woodland hills, CA

The rules that will allow for a two-tiered Internet with a fast lane for the rich and a slow lane for the rest of us is a very bad idea. The public wants net neutrality.
—Dr. Marjorie Fish, Vashon, WA

You cannot have a successful democracy if power over information distribution is controlled by vested interests. Those with the fast internet service will control the discussion. A two-tiered network Internet will be the beginning of the end of our democracy and you will be responsible if you don't prevent this from happening.
—William Miller, Encinitas, CA

We need ISPs to not be monopolies and to return to full net neutrality. make them common carriers
—Jeff Gallino, Lexington, MA

throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality. Please represent all the people and not corporations.
—Mike Dillon Jr, Portland, OR

because it is owned by the people of this country not corporations!
—Brian T Bayer, williston park, NY

How many times and in how many ways is it necessary to point out that freedom of speech is our unalienable right! Stop the FCC from taking it away from us. Discrimination is illegal and unless we speak up and voice our outrage it may happen.
—Paula Vincent-Cowan, Eastham, MA

It is important that we maintain Net Neutrality so that we are not stifling small business growth and innovation. Please stand with the many on this and keep Net Neutrality.
—Brian Dickinson, Bothell, WA

It seems really, really obvious that the creation of an "internet fast lane" will hurt small businesses and consumers. To a large extent, the internet has helped level the playing field for businesses, giving small entrepreneurs access to a minimal cost infrastructure that can allow them to compete with much larger, or more established businesses. A two-tiered internet eliminates that equality by allowing those who have already found financial success a permanent leg up. This hurts small businesses by giving an advantage back to the wealthy. And it hurts consumers, because these established businesses can win with money-purchased speed instead competing fairly by the quality of their goods and services. And finally, it does potentially pave the way for the end of net neutrality altogether, where my cable company could-- via pricing and speed structures- shape what information I could see and transmit. For the nation that invented this technology, and prides itself on its freedom, that would be and ironic and deadly blow.
—Jake Sexton, San Diego, CA

The Internet is not a tool that should be structured with tiered-access. This would stifle growth, creativity, and ruin the even-footing the average person with larger, much wealthier, corporations.
—Robert Bell, Lutz, FL

Please do not allow internet service providers to create a two-tiered Internet. I am a disabled 61 year old man with Multiple Sclerosis and the internet is very important to me. A two-tiered internet with extra fees will be a financial burden for me and will make it more difficult for me to do the research I need to do to manage my chronic disease. Please fight to provide us with real internet neutrality. Please throw out your rules and instead reclassify Internet Service Providers as common carriers.
—Roger Propes, Austin, TX

Save the internet, I have a Corgi!
—Linda Kelly, Weston, WV

We already pay plenty just to have the service. We should not have to pay again for using it. Since when is it legal to charge us twice for the same thing? There are a lot of disabled and elderly people who use this as their lifeline to the outside world. These companies already make way too much money, don't give them the chance to screw us over some more. They don't need more money, we need more money.
—Barbara Kantola, Niles, MI

In a world that is increasingly connected by information, net neutrality is of the utmost importance to democracy and free speech. The currently proposed rules, if enacted, would end net neutrality, and limit the free speech of individuals for a resource that needs to remain unrestricted and unbarred in its transmission. By allowing companies to pay for preferential treatment, companies will have the power to decide whose speech is heard. Some of the most important tools for communication and free speech used today, such as emails, tweets, videos, or texts over IP, could be squelched or blocked with the rules as proposed. These rules could also potentially interfere with citizens' privacy and individual choice, if ISPs were to decide to block or limit access to content that they found objectionable. Please maintain net neutrality.
—Tracy Hartford, Seattle, WA

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 reconsider this option re: Net Neutrality. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—P Bowen, bastrop, TX

We pay $150.00 a month to TimeWarner Cable for access to cable tv and the internet, although our access to the internet is intermittent and, when it's working - more often than not, very, very slowly. I have tried to reach someone at TimeWarner to discuss the poor service, and the fact that our monthly bills have increased over 26% over the last 2 years; it takes 20 minutes to reach a live person by phone, or to wait through the line at the local office. Our only alternative is to leave TimeWarner for AT&T, which is offers a low monthly teaser rate for 6 months....that will surely rise, because there is only one other provider available. This duopoly does not represent competition. It is why the U.S. ranks so very low in access to the internet compared to other nations (#27). This lack of access, and poor quality of service are obvious impediments to our ability to innovate, collaborate and compete in the world....and a testament to how poorly the public, and our national interest is served by the FCC's definition of cable carriers as 'providers of information' when in fact they only control (limit) access to such providers.
—Deborah L. Daly, Kent, OH

Dear FCC board members: If part of your mandate is to protect the public, then it is YOUR responsibility to reclassify ISPs as common carriers. So, why the obfuscation? Why the delay? Anything less than immediate reclassification of ISPs as common carriers constitutes a dereliction of duty for which you will be held accountable. Truly, Timothea C. Papas
—Timothea Papas, Evanston, IL

I am an older adult with a disabled partner. We do much of our shopping on line. Having fast and slow lanes for websites is like confining our shopping to only big box stores. Already our broadband is slower than it should be (much slower than Europe and other parts of the world). If we have to wait for the smaller businesses to load it will discourage these alternatives. It is claimed that small businesses generate the bulk of new jobs and innovation in this country. Why would you want to steer us to the same old large corporations? Secondly, we enjoy having all kinds of news sites to go to. Mass media often echoes itself over and over. It is hard to get more in depth coverage from them. I am sure that most of our alternative sites will not have the money to "buy" a fast lane. Nor will they have the money to appear on the first or even second page of a web search. Please listen to the people on this one. Internet service providers already make enormous profits. And remember they do so with an infrastructure which was originally paid for by the taxpayers.
—Hilary Parsons, Lacey, WA

Please classify Internet Service Provider companies as Title II Common Carriers. This is important to all Americans. ISPs should not be allowed to cripple consumers' current service and then charge a higher rate for the same service we all currently enjoy.
—Paul, Indianapolis, IN

Allowing companies like Comcast or Verizon to dole out Internet access to the highest bidders may impact your work, community, and our democracy.
—Joyce Bettencourt, Rehoboth, MA

Keep the internet a level playing field. Please support net neutrality!
—Jessie Palmer, Bremerton, WA

The internet is a public resource, started by taxpayer money, and should be run for the benefit of the public.
—Margaret Goodman, Glen Mills, PA

FCC throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Lisa A Neste, High Point, NC

An open and neutral internet is vital to a world - of real people, that is - aspiring to democratic ideals. Not only that, but imagine how superficial, stifling, boring, down dog lobotomizing the world will be as run by these companies. DON'T encourage them.
—Tim Harrington, Weston, FL

I think I should have Access of All kinds of Information, Weather it's from a Non-Profit or a Corporate information source.
—Lee Davis, Portland, OR

With no net neutrality, censorship will reign on the world of Internet. And no freedom whatsoever.
—Su Park, Athens, OH

Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Do not allow service providers to have the power to selectively discriminate the speed or availability of content and applications.
—Robyn Randzin, Laguna Woods, CA

The internet is a vital resource for a true democracy. Let us share this tool and use it for the greater good. Get money out of politics, stop letting citizen be run over by corporations. Long live the free and open internet!
—Emily Miotke, PORT HURON, MI

Because I'm sick and tired of seeing those people known as "corporations" being catered to while those "real people" continue to get screwed by those that are elected to protect "real people"
—Edwin J. McGrath, Albion, PA

The United States was a country founded with the intent for equality for all and not just the wealthy. What you are trying to do with this bill is making the United States a place were people with money can have and do whatever they want while the middle class and less fortunate are forced to be second class citizens.
—Jake Reynolds, Upper saint clair, PA

The Internet was, is and should continue to be a PUBLIC RESOURCE.
—Dana Briggs, Kirkland, WA

Net neutrality is important for fair access! In 2014 everyone needs to be able to go online to reach information, assistance, opportunities and people who are important in their lives but who may live too far away to visit. It has become a vital tool in maintaining important connections - and this goes for all regardless of income! Reclassify ISPs as common carriers for the well-being of this nation, and the world.
—Diane Hopmann, Lino Lakes, MN

People do not need a "class based" Internet. We won't stand for a "sell out".
—David Kaufmann, San Diego, CA

I can't imagine a world where search speeds will be different based on how much money a huge corporation paid another huge corporation. It's so obviously wrong as to not even require further discussion. Enough already.
—Steve Holtsford, St. Charles, IL

The end of Net Neutrality is unacceptable. The net as it is today is how it is meant to be.
—Jimmy Grimard, Québec City,

The internet is different. It's new. It's scary. But lets learn from Disney's the beauty and the beast. You see Gaston thought what he was doing was right but he didn't know the beast unlike Bell. Bell loved the beast even for how ugly he was. So, FCC, don't be a Gaston. No one likes a Gaston
—Nicholas Hughes, Chemlsford,

The Internet is commonplace at work and necessary for many to do their jobs on a daily basis. Allowing for less restrictions on how the internet is structured and priced will lead to even more apathy about the quality of the current service providers an catering to those who are more able to give them money.
—Karl Horvath, Kirkland, WA

Net Neutrality is important not just for me but for the evolution of human kind. Internet is the only world where people are equal, have equal rights, equal power , thus it makes the perfect conditions for a direct democracy. If we cant have clean, non-corrupt democracy in our real world , we will have it virtually. By making a two - tiered Internet, of course you help big corporations gain even more money, but you destroy what internet is known for. Freedom! It makes every user INEQUAL. We want a democratic Internet where every user has the same power,speed, rights and we will have it. ISP AS CARRIER ISP NOT AS INFORMATION PROVIDER
—Lazanas Spyridon, athens,

Iam opposed to the FCC's provosed internet rules. As soon as bandwith is available to the highest bidder, consumers will pay for it, and the poor will be left behind.
—Brian Cost, Chicago, IL

Please classify the internet as a Type 2 commodity to help consumers receive the best possible services they deserve. At the current time, communications companies have grown to large, service their own interest and pocket books, and allowing a "fast lane" will only serve to increase the power they have to manipulate the consumer, not provided the service we want. No matter where I go in the US, I know I will get clean water and electricity... the internet should be the same.
—Andrew Rostek, Missouri City, TX

If a two tier Internet is created we all will lose. Only Verizon and friends will win. The citizen deserves better. No Internet fast lane. Net neutrality must survive.
—Steven Hess, Taft, CA

I'm a college student,and without net neutrality, what's to stop isps from interfering with my research for papers or assignments. and I can't afford increased fees so that would set me at a disadvantage, and there are probably a number of other college students who are in the same or similar scenario. in today's economy and job market, college is a requirement, does that need to become more difficult?
—Reeve Stepp, Lafayette, IN

ISPs are opposing Title II so that they can destroy the FCC's net neutrality rules in court. The FCC should use it's Title II authority to protect NET NEUTRALITY.
—Sarah Fumagalli, Lubbock, TX

Net Neutrality is important to me because it is and has been a level playing field for everyone who participates. If you allow preferential speeds for higher-paying customers you will destroy many things: free speech will be hampered, and those with more money will have more power to sideline sites that they do not like. The current character of the internet must remain as is. Thank you, Shola Friedensohn
—Shola Friedensohn, Cambridge, MA

Chairman Wheeler, this is a very important issue for all of us in the U.S. particularly those who are not at the top of the income stream. the internet should be treated as a utility and regulated as such. Please reconsider your position and proposed new rules. Thank you.
—Judith Andros, New York, NY

The internet is one of few places where equality is still visible. Don't kill that. We need net neutrality.
—Emma, Portsmouth,

I support net neutrality; I do not support 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 would allow companies like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon 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. Do not approve the new proposed Internet rules!
—Marcelle Altshuler, Washington, DC

Dear FCC, Please defend the open internet. I find it very unjust that if we allow for the internet to be modified to horde money for the few, it'll never be the same for the rest of us. Future generations will never experience the internet the way we did and the web, as we know it today, will be remembered as a lost gem. Think of all of the people who have made a living off of the internet. People who have made changes to society because of the internet. All of that will perish! and you guys can help stop this so I ask very nicely, can you please defend net neutrality. Defend our best creation. Defend our future. Thank you.
—Jose Amigo, Santiago,

Dear Leaders, Once again, please Mr. Tom Wheeler, don't forget that you are now working for the American people (and the world by extension), and should truly represent us and not the interests of your former employers as a high-priced lobbyist, i.e., BOTH the cable industry and telecommunication companies. Pres. Obama- your campaign promises were to maintain Net Neutrality, member? Grab it and go with it for the people, enhance your integrity, make Tom do the right thing with it, show him who's boss, stroke your ego by spanking your corporate overlords!
—Steven Maiken, northridge, CA

two-tiered internet is wrong and discriminating. Reclassify isp's as common carriers!
—James Freeman, Buckeye, AZ

Please keep the Net neutral so that we all have an equal say in our Democracy. Corporations control way too much already, we need to reduce their power and not enhance it.
—John Lawrence Lane, San Diego, CA

Net Neutrality is important to me and so many other, no, ALL other Americans! I know the word freedom just gets tossed around, but we need the freedom to be able to find information on the internet equally, without (yet more) preferential treatment for the wealthy. I think the American public has made its opinions on this beyond clear, and since comments were requested I hope that you take all our comments to heat! Please, please keep internet usage and speed fair and equal for all of us.
—Rachel Kaplus, Canton, GA

I urge the FCC to drop this ill-advised plan to allow Internet service providers to create two-tiered services favoring large corporations over individuals, small business creators & owners, artisans, students, all us ordinary people who rely on the internet for so much of what we do everyday. My husband & I are retired. We live off our investments and rely on the internet for all our financial transactions, as well as medical communications with our health providers, shopping for things not available to us in our local markets. It is our news source, since television & newspapers have become pretty much monopolized by only a few corporations. It is also my chief source of education & entertainment, giving me access to classes in such things as knitting, playing piano, literature & philosophy, to name only a few, while allowing me to view movies, listen to recorded books, or see concerts & shows which are available to me. My life would be hugely impacted if all of that were to be removed or "filtered" by what my ISP deemed to carry. Since it began, the internet has always been accessible to everyone equally and that is what makes it so valuable to our democracy. It allows for the free flow of ideas. If the current plan under consideration is approved, democracy loses. The US should be at the forefront of freedom & innovation, not going backward by allowing such draconian restrictions to stifle communication. Please say "no" to this ill-conceived rule - reclassify ISPs as commoncarriers.
—Sue Hardy, Yucaipa, CA

Dear FCC, I have grown up in a world where the monumental capabilities of the American people have truly become known to the world. The Internet us more than a inter-connected money-making infrastructure; it's an entirely unique woelf, hitherto unknown to any civilization of the past. If The American People lose this freedom, how are we to put our faith in this nation? "This land is my land, this land is your land" but this internet is our land. The corporations can have their share, and our leaders can have a watchful eye over the peoples, as in the name of national security. But to take away the common man's new birthright, his indispensible need...here, this goes against the core values of this nation. Please FCC, listen to the voices of the people, if not for our own sakes, then for the sake of the legacy of this free nation. FCC, to put it in the words of a past leader, when facing absolute despair, ask not what tour country can do for you, but what you can do for your country."
—Phil, West Chester, PA

Net Neutrality is vital to all our lives. Please do not allow this to continue. We need a completely open internet.
—David Garcia, Hialeah, FL

i run an independent website and dont have the money to give to verizon or att. and smaller sites do pay to play kills me off.
—Raven Frazier, atlantic city, NJ

The FCC's top priority should be to preserve net neutrality. The wishes of a few corporations should not come before the needs of the entire nation.
—Don L Hannah, New Lexington, OH

The Internet is a useful tool for us in rural America. Most of us know we pay these ISP companies the highest rates in the world, if there is any more changes that upset customers more the Internet will die, as the way television did. . There will be a day these cable and phone companies will sir come for all the pain they have cause to millions of families and individuals with there constant and repeated lies. No one trusts a phone or cable company anymore.
—Todd cowherd, Bronson, MI

The internet should be available to all, and in the same way. No favorites, no loopholes, no paying for advantages.
—Kathy Corbin, lakeville, MN

The 99% deserves net neutrality and speech that's genuinely FREE! Corporate telecom companies have more than enough influence and make more than enough money! Enough already!
—Kathleen A. Mireault, Jamaica Plain, MA

Net Neutrality is important to me, because I believe the open access to the internet is important to our future, and continued innovation.
—Lynn Barnett, Enid, OK

An open internet supports the promotion of ideas and education.
—Luc Lacerte, Barrington, RI

Please keep the internet un-tiered. The future of humanity shouldn't be made only available for those who can pay.
—Russell Sternshein, Beverly Hills, CA

This is an awful proposal that affects my ability to support my family. I am an online professor and use streaming video to communicate with my students. Creating this two tier system would put an extreme hardship on me and those like me for no other reason but the sheer profits of a few large corporations. This is not right. Please vote NO to this proposal and help us keep the net open and fair to everyone.
—Nichelle Wilson-Parish, Savannah, GA

Dear FCC, Most often the poorest people have the least amount of time and money. They cannot afford to pay for special access to a super fast internet, and they do not have the time to wait for searches to compile and download. Libraries try to meet the needs of poor people but lack the resources to provide limitless access to publicly available computers. Most users have time limits on their computer usage at libraries. Frustration with limited access leads to lack of practice and increased inability to find appropriate information. We need to keep the internet as level a playing field as we possibly can for everyone, not just the rich people. Thank you for this opportunity to give my input. Sincerely, Leslie Wykoff Librarian Emerita, WSU Vancouver
—Leslie Wykoff, Vancouver, WA

The internet is a great tool for communication, sharing, and innovation. letting commercial interests and corruption ruin the freedom to improve our communities and society would be a massive setback and in my opinion failure of maintaining such a positive impact on our planet. net neutrality is a great way to ensure the expectations and requirements for freedom on the internet can exist as it does in the US.
—Perry Rajnovic, Pittsburgh, PA

Freedom, freedom, freedom from corporate interests and control. Why is this so difficult to understand? Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This makes common sense.
—Ruth Thompson, Clovis, CA

The pressure you are under from the likes of Comcast, Verizon, Time-Warner, Cox and Cablevision can be the only reason you are hedging about declaring the Internet as a common carrier. You need to unshackle yourself from their lobbying efforts and do you job as a steward of the people's communications infrastructure. I held an FCC First Class commercial license as a radio station engineer for many years and have much respect for the FCC as a result. Please listen to the people of this nation along with the Internet titans who have spoken up on our behalf in the interest of keeping their profits going that the Intetnet must remain 100% neutral to all traffic flow regardless of origination. This is just common sense. If you do not do this and create artificial tiers on the Intenet then we will all suffer and you will have abrogated your responsibility to the public's communications infrastructure which you are supposed to protect. Tom Wheeler should have never been approved as chairman of the FCC since his previous ties to the very cable giants that want to eliminate net neutrality distorts his view that this is a public infrastructure. Please protect net neutrality and confine Wheeler to a position where he can do no more harm to the public.
—Kevin Tucker, Roseville, MN

The proposed rules for Internet use are unreasonable. Large corporations have no place governing the use or speed of the internet. The proposals promote yet another way to force the poor and lower middle classes have to work harder just to tread water. It gives these corporations extensive control over Internet traffic, content and an entirely unacceptable control over freedom of expression and freedom of the press. The Internet is not the place for any of this.
—Liz Rolle, Stamford, CT

Hi FCC. The reason I support Net Neutrality and oppose the so called "fast lane" is pretty simple. You can't have a fast lane without a slow lane for everything else. In the US, our broadband providers have de facto monopolies in their jurisdictions. At best for consumers there's an oligopoly of just two or three providers. This is hardly competition. Net neutrality ensures that netflix can't get better treatment than a startup. It ensures that large operations like Apple can't opt in (for a hefty dollar amount) to special treatment, and it means that everyone is on an equal playing field when it comes to the digital pipes that are increasingly empowering the US. Thanks and I urge you to also support Net Neutrality to keep the Internet fair.
—Pat Zearfoss, South Riding, VA

Creating an internet fast lane will be disastrous for Internet competition. Existing will have an unfair advantage over new start-up companies. This will stifle Internet competition and allow ISP to control Internet traffic. True net neutrality is the best way to prompt Internet growth and free speech.
—Guy Speers, Telford, PA

Net Neutrality is vitally important to independent artists and creators like myself because we rely on the Internet to share our content and earn a living. For our voices to be heard, we need an Internet based on equality, not one that only favors those who can pay extra fees.
—Bethany Pyles, Nazareth, PA

You know this isn't right - it won't serve the public and it is only benefiting the usual rich and corporations - there is absolutely no reason to change things as they are - the FCC needs to reclassify ISPs as common carriers
—Jesse Daniels, culver city, CA

The Internet should remain free and uncensored and not be influenced by the flavor of the government of the day.
—Timothy brindley, Newcastle-under-Lyme,

Please keep the internet neutral. This is necessary for the strength of our democracy. If you do not keep the internet neutral, it will demonstrate that the FCC does not support a democracy and instead supports a plutocracy.
—Mel McQueary, Houston, TX

Net neutrality is the only way to ensure competition for new businesses. Eliminating it would be hamstringing the American economy. Companies like facebook, netflix, amazon, and countless others may never have existed if not for net neutrality.
—Will McCormick, Colchester, VT

Net Neutrality is an important tool for those who do not have access to regular, and grossly overpriced, higher education. Want to regulate something? Try the 1184% increase in college tuitions in this country since the 80's!! Meanwhile, let the every day person have the freedom to create their own future. No more corporate rules dictating our lives, our well being and our future.
—Claire Lombard, Walpole, MA

We depend on information and it's access. Our livelihoods revolve around it. Please do not make information a greed-game. Thank you for your consideration.
—A F, Bremerton, WA

The original idea of not only this great country but the internet itself was to provide a playground in which anyone could say how they feel about any given subject and with this came the first instance in history of people being able to debate from around the world without consequence, because of this to the citizens of the world (especially the younger crowd) the idea of net neutrality is sacred. And while I understand this idea behind it, in a word it is unfair. For you see the internet allows people who before could not afford to get a newspaper every morning to not only get news, but to have their opinions listened to! not only that but only giving fast internet to those who pay extra is a guaranteed recipe for disaster, because of you know any gamers, you know how laggy internet pisses them off, it will be the same in this scenario, only up-scaled more, and more drastic since its not only games that will be slowed down. In the end i understand why, but unless you want to be 1. known in history as the guys who made the internet suck, or 2. be hated and pummeled with complaints for decades for the poor decision that was made. I trust you all to make the right descision Sincerely, Bernard Stinson
—Bernard Stinson, Atlanta, ND

On the internet, everyone is equal. Don't change that. That's one of the biggest problems right now in the world, that we don't treat others as equals. Don't ruin the internet.
—Mathew, Rancho Cordova, CA

John Oliver sums it up pretty well...you'd have to be mental to think pandering to the big ISPs is a good idea.
—Matthew Kleiman, Houston, TX

It helps create jobs and opportunities for young people who cannot get jobs in old areas due to the increasing retirement age. By not passing the bill the world will thank you. Do the network owners really need more money?
—Matthew Ellison, Nottingham,

Net Neutrality is important to me as a taxpaying American citizen because the internet is the last place where all people can connect with each other, do unbiased research, and be made aware of news without a heavily biased viewpoint. To end net neutrality is to further impede the freedom of the American citizenry and unfairly drain them of their hard earned money. Keep the internet neutral, show for once that big business will not be allowed to fuck over the people you are supposed to be protecting.
—Nunzio DiBenedetto, Wilmington, MA

We do not need the corporations using the Internet as a weapon against the people of the USA or the world
—Mike More, Nokesville, VA

Technology exists that can provide all the bandwidth necessary to run ours networks without congestion at this moment. http://www.wired.com/2014/06/e snet/ Unfortunately, greed causes profit seekers to find ways of producing artificial demand. Solution: Municipal and Federal internet national backbone projects that are leased to small and large private/public companies. Funds can provide maintenance and significant research and development toward scientific progress. Example: 10/100 GB Fiber national parameter 50 miles from the border with spider web like fiber connections directly proportional to population requirements. Empty conduit installed along fiber for incoming wired solutions. Public towers placed to allow for further wireless technologies. The productivity and revenue returns on unknown future technologies may push this society forward in ways we cannot imagine. Please to not hamstring us by doling out bits slowly in order to profiteer on what is essential mankind's cumulative contribution to ourselves. JcS
—Jason Solomon, Fort COllins, CO

This is ridiculous. If you restrict the internet, there will be no freedom left at all. We're not your slaves, this is not a dictatorship. We have a right to speak up without constantly being censored.
—Pauline, Aigremont,

The FCC's proposed Internet rules are 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. AT&t, Comcast, Warner Cablle, Verizon and probably others alike already make a lot of money from a lot of poor people like me. FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler is on the side of the rich. He does not care at all about the poor, he only cares about the rich. The poor people will not be able to afford those outrageous prices that these predatorial corporations plan to increase. Ending Net Neutrality is Anti-Democratic ...
—Miguel Soto, Sylmar, CA

One of the things that make the internet great is the way that it has leveled the playing field. People with no access to education, to art, to commerce, to anything can connect to the internet and experience art, politics, science, no matter where in the world they are. The flip side is that the common citizen can reach as wide an audience as the big media companies if he/she has a message people want to hear. By preserving Net Neutrality we preserve this level playing field...one of the most important aspects of this Net revolution. By giving in to Big media (again) the FCC is allowing the dollars of big business to once again drown out the voice of the people. Are the big media outlets really not able to reach enough people? Are they not making enough money? This limits competition, limits choices, limits opportunities...all things that Government agencies SHOULD be against. Please do not allow for a fast track. A fast track inherently creates a slow track. That is unfair and is against everything good that the internet has been about since it's acceptance.
—Gil Cintron, Richmond, VA

Dear FCC, As we've seen in every other department of government, money equals power. Please illustrate to the people of the world that free speech is still alive and well in America and stop the "pay to play" mentality that will ultimately destroy the internet as we know it. I am a taxpayer in the US and the internet should remain by the people, of the people and for the people. There are other ways to line the pocketbooks of the ISP's. Thanks, Sumesh Thakur
—Sumesh Thakur, Irvine, CA

Equal access to the internet furthers scientific research by allowing collaboration and citizen science projects to work easily and unhindered. Without it, large firms can dominate the fields and delay possible breakthroughs.
—Jennifer Goldstein, West Chester, PA

WE LIVE ON A RANCH MILES FROM ANY TOWN. IT IS VIA THE INTERNET THAT WE GET PRODUCTS, NEWS AND FAMILY MAIL AND DO OUR RESEARCH ON A LARGE NUMBER OF SUBJECTS. THE INTERNET IS A COMMON CARRIER AND NEEDS TO STAY THAT WAY: TV, NEWSPAPER, CORPORATIONS-ALL HAVE FALLEN DUE TO GREED AND LEFT THE MAJORITY WITH ITS NEEDS AND ASPIRATIONS BY THE WAYSIDE. PLEASE LEAVE US A TOOL TO TAKE PART IN LIFE WITHOUT PAYING YET ANOTHER CROOKED CORPORATION! THANK YOU FOR LISTENING!
—Dr. Elisabeth Kirk, inkom, ID

Freedom can't exist in an Internet controlled by big companies. The Internet just wasn't designed for this. If carriers are given the chance to prioritize some services over others, users will have to stay on those like if they were a jail, or migrate to other decentralized and distributed services, so that no blockage or prioritization afffects them.
—David Charte, Granada, PA

Dear FCC, Please allow the internet to continue to be an engine of innovation and wealth creation in this country by prohibiting discrimination, access fees, and paid prioritization on both mobile and fixed. I urge you to do this by reclassifying broadband ISPs as 'common carriers' provinding 'telecommunications services' [under Title II of the Communications Act]. In fact, I am telecommunicating this to you via a connection secured through a broadband ISP, right now. Thank you, Heath Ritchie
—Heath Ritchie, Rockport, MA

The internet is a foundational element of free speech in a modern society. Let's keep it unfettered and free.
—Pascal Balthrop, Brooklyn, NY

Keep net neutrality, don't create a two-tiered system!!
—Mary Zeravica, Driftwood, TX

Comcast have already proven earlier this year that they are willing to manipulate internet speeds and access for consumers and content providers for greater profit when earlier this year they slowed down Netflix's performance speeds, hindering the streaming website's ability to provide stream in a timely manner to its subscribers. It was only after Netflix payed a large sum of money that Comcast restored sufficient bandwidth to the streaming company. What if Comcast had instead forced Netflix subscribers to pay extra for access to Netflix? What if Netflix had decided to make up for the money it spent for prioritized speeds by increasing subscriptions fees for consumers? What's to stop any ISP or content provider from implementing such unethical business models? Right now, the best answer to that question would be reclassification of broadband as a common carrier under Title II of the Telecommunications Act. FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler’s assurance that his proposal won’t create a fast-lane/slow-lane Internet because the agency would veto any unreasonable commercial proposal using Section 706 of the Telecommunications Act is not enough. Why? That's because of procrastination; which could delay any vetoing of any proposal until after the damage has been done. This would be absolutely disastrous for election campaigns, important public service announcements, etc. ISPs childishly demonstrate over and over again that they are not afraid of the FCCs constant abuse of threatening the implementation of rules. The FCC needs to stop spoiling the ISPs and use its rod to keep the children in check. Who's side are you on, FCC?
—Anthony Morton, Northfield, NJ

The internet is our information superhighway. If you have to reclassify ISPs as common carriers to maintain net neutrality, do it! It has been a huge benefit to our economy because of net neutrality. My technology development business in Orange County California depends on it. David J. Schenck President Controlled Dynamics Inc.
—Mr. David Schenck, Huntington Beach, CA

Please do not allow ISPs to create a two-tiered Internet. So many countries around the world have better, faster Internet service; as usual, the U.S. wants to create ways to give big business extra money out of our pockets and allow the rich to have access to faster speeds and leave the rest of us hobbling along. WE WANT NET NEUTRALITY!
—Roshana Ariel, Salina, KS

Dear FCC, By discarding net neutrality you are violating what you Americans seem to value the most; freedom of speech, freedom of expression, but also peoples privacy. This should be characterized as a criminal offense, because you are trying to restrict people of the one thing that has the biggest impact on modern society, which is the internet. You can make us pay for netflix. You can make us pay for premium memberships and other costly services, but you CANNOT make us pay for the actual things we do when we go online. You should not be allowed to be in control of what people do, or when they do it. I say we not because I live in the US, but because I know this will spread. We already pay companies to provide us with a service; the internet. But this does NOT give you the right to control what we do when we are on it. And for your information, because I assume you ignorant people don't know this, there are people out there who can, and will, make everything very difficult for you if you make this a reality. I am of course talking about the groups who give life to websites that in actuality control most of the internet itself. So, you can try. But you cannot make it happen. The internet community is against you. The modern world is against you. THROW OUT YOUR RULES AND RECLASSIFY ISP AS COMMON CARRIERS
—Stromskog, Bergen,

The internet is not only a way for me to learn more and get better grades in school, it is a part of who I am. I have grown up with the internet and it has helped me stay true to who I am. I live in a very conservative state and my ideals are not the norm. I am an independent feminist woman who is agnostic and I live in Texas. The internet not only encourages that part of me, but also educates me in those subjects so when I'm bombarded with questions to why I'm like that, I know how to defend myself. The internet has changed me, but for the better. I know who I am and I am proud of it. The internet is a vast place of learning and education for not only me, but others as well. Please don't take that away.
—Giovanna Coronado, Mckinney, TX

Net Neutrality is vital to the vibrancy and creativity that the internet has brought to the world. It is time to throw out the FCC's proposed internet rules -- they would mean the end of net neutrality. It's time to reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—David Turnbull, San Francisco, CA

Not neutrality is important to me because the Internet is not just a source of entertainment, but a source for education, support, and social understanding. For a student of technology wanting to study different operating systems or upload large disk images for education, a slower connection is not feasible. The 'fast lanes' need to be equal opportunity access, and not arbitrarily reserved for those who have more money to throw away on them.
—Michael McGilton, 438713, OH

Please do not allow the changes as submitted to go through, I'm already suffering from an ever-increasing internet bill from a company that wants to double dip and be paid from both ends of the spectrum. That's like a post office charging the send of a package and the receiver, it's redundant and leads to over-charging people on both ends as the service was already paid. I urge the FCC to reclassify ISP's as common carriers and this is the most efficient way to protect the internet. Don't make the same mistakes that befell the commissions to control the railroads over a hundred years ago (which threatened to choke the life out of people who relied on it), instead actually learn from the past and correct a problem instead of causing it.
—Wayne Fletcher, Des Plaines, IL

I am a small business owner in Knoxville TN. My small private school uses our website and email to people who visit as our primary public relations tools. We cannot afford to advertise in the daily newspaper or on TV, so our only attempts to reach interested families are public radio underwriting and our website. Without the equal access provided by the internet, it is unlikely that I could have contacted enough people to start a private school in 1998. Keep the internet as it is, for the good of all.
—Chris Duncan, Knoxville, TN

So how exactly is this even REMOTELY acceptable? ISPs ARE common carriers! I haven't had cable in over FIVE FREAKING YEARS, I use the internet instead. IT IS A BASIC UTILITY FOR MANY PEOPLE. Not only will filtering this ruin the internet for myself, it will ruin and degrade the internet for EVERYONE WHO USES IT WORLDWIDE. Do you want us to remove you from power with pitchforks? Because honestly, it REALLY looks like you do. If you keep stepping on EVERYONE'S FACE, PEOPLE WILL GET RATHER PISSED OFF AND DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT. And last time I checked, mob mentality was NOT very forgiving about being angry. So get off your freaking high horse and make it OPEN TO EVERYONE WITHOUT A FEE. Hell, even according to the United Nations, THE INTERNET IS A BASIC HUMAN RIGHT. THE UNITED NATIONS. Let that sink in for a moment. It could end up that most of the other countries of the world fire up their OWN internet services, and STOP using ours. Which guess what that means! It means a drop in AMERICAN business. GET YOUR HEAD OUT OF THE FOURTH POINT OF CONTACT AND FIX THIS BEFORE YOU GET FIXED.
—Michael Hartson, longview, WA

Net neutrality is one of the things that sets us apart from other,lesser upstanding,nations, their is no logical argument of why net neutrality should end from the average American citizen standpoint. The arguments provided by companies that want net neutrality to end (Verizon) only benefit large cooperations, such as themselves. The internet as it is today gives everyone an equal chance, which is exactly what America was built on. I would like to ask the FCC to not treat cooperations as people and stand up for American values by upholding net neutrality which protects Americans from a two tiered Internet.
—Rose Cunningham, san jose, CA

It is already unfair that people without computers are without the power of information. Now, when they DO access a computer, they will take twice as long to get it as the rich...if this goes thru...
—Judith Burch, san pedro, CA

Can we maybe let the little guy "win" just one of these battles? The internet providing corporations will survive just fine with Net Neutrality kept in place.
—Michael Stewart, Palatine, IL

I need my Internet badly!!
—Barb Knight, Candler, NC

This attempt to commercialize the web is one more example of public property being confiscated for private profit.
—Gilbert Evans, Brandon, FL

"In certain nations that claim to be free, each agent of power can violate the law wiith impunity without the country's constitution giving the oppressed the right to complain before justice. In these peoples one must no longer consider the independence of the press as one of the guarantees but as the sole remaining guarantee of the freeedom and security of citizens." -Alexis de Tocqueville
—David Diamondstone, Madison, WI

I am a small time musician that uses the Internet to promote, sell my music and interact with my fan base. By allowing anything but an open and free internet you remove my ability to engage people at an equally fair level as the competition who make be working with a larger budget. The internet works the way it is. Do not let greed and desire to monetize everything ruin the internet. Thank you
—David Christensen, ripon, CA

Net neutrality is the First Amendment of the Internet, the principle that Internet service providers (ISPs) treat all data equally. As an Internet user, net neutrality is vitally important to me. The FCC should use its Title II authority to protect it. Most Americans have only one choice for truly high speed Internet: their local cable company. This is a political failure, and it is an embarrassment. America deserves competition and choice. Without net neutrality, a bad situation gets even worse. These ISPs will now be able to manipulate our Internet experience by speeding up some services and slowing down others. That kills choice, diversity, and quality. It also causes tremendous economic harm. If ISPs can speed up favored services and slow others, new businesses will no longer be able to rely on a level playing field. When ISPs can slow your site and destroy your business at will, how can any startup attract investors? My friends, family, and I use the Internet for conversation and fun, but also for work and business. When you let ISPs mess with our Internet experience, you are attacking our social lives, our entertainment, and our economic well being. We won't stand for it. ISPs are opposing Title II so that they can destroy the FCC's net neutrality rules in court. This is the same trick they pulled last time. Please, let's not be fooled again. Title II is the strong, legally sound way to enforce net neutrality. Use it.
—Vessue, Glenroy,

In the name of creativity, music, art, and the making and sharing of knowledge, I respectfully urge the FCC to reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Keep the internet neutral.
—Ms. Anna Nekola, Granville, OH

The Internet should be free from censorship, discrimination and anti-competitive behavior, protected by simple and enforceable rules that ensure a consumer’s equal access to the content they want.
—Peggy Burgin, Lebanon, OH

How many ways does 'inequality' benefit the rich...? Let me count the ways!! How much space do I have, how much do you have? AND what does this discussion have to do with 'democracy'..or with a fair access to the internet you ask? Sometimes asking the right questions may allow you to see the argument I am making, hopefully? When does the population at large wake up to the reality that they no longer matter in the land of the free? Certainly that there no equality? Please ask yourself WHERE ARE WE HEADED... WHAT IS TO BECOME OF OUR COUNTRY? THE USE OF SOME CRITICAL THINKING SHOULD PROVIDE MOST OF THE ANSWERS TO THE ABOVE.
—Gerry Lykins, Ft. Thomas, KY

Do not allow the creation of a two tiered internet Reclassify ISP's as common carriers. Net neutrality is vital to our continued advancement in this global economy
—Cynthia Turrentine Hanson, Fort Valley, VA

please fcc do the right thing because the net is bigger than your buddies...let's do this the easy and sensible way thank you
—Bruce Miles, Burns, OR

I REALLY don't want ISPs to be able to decide which content I can get at a decent speed. Internet where I am is slow and expensive enough as is.
—Jesse Millar, Provo, UT

Net neutrality is key to providing a level playing field for new companies and prevent the "old guard" from locking out new competition. Comcast, for example is the WORST WORST WORST provider of service EVER in the history of humankind (ask ANYONE!) and, if allowed, could shut out those who seek to innovate, simply because they are large and well-established and have deep pockets.
—Frances Lyon-Dugin, Minneapolis, MN

We've already lost network television news to corporate interests. If the same six conglomerates can control the web publishers we will have no chance to hear opposing view points. Especially after the end of the fairness doctrine.
—Scott Beyer, Raleigh, NC

I support net neutrality; I do not support 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 would allow companies like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon 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. Do not approve the new proposed Internet rules!
—Simona, Jacksonville, FL

I want to maintain net neutrality! I pay for fast internet already!
—Bryce, Hamilton, AL

I am in favor of reclassifying ISPs as common carriers to protect true Net Neutrality. To do any less than this would be a hinderance to free speech and innovation, as well as the access to information for all. Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers so that I can continue to believe that everyone has a chance to improve their lives with something as little as accessing the websites that they would like to.
—Nalissa Yee, Nampa, ID

It is not in the best interest of me, the citizen and consumer, to relegate the choosing which websites are granted preferential access to higher speed connections - and consequently which are not - to the cable provider. This is all the more true when there is such an obvious lack of competition amongst ISPs, such that there is little merit to the argument that consumers will have alternative options, should their ISP relegate the consumers' preferred sites to the slow-lane.
—Jake Mercer, Lakewood, OH

I believe that net neutrality is important because the internet should not be controlled by monopolies such as Comcast.
—Travis Klayum, Vancouver, WA

The FCC an entity of the federal government, ought to be serving the interests of the citizens of the United States, the source from which it derives its legitimacy. Privileging the few is just plain wrong. The internet belongs to all of us. FCC, regain your moral compass.
—Stephen Dvorak, Mountain View, CA

Nickel and dimed I don't want to be. Flow of speed and free informatiion is of utmost importance. Why should companies be allowed to harvest large incomes off of our commons, the internet? It is free now. Keep it that way. Stop nickel and diming the American public. And every one.
—Bernadette Bockis, Los Angeles, CA

Please care about Americans over corporations! Net Neutrality is an important issue of free speech. Without equal internet access for everyone, there cannot be free speech, education and enterprise. Consider reclassifying ISPs as common carriers. Thank you!
—Coral Peterson, Morris, IL

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Pj Elliott, daphne, AL

The internet is a vital resource in our day and age infringement onto what we are allowed to see is a violation of our rights as American citizens. Net neutrality is vital because freedom of press and speech should not be violated over money.
—Shaun Magee-Skinner, mesa, AZ

A free and open exchange of ideas and information is crucial for a healthy democracy.
—Angela Gipple, Des Moines, IA

Stop trying to control every aspect of the world.
—Julian, Denver, CO

To whom it may concern at the FCC: Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Net Neutrality must be maintained for the public's sake. The public has had enough of companies lining the pockets of their shareholders at the public's expense through loss of free and equal access for all, no matter what one's bank balance states.
—Janice Early, La Mesa, CA

The internet is a great social and information sharing network. Allowing private companies to regulate it makes about as much sense as allowing private companies to say how people are educated or who they can talk to. What public information they can have access too. If you want yourself and people to be as well informed as I do, and you think that maybe some of our problems are caused by lack of information, then you will want to keep the internet they way it was set up. A free public sharing network unrestrained by corporate desires and influence.
—Scott Thomas, WA, WA

Net Neutrality is essential for democracy in the US, and to pretend otherwise is to admit the victory of corporations and oligarchies within our society. Do not be so short-sighted.
—Hannah Orlove, New York, NY

I live in a rural area with limited access to information and news . The Internet is way of finding what I need to know about growing various plants and how they would fare in this region. Beyond that it is my source for foreign news and how people are coping around the world in this difficult time. Please do not create a two tiered Internet that would make access difficult for people like me.
—Margo Liebers, Hallam, NE

It has become increasingly more apparent as the years since 2008 that the Gilded Age has once again reared it's ugly head. To once again have so many not able to play in the arena that large entities are allowed to move and make money would be in my opinion Constitutionally wrong. All should have the ability to use the internet to make opportunities happen for themselves. Why must we return to the unfair practices of monopolies, well really oligarchy. It was unfair before and it is unfair now.
—Tracey J Hastings-Ward, High Falls, NY

Because its fucked up, yo. But in all reality - taking the power of choice away from the consumer is in of itself the very definition of the saying "highway robbery". Please allow the people to keep the only true freedom they have nowadays. The freedom of the Internet.
—Joseph Schweichler, phoenix, AZ

Dear FCC Commissioners, Please do not vote to dismantle the internet as we know it today by kowtowing to corporate interests. Cast your vote for net neutrality. This is in the best interest of the citizens that you have the privilege to represent. Sincerely, A very concerned citizen
—Mr. Jennifer Moore, St. Paul, MN

Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers
—Lynn Chen, Fremont, CA

Net neutrality must exists so that small time entrepreneur such as myself may exsist.
—James Flattery, Virginia Beach, VA

Preserve Net Neutrality!!! If your goal is to destroy any pretext of democracy in this country, and any pretext that the FCC has commitment at all to protecting the public interest in the United States, then by all means, do go ahead and eliminate net neutrality. Then, in fact, we can altogether eliminate any illusions about the rights of Americans to genuinely reliable and accurate information—free of corporate sponsorship, influence and censorship. Sincerely, Prof. Desiree Hellegers
—Desiree E Hellegers, Portland, OR

If an ISP wants to raise their rates in order to provide me with EQUAL access to whatever I'd like, then let them do that! I can decide for myself if I wish to pay the higher price, comparison shop or discontinue my services. I work for AT&T, but that doesn't mean that I would allow AT&T to choose what websites are "suitable" for me. The idea that a company would be able to pay a premium to have their website offered faster speeds than the competitor is an abomination! We, as citizens, are already forced to weed through our politicians, our news and educational outlets because the major players can afford better keyword placement. We already have to look harder for unbiased reports. What happens when the ISP dictates that access? Please, just allow us to exercise our personal responsibility.
—Kathering Kaleto, Biloxi, MS

I believe that the very future of the internet is at stake if net neutrality is abandoned. I, like many others, do not want to live in a world whereby future start ups will be strangled at birth by large corporations able to afford faster bandwidth. The economy relies upon small to medium sized enterprises which would be at a particular disadvantage with this plan. Additionally, in countries like the USA and the UK, which are built on the premise that anyone can be successful given enough hard work, this would be a massive hurdle put in front of each and every citizen trying to do just what we are supposed to do.
—Simon Whalley, Swansea,

All citizens deserve the right to receive any and all information on the Internet without 'special' charges! We already pay our Internet providers enough and shop online from ads ... from companies which pay to sell online. Just this alone bothers me as dealing with (for example) AT&T is very difficult, and this could add complications on the consumers part such as happened with cable companies and dealing with issues/problems. You are limiting access to information/news/resources by requiring special fees, which seems to me to be outright discrimination. This is also an unfair way to disseminate information, as others would be controlling or choosing what some people would have access too - not everyone can continue to pay for everything we are charged for now. We are 'nickel, dimed' and 'dollared' to the hilt these days already. Many folks can no longer or never could afford cable TV and online information becomes ever more important to stay abreast of news, science, etc. As the discrepancy between the upper earners and everyone else continues to grow, this will certainly help escalate the process and affect the middle/lower income people and their access to crucial information/news, etc. The number of informed/educated folks will certainly continue to decline. This does not bode well for most U.S. citizens. .
—Ms. Sally Mau, Chico, CA

You should count ten-fold for each person who actually responds to this plea. The privacy policy isn't strong enough, and the government has us all on the run, afraid to stick our necks out for anything. AS
—Ast Reaker, Boulder, CO

Please do not let massive corporations control and block content on the internet. Open dialogue and a free exchange of ideas and facts are vital for a healthy democracy. The pay for play plan is a horrible idea and is emblematic of crony capitalism. This would be an utter and massive error. Please adjust your stance on this issue and preserve Net Neutrality.
—Suleman Ilyas, Staten Island, NY

Dear Chairman Wheeler, Please, I beg you, reclassify Internet Service Providers as common carriers. I use the internet for work, accessing research, and communicating with clients and colleagues. If you don't protect net neutrality, my web traffic will be slowed or stopped because it won't be subsidized by giant corporations. If the greedy Internet Service Providers get their way, companies paying bribes to the ISP's will pass that cost on to every consumer via increased prices. I am offended that Internet Service Providers want to charge me double for service which I'm already paying for. I pay $75 per month for bares bones access. Why do I have to pay on the delivery end too? As a micro business owner I cannot afford to pay more just so I won't be treated detestably. The 1st amendment right to free speech is only as good as the information distribution channels. The average person's best access to public discourse is the internet. Protect our right to free speech. Protect net neutrality. Do you regard citizens as just part of the unwashed masses, or do you respect us as individuals? Demonstrate that you support an the individual's fair access to and fair participation in public dialog. Demonstrate that you value the exchange of knowledge and ideas more than you value a corporate stranglehold on communications in pursuit of the almighty dollar.
—Janina Konopka, San Leandro, CA

As a young developer I am in a small class people most directly effected by our network and technology policies. In our current post-Snowden world, the international community has a historic lack of confidence in American networks and technology. Selling out our network performance so that a handful of American ISPs can make a quick buck is selling out a generation of developers and products. Is the additional profit of a few companies worth selling our home-field advantage in the digital age? I think not.
—Zac Joyner, cary, NC

Defending that neutrality is important for defending free comers.
—Molly Bambenek, La Crosse, WI

Protect Real Net Neutrality. 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. Protect Real Net Neutrality. Gabriel Lataianu
—Gabriel Lataianu, Hackensack, NJ

internet should be the same for everyone.
—Hans Akrok, alhambra, CA

Dear FCC, We already have rationing based on wealth for so many products and services -- please let the internet be a resource equally accessible (speed-wise) to all of us! Sincerely, Mary Mertz
—Mary Mertz, Salina, KS

Please keep an open and free internet. Large companies and corporations should not have control of content, or be able to dictate speeds and bandwidth allocation.
—Mussarat Ilyas, Staten Island, NY

Please, reclassify ISPs as common carriers. I is unconscionable to make people pay more for faster internet service, or "load up" times for websites. Once again we are creating a system and a society in which money buys rapid access, and the little business person, who may be just a "start up" trying to compete with the Big Boys in the marketplace, is once more hampered with additional---if not impossible to meet---costs just to be able to offer the same internet speeds as their Giant Competitors. How many aspects of our society do we need to make money-oriented before we realize that we have frozen the small businessperson and the lower-rung consumer once again out of the picture? The beauty of the Internet was its neutrality--the fact that it was the same for all. Creating totally artificial "fast lanes" for rich businesses and well-to-do people distorts the now wonderful fairness, openness, and equal accessibility at comparable speeds of our present Internet. Please, please do not turn this system, too, over to the rich and powerful. Can't SOMETHING belong equally to everyone?
—Neale Donald Walsch, Ashland, OR

Dear FCC, I am very concerned about net neutrality, I strongly urge you to throw away your rules, and reclassify ISP's as common carriers. The internet needs to be open and neutral, for everyone!!! This is clearly class discrimination, education and knowledge should be free and open to all in the human family, only then can we all expand and have a better world together. Thank you.
—Tasha Ortloff, Woodstock, NY

The beauty of the Internet is that it's for everyone. Not big conglomerates or mega corporations. EVERYONE. Let's keep it that way. Please support Net-Neutrality.
—Seth Goldstein, Doylestown, PA

Leave our internet alone we pay for it and the big companies want to treat us like second class people, reclassify IPs, as common carriers and stop trying to discriminate against the ones that use the internet.
—Mary Truelove, Martinsville, IN

The internet isn't just a space for commerce and sharing ideas, it's also a space to connect employees and employers. It's used just like a town, the roads of which are maintained by taxes from everyone who lives there. The internet is already maintained by the fees of those wishing to produce content and those wishing to consume content. Further fees are charging twice for the same service. There isn't a market for the internet in the same way there is for shoes or food. I can't choose a different store to buy from if I don't like the prices or quality of the shoes at a store. If I don't like the prices or quality of the internet service provided I have very few to no alternatives depending on the area. This is as close as we can get to a monopoly without actually having one. Regulate the internet providers as a utility; it will insure that reasonable fees are charged without damaging the providers and insuring that the users aren't charged twice for the same content.
—Kathryn Remell, Fayetteville, AR

I want a free and open internet
—Aaron Vrobel, MESA, AZ

No one (or group if people) should have that much control over something so powerful.
—Josh Blanchard, Provo, UT

Net Neutrality is important to me because I don't want the cyberspace to be manipulated by bigger hands.
—Samudi, Ratnapura,

FCC to throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Because this is what ir right. Do the right thing for once, defend the people not the businesses.
—Danica Premirelli, Galveston, TX

Please leave the internet unrestricted by ISPs. I want full access to all sites on the internet without interference from any ISP. Do not allow ISPs to block or slow down the internet.
—J K, norcross, GA

We cannot continue to hinder progress with capless potential, once the internet is no longer an equal opportunity for all, the opportunities the internet provides ends up on the hands of a few, and ultimately hinder all of our progress
—Masta Izz, Mesquite, TX

The internet is probably the only industry that has developed into a viable and sustainable service that anyone can benefit from while having positive economic impact never imagined at its inception. It has grown with demand and competition encouraging standards to be constantly readjusted as technology allows for continuing improvement in all concerns, direct or collateral, so that stagnation never applies except with the unimaginative. All this and with minimal government regulation and interference and on a global scale no less! So why does the government think that it needs to fix something that is not broke? LEAVE THE INTERNET ALONE!
—Carri Schreiber, MCKINNEY, TX

You need to throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Government offices are designed to serve the public, not the corporations.
—Shannon Allen, brooklyn, NY

Our country is defined by our love of freedom. As Europe sinks itself with the "Right to be forgotten" laws, let the US be a shining beacon of openness.. As China sits behind a great firewall. Let us show an example of free flow of information. We have fallen behind in internet speeds to the rest of the developed world. Let us not fall behind in seeing the importance of equality. It's not "just speed." Slow information will be ignored.
—Kalman Gacs, Somerville, MA

Living in Alaska the internet is crucial to staying connected to the outside world. It is a tool needed to compete in the world not a luxury. Please keep the internet the way it is.
—Brad Greenwell, Juneau, AK

Big Corporations and their insane desire for profits are killing this country. Net Neutrality is the only way we can get information from other sources besides the "approved" (read dumbed-down) ones governed and manipulated by the corporations. That said, even though they have bought so many politicians and judges and bureaucrats already, I still have hope that honor and honesty and integrity will make a comeback in this country.
—Sally Webb, Largo, FL

I deployed and fought for this country. I understand what true corruption is, and it pains me to say but I think some of the greatest evils are the cable companies that bribe you guys in the FCC. Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Alexander Jackson, Virginia Beach, VA

Please protect net neutrality by reclassifying ISPs as common carriers -- which is what they in fact are. Giving control of access to the internet to companies that have an economic incentive to provide faster access to some people and sites over others is a violation of the fundamental principles on which the Internet was founded, the principles that have made the Internet such an effective tool for facilitating commerce, education, entertainment, and free exchange of ideas.
—Dr. Lawrence A. Farwell, Seattle, WA

Because I do NOT want large multinational corporations to have ANY say or power over my media intake options. I want internet equality, not internet discrimination!
—Shelby Miller, Salem, OR

Dear Ms. Clyburn, I am writing to you personally concerning the proposed changes to our open internet laws that protect net neutrality because you have been known to stand up to political pressures and act in the public interest. It gives me some hope that you might act on behalf of the American consumer in this matter and consider carefully the implications of dissolving net neutrality, the one policy that has kept the internet open and free to all users and the one policy that has allowed the internet to grow into a true free market. FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler's objectivity is in question because of his long tenure as a lobbyist on behalf of giant telecommunications corporations, the very companies the FCC oversees and the same companies that stand to benefit from the dissolution of net neutrality, seemingly one more example of the insidious D.C. revolving door. In the past these media companies would have been viewed and regulated as utility companies that would place Internet service under stricter "common carrier" rules under Title II of the Communications Act. Consumer advocates say common carrier status is needed to force ISPs to treat all third-party Web services equally, not degrading competing services or speeding up Web services in exchange for payment. ISPs have been manipulating their bandwidth in order to extract fees from websites such as Netflix and YouTube rather than building out the infrastructure that would make bandwidth cheaper or Internet faster, even though these companies have been given monopoly status in exchange for building the infrastructure needed to accommodate high-speed broadband service. Comcast and fellow telecommunications giants argue they should not be responsible for upgrades needed to accommodate the growing demand for streaming and other high usage companies that have grown with the Internet. But there are other options to reduce congestion on the Internet other than dismantling net neutrality policies that protect Internet freedom. Netflix has proposed reducing congestion by working with ISPs through a program it created called Open Connect, which would place Netflix hardware directly in the data centers of big ISPs to ease the load on their networks. Netflix offered to pay the cost of installing and maintaining this hardware, but the big three — Comcast, Verizon, and AT&T — declined to participate, and demanded instead to be paid for the privilege of giving Netflix a new interconnection. Broadband and wireless services have been highly profitable for the US cable and telecom giants. This is evident in the high salaries of the CEOs of these companies, the highest-paid executives in the country. In 2011, Comcast CEO Brian Roberts made $27 million; Verizon CEO Ivan Seidenberg made $26 million; and AT&T CEO Randall Stephenson made $22 million. Seidenberg and Stephenson made about 500 times their employees' average annual salary, while Roberts and Time Warner Cable CEO Glenn Britt made about 1,000 times what their employees earn every year. For most American companies the ratio is about 380 times. Chairman Wheeler's proposal to keep the Internet as an information service would block any new business ventures from growing on the Internet, thereby blocking competition and further concentrating wealth and power in the hands of a few powerful corporations. Concentration of power in our economy that leads to higher prices is illegal based on our existing antitrust laws. When Ronald Reagan came to power in 1981, one of his first acts was to dissolve existing antitrust laws that for generations had successfully ensured that we had healthy competition in our economy. In overturning the antitrust laws, Reagan said, "No longer are we going to seek to have competition for the sake of competition. No longer are we going to seek to distribute power to prevent the concentration of power." The new Reagan regime said, "No, the end is just low prices for consumers and if concentration brings low prices, great, if concentration is going to harm low prices, then we'll intervene and induce competition." Unfortunately, at the same time Reagan also eliminated the collection of data we used to track concentration in the economy making it harder to prove the existence of the problem. What we do know, though, is that the U.S. government practice of allowing a small group of giant companies to dominate the broadband market has resulted in fewer choices for broadband Internet service for Americans and higher prices for service when compared to the rest of the world. The U.S. ranks from 15th to well past 30th when it comes to mobile and broadband access. Americans are paying the most for the least amount of service, according to a 2013 report by the New America Foundation. The best US deal for high-speed broadband internet access is almost three times as expensive (per Mbps) as the average international plan. The best deal for mobile data in the U. S. is about twice as expensive (per GB) as the average international plan. The reason for this, according to experts, is the U.S. policy of allowing a small number of corporate giants to dominate the market, reducing competition and the incentives for these companies to improve service and lower prices. And, according to Ronald Reagan, concentration of power that leads to higher prices for consumers is illegal under his enacted antitrust laws. When cable TV first came onto the scene, the US government gave control of this growing industry over to telecommunications companies. The outcome: cable channels are limited and prices have risen dramatically. It is no wonder the American people are now rejecting cable's poor service and high bills and finding new outlets over the Internet instead. And now these same telecommunications companies are demanding the same control over these newly found options over the Internet, the place where most cable viewers fled to avoid telecom's poor service and high bills. Not surprisingly, polls are showing very high levels of support for net neutrality among the American public: 69% support by the SF Gate poll (May 2014); 73% support, Baltimore Sun (April 2014); 84.7% support, Thundercloud (Feb. 2014); 74% support, Bay News 9(Jan. 2014); and 81% support, CNET (Jan. 2014). The public wants telecoms like Comcast, Verizon and AT&T to be common carriers that bring us to the Internet without any discrimination. The loss of an open and free internet, which has fueled job creation, new businesses, and startups nationwide, would be a great loss to the American public. As a blogger who writes about environmental and climate issues, I depend on the Internet for research and distribution of this information. I am asking you to act in my best interest, and in the interest of the public at-large, to block this corporate takeover of the internet, place Internet service under stricter "common carrier" rules, and apply real oversight to the broadband industry to ensure that these market behemoths abide by open Internet principles. Sincerely, Nancy Sopher
—Nancy N Sopher, Burke, VA

The internet, as it is, has equalized opportunity for all. Anyone can use this incredible tool to educate themselves, conduct research on candidates or businesses or any other thing that piques their interest. Conducting a job search was once a nightmare but with the net neutral internet searching for a job is much more efficient. Corporations have their hands in my pocket enough! I refuse to allow myself to be held hostage by greedy corporations anymore. The net neutral internet has been very good to all ISP's and, as usual, it is no longer enough. The ISP's must GROW REVENUE because they believe they owe it to their shareholders....what about their customers? What do they owe us? I am pro net neutrality, access to the knowledge of Salomon should be for everybody, not just the elite rich. Make a stand FCC and keep the internet equal for all of us.
—Gary Upchurch, Mesquite, TX

Keeping the internet open and free is incredibly important, and allowing large companies to control bandwidth will create major problems and discrimination of net access. Net neutrality must be preserved for freedom of information to survive online.
—David, Springfield, MO

Im a poor college student. Im already paying premiums for internet, don't cave to the corporations, I have a say too. Please do not restrict the internet.
—Hannah M Thompson, Mesa, AZ

Hi FCC, Please retain net neutrality. The internet, in this day and age, where there is already a huge disparity between the rich and the poor, is the very last bastion of equality. Why would anyone ever want to take that away? The common man does not have true equality in America. Please retain some decency and allow for equality in the virtual realm. I rely on the internet to do research, play games, and talk to my friends and family on the other side of the world. Without net neutrality, my connection would be crippled. There will be no fast lane and then a faster lane. You know that. It will be fast internet for for the rich, and slow, very slow for the rest. Also, regulate the internet as Title II. It should be viewed as a common carrier. Thank you for taking the time to read this. I thank you. My children thank you. And so does the cat.
—Tosa Puvapiromquan, Baltimore, MD

The Internet is now as basic of a utility as electricity or water. It is necessary for a decent quality of life by modern American standards—without access, people and organizations face a massive competitive disadvantage. Consequently, I believe ISPs should be monitored, regulated, subsidized, and publicly controlled to the same extent as any other utility company. As citizens, it is our choice how this utility should be used. Luckily, our opinions are voiced every time we navigate to a particular web page or utilize a particular digital service. This choice does not belong in the hands of the ISPs, who will ultimately make decisions that will bolster their own profits regardless of other consequences.
—Skye Isard, Charlestown, MA

I am against the FCC's internet rules proposal for the following reasons: 2-Tier System: I am concerned that ISP's may charge higher rates for full Internet access or act to ensure that their own content arrives seamlessly and smoothly, while that of competitors is delayed or poorer quality or that higher bandwidth applications end up with a higher price-tag. Privacy All data needs to be treated the same. Threats ISPs may have a commercial interest in guiding people away from certain sites – especially when those sites provide services or products for nothing when the ISP or a related company charges for a competing product.
—Greg Laidler, Hiroshima,

A free and open internet is essential. The internet facilitates free speech and fosters the power of public opinion because it is not divided into tiers. It is democratic, and should remain that way.
—Greg Merens, Chesterfield, NH

Net Neutrality serves to protect and represent the people, not the companies it is being threatened by.
—Cade M Bourque, McKinney, TX

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers!
—Marcos Adrian Cruz, Hendersonville, TN

Dear FCC, I like using the internet the way it is now. I like that I can decide to learn a language one day, and maybe the next learn how to make dinner for my husband. I am for Net Neutrality, because knowledge and information is something we should be able to share freely. ISPs should be classified as common carriers.
—Kirsten, El Cajon, CA

The flow of information should be equal no matter the source/site
—Joshua Kawachi, salem, OR

To Whom It May Concern at the FCC: If cable companies are allowed to charge content providers for preferential treatment, it will definitively change the nature of the Internet as most of us know it. Those who can't afford the higher prices cable companies will charge for upgraded 'packages' and content providers who can't afford the higher prices cable companies will charge them for allowing users to access their content, won't have the free and equal access to information on the Internet that they currently have. This would be a huge leap backwards for our country, for technology, and quite frankly, for mankind. I urge you not to allow this change. Please don't undo the progress that's been made in the past few decades with regard to access to information with the advent of the Internet. The Internet allows everyone free access to information, not only to those with deep pockets. Knowledge is power, and allowing everyone access to the information available on the Internet will ensure that we all continue to have equal opportunity to gain that knowledge. Once armed with knowledge, we have the ability to protect our freedoms. Too easily those freedoms can be taken away by those who care only for their own interests. This issue is much bigger than whether cable companies should be able to charge higher prices to some content providers. At it's core, it's a Constitutional issue. Thank you for considering my comments. Regards, Diane K White
—Diane White, El Cerrito, CA

FCC - The internet cannot be treated like the television stations on a satellite subscription service, for it is used by so many who vitally depend upon both those websites that are visited by millions everyday and those that only generate a few hits. I work for a small nonprofit, and our internet presence would be unknown among a hierarchy of websites that generate hits and money for the internet service provider. That means that our operations would suffer within your proposed internet rules as well as the operations of other local nonprofit organizations that do so much for their communities. Your proposed internet rules will put an end to the amazing things that people use the internet to do when all of its content is accessible to everyone. Abandon the greed and keep the internet as it should be- open and accessible to all.
—Meghan Monson, Austin, TX

I am very upset with the direction the FCC has been taking regarding Net Neutrality. I believe the FCC should reclassify ISPs as common carriers, and not implement a two tiered system based on content provider's ability to pay. The internet is the closest thing to a meritocratic system we've seen in the modern world. Data is transferred without regard to its content, or the identity and economic status of its provider. It has fueled revolutions in commerce, education, and even actual political revolutions. It has allowed me to connect to relatively obscure blogs published by individuals (some of whom have dramatically changed my life for the better) just as easily as the sites of giant corporations. A two tiered system is anti-democratic, anti-competitive, and only benefits the large ISPs, who already possess nearly monopolistic power over broadband access in many geographic regions.
—Matthew Pelc, Los Angeles, CA

I support preserving net neutrality!
—Katie Gruber, Chicago, IL

Dear FCC, Under your own words you proposed something a new so called "new internet" that would affect us the common internet user from searching things in the web, allowing the big companies to tells us what to look and ISPs that would block certain websites because it doesn't fit with them. Your are damaging our freedom and we aren't happy with your ideas specially when the chairman was a person who worked for companies like att and comcast or verizon. Stop what your are doing and keep a free internet for everyone
—Edward Richardson, Marietta, GA

As a university professor, I use the internet for teaching and research. Both require an absence of the kind of filtering that corporate control may introduce, and open access information should not be any more difficult or slower to reach on the web than information that a corporation prioritizes for its own for-profit purposes. Moreover, through portals and subscriptions, university libraries provide most of the access to books, journals, and other academically useful materials; every dollar of rising cost (of the sort concentrated industries always bring) will come at the expense of teaching, student discovery, disinterested research of value to the nation and world, and everything else universities and colleges provide, because their budgets are increasingly inadequate as is. Democracy and the nation's economic competitiveness each depend upon the conditions that have made the internet such a fruitful provider of both -- and there is NO EXCUSE for the FCC to undermine either. Absolute Net Neutrality is the only moral choice; anything less breaks the oath to uphold the constitution against ALL enemies (i.e. including corporations) that each FCC member swore. ISPs must be reclassified as common carriers -- there is no other way to protect genuine (rather than fake) Net Neutrality.
—Katherine H. Tachau, Iowa City, IA

The Internet is not just another network. It has given birth to massive change on the planet. It deserves special protection. Whether using common carrier status, or other, the FCC must preserve non-discriminatory access because: - Material areas of the nation effectively have one choice for truly high speed access. Our nation has an obligation to protect citizens from _potential_ bad behavior of monopoly providers, since harm can occur long before the government or the market can react. This very fact is one of the foundations of the birth, and mandate, of the FCC. - As a matter of public policy, our nation values innovators. Discrimination in access speed & throughput will create discrimination among innovations. This is bad public policy.
—James Batson, North Andover, MA

It will disadvantage small businesses and help lock in monopolies.
—Lynn Elliott, New York, NY

How about you LEAVE IT ALONE... Corporations make enough profit and have enough influence.. they dont need anymore
—Gina Caracci, Cocoa, FL

Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers. The role of ISPs should be to provide a link from my home to the internet. They should not be getting involved in whom I communicate with or what I connect with.
—Jason Sisi, North Hollywood, CA

If net neutrality is not protected, my family and I are moving to Canada.
—Joshua Graham, issaquah, WA

It is a problem when we the people are not protected by the same branches of government (courts) now is only votes for the big business and where do we get justice. When do we get our protection we the people.
—Ms. P, unknow, FL

I am a nineteen year old girl with a wealth of information about nutrition. By the age of 17, I had lost 65 pounds and wanted to share my newfound love for health with the world. By eighteen and a half, I relapsed with binge eating disorder and sank into a severe depression while gaining weight. I am a funny, relatable voice on the internet that shows first hand how difficult mental disorders can be while demonstrating the importance of self awareness and making nutritional information interesting and accessible to EVERYONE. My readership may not be huge, but I help people get better and my information deserves the same chances as anyone else's.
—Dana Balkin, Mishawaka, IN

The Internet is a source of open and equal information and MUST remain as such. Please discard your proposed rules and regulations and reclassify ISPs as COMMON CARRIERS. This is the ONLY way to protect true Net Neutrality.
—Carole A. Flot, east elmhurst, NY

Dear FCC, you suck. You are responsible for Violence being okay, but nudity/sexuality is wrong. I genuinely believe that you are outdated and should be shut down. I'd rather a free internet and cable, uncensored entirely and full of shit, yet have some gold in there, than have your shit. Fuck yourself.
—Maximilian T Dillon, Rocklin, CA

Net neutrality needs to be preserved as a basic right in the twenty-first century.
—Michael, Vancouver, WA

The Internet was created as an information superhighway. Where everyone could find information on anything. Defend Net Neutrality!
—Libni Garcia, San Bernardino, CA

The internet is one of the most impactful forces on planet. It allows voices to be heard and little meaningless conversations to take place.It also allows "big important things" like business meetings and video chatting between long distance couples to occur easily. As a graduate student I use the internet to download articles, further my research knowledge and to blow off steam and relax. No company should be able to control my internet use.
—Sarah Ingebrand, Tempe, AZ

The internet was created as a network in which ideas and goals could be shared quickly to anyone. The idea to restrict some of those ideas, while providing better service, whether by providing better access to "higher paying" sites or by slowing speeds to other sides, is fundamentally against what the internet was created for. As a young adult, 26, my future needs the free exchange of ideas in order to thrive. Please don't mortgage my future to fund your retirement. Thank you.
—Ben Bloomer, hamilton, OH

FCC- Please reject docket 14-28 on the Open Internet. As an American, I find the idea of restricting information flow offensive, and against the ideals of our nation. As a taxpayer, my request is that you reclassify ISP's as common carriers. I do not agree with your proposed rules, and truly believe they will negatively affect our country, and specifically opportunities and information for my family.
—Sara Friedhoff, overland, MO

I pay my ISP for access to any site at a set data transfer rate (that the ISP provides for the price I pay) not to dictate what site I can visit faster over others. "The Open Internet also makes it possible for anyone, anywhere to easily launch innovative applications and services, revolutionizing the way people communicate, participate, create, and do business—think of email, blogs, voice and video conferencing, streaming video, and online shopping. Once you're online, you don't have to ask permission or pay tolls to broadband providers to reach others on the network. If you develop an innovative new website, you don't have to get permission to share it with the world." FCC's own words from http://www.fcc.gov/openinterne t. Please fight for them.
—Chris Johnson, fayetteville, NC

Abolishing net neutrality is the worst idea ever. Who benefits? People who have been paid three times to address the situation regarding bandwidth. They have built no infrastructure. And now they want more money. I don't buy it. For once. Please. Do something good for the people. You can reclassify it. Regulate for the good and prosperity of our nation. For beneficence. Because you don't want to miss out on the greatest thing ever.
—Dave, New Orleans, LA

The internet is not about how much money a corporation can make by charging you to visit certain websites or even denying you to see websites. It is about a sharing of communication across the whole globe to gather us all together in one community of experiences. Let that sharing be in equality.
—Nancy Brown, Greenwich, NY

we cant keep allowing big money companies to dictate our actions online, The internet and should always remain an open resource to any and everyone
—Dartainian Grandpre, baltimore, MD

One thing that lasts longer than money and power will always be legacy. What will yours be? When you're sitting there in your last days looking into your grandkids' eyes, will you say "I helped to save the internet" or "I helped to destroy the internet". The choice is yours. What will your legacy be?
—Nicholas Andre' Monteleone, Lafayette, LA

This proposed change to so called 'Net Neutrality' is a blatant cash grab at the expense of this nation's citizens. In order to stay competitive and innovative in today's global economy, our citizens need unfettered access to the internet. Our country's industrial history has been sold off to other nations, which I understand is an evolution, however this proposed change will stifle our creativity and innovation and set us further back against the rest of the world. I WANT to love this country, but my government makes it harder and harder.
—Mike Weivoda, Minneapolis, MN

I want free internet at the same speed for everyone.
—Cheryl Kozanitas, san mateo, CA

I believe that allowing "fast lanes" for designated Internet traffic would cripple freedom of speech and consumer rights on the internet, and would turn the internet into a tool for discrimination and inequality. I am asking the FCC to take a stand for Net Neutrality by classifying internet service as a Title II common carrier.
—Oren Shoham, Brooklyn, NY

It allows for an even playing field where everybody has equal access to information and to disperse information.
—Mohammad Tariq, Riverdale, GA

Throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers!
—Anita, Toronto, NY

Because the internet is open and one government cannot control it.
—Jeremiah May, Terrace Park, OH

The internet is a utility, just like gas and electric. The internet is necessary to education, jobs and even medical care in today's world. Children as young as 8 receive homework that must be completed online, job seekers search for jobs and apply for them online, and medical providers are posting test results and other medical records online for their patients to access. In today's world, the internet is a necessity. Net Neutrality is incredibly important, please reclassify ISP's as common carriers.
—Peggy Thompson, Lakewood, OH

Net neutrality is key to free speech in the modern era. Telecom and cable companies operate monopolies in many areas, even urban ones. They have no incentive to compete and even less to protect speech.
—Joseph Garvin, Chicago, IL

Because you have no right to take away our fee creative world. We will find a way to create a new one. It's our right!
—Beatriz Cruz, San Antonio, TX

Because destroying the internet is the worst possible idea for what to do with it.
—Collin Malone, Dallas, TX

Please don't allow corporate take over of the internet. In a world where freedom is becoming scarce, this is a last vestige that man had some sense and sanity. Like air, the air waves, shouldn't be controlled. Our freedom is at stake and these rich companies have more than enough money. Why give them more power and more money. We are the people and we deserve NET NEUTRALITY!!!
—Angelique Bianca, LA, CA

I'm a filmmaker that depends on neutrality of the internet to reach my audience. This would be devistating to my work.
—Brian Gates, Highlands ranch, CO

Chairman Wheeler, It is essential that the internet is not controlled by large companies like comcast, verizon, and other ISPs. Your new rules do not ensure the openness of the internet, and are unacceptable. The courts have made clear that the only way to keep the internet open is to reclassify broadband internet as a title ii telecommunications service. Yes, large companies would not like this move, but it is your job to protect the interests of consumers, not those of large companies. If your rules are adopted, they will always be remembered as the beginning of the end of the open internet, do not make that your legacy. Act in the public interest and reclassify broadband internet. Sincerely, Myles Ambrose
—Myles Ambrose, Washington Grove, MD

This is ridiculous. Everyone has a right to internet, equal and fair. This is America, right? This could just be the first of many steps, right after losing the rights to our female reproductive organs, that could lead to losing our other undeniable rights.
—Paige, Essex, VT

Net neutrality is important to everyone to keep the internet a level playing field and to have news and information be public and accessible without fear of ISPs tampering with what we hear.
—Jonah Heller, Oakland, CA

Project net neutrality.
—Ronald Shirtliff, Toronto,

Protect Net Neutrality! These purposed plans are in the interest your pockets, not the American people.
—Jen Sass, st paul, MN

Title 2 Common Carrier please
—JL L. Good, Topeka, KS

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. Furthermore, this is truly a final-frontier in terms of global communication and our ability to grow and expand as a species. The internet offers untapped potential for the sharing of ideas, current events, and powerfully unique yet universally shared moments during our individual journeys through life; it offers us a human connection never-before conceived of by previous races. I suspect many lightly veiled attempts to overpower and ultimately control the internet will continue to arise. But I, and millions - some day soon, billions - of others will continue to shout into the digital abyss our refusal to meekly accept dominance over our domain.
—Jordan Presley, Valley Village, CA

Free speech should not be regulated by how much you can afford to pay.
—Philip Posehn, Woodland, CA

Preserve Net Neutrality in order to stimmulate technological progress.
—Eric Peters, Minneapolis, MN

The free flow of information has become a staple in today's society. To now limit that flow in a pay to play atmosphere is probably the worst decision anyone can make. Granted, it's all about the money. Everything is about money. I wonder if the advertisers have considered the effect that this would have on their business. People who pay extra, chances are, are not going to be as interested in the ads. Those who don't pay extra will not be visiting the sites that they otherwise would, and so, miss the advertising. This has the potential to back fire in ways that may not have been considered. Which, on further consideration, may not be a bad thing, especially if people are pushed to set up other forms of communication. Please reconsider this proposal, throw out the rules, reclassify ISPs as common carriers, and keep the internet as an equal resource for all who connect.
—James Roe, Wheeling, IL

If this is put in place, this will further the divide between the haves and have-nots. The working class are becoming increasingly frustrated by the day with laws and rulings being put in place that empowers the rich and frankly dehumanizes everyone else. An attempt to disrupt access to information will only further galvanize people against out current government. The people are getting tired of feeling like their voice doesn't matter.
—Alfre Wells, Temple, TX

Please reclassify Internet Service Providers as common carriers, and preserve Net Neutrality. Thank you
—Jordan Rothstein, Berkeley, CA

I have grown up to watch the internet expand rapidly because of its diverse content. The internet allows for the little person's voice to be equally heard and has impacted economic growth. The internet with net neutrality allows for our basic right of freedom of equal access to information. Net neutrality is the reason why we have evolved from tv to Internet. Changing it would cause us to limited our progress as a people. Without Net neutrality gatekeepers would be able to filter content and would ultimately cause corruption. Without the foundation of the internet (Net neutrality), this bill would cause the DEATH of the internet.
—Janella Smart, Southfield, MI

I vote net neutrality stays. I want nothing to do with any sort of tiered internet.
—Branden Schombert, Kansas City, MO

I am for Net Neutrality. FCC, throw out your rules and reclassify ISPs as a common carriers.
—Jason Coning, Sevierville, TN

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—Mr. Steve E. Smecler, Sevierville, TN

To those who oppose net neutrality on the grounds that it limits progress, one merely has to look at Google Fiber. While still in it's infancy, it is a far superior service and is backed by a company that WANTS net neutrality. The simple fact of the matter is that the internet's prominence in modern communication not only makes consistent service an individual's right but also an economic pillar off of which business, large or small, leans upon.
—Brian Min, La Canada, CA

Big corporations don't exactly have a reputation for acting in the public interest. Why would the FCC trust them for managing internet access? Please preserve net neutrality!
—Martin Alexander, Santa Rosa, CA

Charter here in the Carolina's , Sherrills Ford area and surrounding areas, has raised rates on my 86 year old Marine Father! Almost two hundred dollars to bundle which he has had for a decade. They advertize 29 dollars each for phone , internet & cable. Yet they are raising his cost at an alarming rate & the phone & internet go off at least three times day and night. Pixles on cable go crazy & shows are stalled...this has been happening since they went all digital. We have zero options to pick another provider here, and they are not fixing our problems. This monopoly over us is holding him hostage to his ISP...this needs to change! I am his care provider & work on line, contact the VA on line & his banking on line! We need the phone "IN SERVICE", this is a mess! We have zero protection. This must change!!!!
—Cynthia Gilardi, Sherrills Ford, NC

You'll kill the internet and do you know who loves the internet? Serial Killers, and they know where you live -sincerely Dexter Morgan
—Dexter Morgan, Orange, CA

This is a despicable act. I do not support this in any way. I can't believe I even have to say this.
—Scott Shepherd, Des Moines, IA

The internet is the only remaining source of uncensored information available to the public. The TV, entertainment, and news industries have all fallen prey to the wealthy few who now control everything we see and hear. Do not allow these same tyrants to take control of the internet and decide for us what we will see and how our access to it will be restricted. Keep the internet open, neutral, and out of corporate control.
—ben Mattio, Arcata, CA

The mass medias lie to us by omitting important truths. If you want to know the true state of the world, you must go to the internet.
—John Scales Avery, Albertslund, VA

Do no create fast lanes on the internet, These fast lanes will destroy net neutrality and would allow discrimination online. These new rules will also affect free speech. Also reclassify ISPs as Title 2 Common Carriers.
—Ivan Nalavany, Hanover, PA

please don't ruin the internet, its a really nice the way it is. it is pretty clear that the people don't want it. Our internet is slow compared to other countries already this will just make it worse.
—Vincent Rocco Misuraca, Pennington, NJ

The freedom of speech is fundamental. Allowing some to have more vocal voices than others based on money alone destroys the best thing to ever happen in human history: human beings understanding other human beings across all borders. To destroy net neutrality is to rule that all voices besides those centered by corporations is unworthy of existence. To destroy net neutrality to discrimination and prosecute minorities of all sorts, be they religious in nature or secular. Destroying net neutrality is morally wrong, and you should be ashamed of any participation in the hindering of the evolution of humankind. I hope you come to your senses and make your fellow citizens proud.
—Jacob Galea, Center Harbor, NH

dear fcc: thank you for your attention to this important matter. i am sure i don't need to tell you the vital, public service that the internet provides in this country. nor do i need to remind you of the millions of public dollars in research and development that went into creating the public's world wide web. nor do i need to remind you that our current system provides slower, more expensive access compared to many industrialized democracies. or the frightening manner in which access is increasingly consolidated under fewer and fewer corporate behemoths. i am sure you know all this. given that the public has unleashed a vocal torrent of objection to any attempts to bifurcate the internet into lanes of varying expediency using so-called commercially viable distinctions, or any other word machination you wish to use, i am certain that you will do what is clearly right for our country and reclassify ISPs as common carriers. the internet helped launch the united states into the 21st century. don't cripple us. reclassify ISPs as common carriers. unleash american know-how so that we may continue to lead the world in innovation. we thank you in advance.
—David Sherman, denver, CO

This would be a crippling blow to free speech and press. Please don't allow it!
—Ashley, maywood, IL

Dear Tom Wheeler, You are going to stop this oblivious heinous proposal. We are not your "cash cows" to reap and sow at your leisure. It feels as if we are being sold to corporations instead of being held in the highest regards by our employees. You Mr. Wheeler are employed by us.With that being said do the correct thing and reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Short is sweet baby.
—Carlos Monterosa, Los Angeles, CA

Net Neutrality grants equal access to all users. There is no need to stratify the online community. That which is accessible to one is accessible to all. Perhaps the notion of equality is difficult for the FCC to understand, but it is important among Americans and, more broadly, world citizens.
—Patrick, Essex Junction, VT

Net neutrality has fueled innovation and helped the internet economy grow. Instituting "pay to play" or making some internet sites more equal than others based on what they can pay will obviously diminish the opportunity for small and medium sized players to compete. Big is not necessarily better, but big may be all we get if we loose internet neutrality and the little guys are shut out.
—Beki Halpin, Austin, TX

The internet represents an epochal moment in the history of democracy and free speech. Don't destroy it before it's hardly begun.
—Nathan Birnbaum, Culver City, CA

FREEDOM TO FARE AND EQUAL ONLINE ACCESS FOR ALL PEOPLE
—Kyle Cannon, HARLINGEN, TX

I support Net Neutrality and am greatly concerned about the current efforts to end it.
—Cedric Hohnstadt, Bloomington, MN

Net neutrality is crucial to the entrepreneurial ecosystem in the US.
—Jonathan Dick, San Francisco, CA

A free and open internet is the single greatest technology of our time, and control should not be at the mercy of corporations. Cellular, cable, or phone internet connection should treat all websites and services the same. A free and open internet stimulates ISP competition, helps prevent unfair pricing practices, promotes innovation, promotes the spread of ideas, drives entrepreneurship. Most importantly, a free and open internet protects freedom of speech.
—Samantha Pittman, Vernon,

Our future generations need a net neutral internet.
—Matt Dalton, Southlake, TX

Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers. We do not want or need discrimination online.
—Ann King, Busby, MT

This amount of power should not be bestowed upon corporations. It is discrimination. It is less freedom. It's embarrassing that this up for discussion in the first place. If this heinous idea is implemented, I can only hope to see a decent company, perhaps with a soul, if possible, go against it. Concepts like this influence my desire to leave this country.
—Helion Cruz, Chattanooga, TN

The internet is a place for true equality; a place where no one is more than a user name or an IP address. Taking away net neutrality would allow for major corporations to decide who is more important to them. Why feed corporate greed? We already pay our ISPs for Internet speeds and extra services. Allowing them to further charge for services we already have for free is, in my opinion, completely unfair and another way for these already wealthy companies to further extort money from families. In most cases, these services are already severely lackluster and hardly worth what we already pay. Living on a fixed income and in a totally monopolized community, I have no choice in which ISP I use. Allowing this will further increase the ways in which I am extorted. The bottom line is that this is an incredibly cheap, underhanded, and extremely unfair way to screw over those who aren't in the social groups of, say, Bill Gates or Donald Trump. Don't take away our ability to remain on equal ground with every other human in the world who has access to this wonderful invention; you will only discourage the idea that America is the land of the fair and free, and instead further instill the idea that it is becoming the land of corporate greed and villainy.
—Eugene, Richland, MO

Please do not end the Net Neutrality!!!!
—Mary Thomas, Richmond, CA

FCC, it is simple. Giant corporations controlling how we access the internet is simply ridiculous. Who are they to say how many gigs of data we're able to use and what we can or can not view? Obviously we are no better than China.
—David Daniel, Greensburg, PA

Cable companies MUST be defined as utilities. It would be messed up not to. I support new business that is more efficient and productive. Not allowing bloated monopolies to rein supreme.
—Evan Carruthers, Delta,

The current plan the FCC has will allow companies to control what content folks can see on the internet, and make it harder for folks to see content internet services don't profit or agree with. As an artist the internet it an important element to making a living and having a ISP deciding what people can see and do will hurt everyone. Please reconsider your plans.
—Brian Kolm, Castro Valley, CA

You are probably reading this right now, sifting through comments, and sorting out the BS. I'm here to tell you, as a educated network engineer with years of experience, that the idea of "fast lanes" and ISP oligopoly has to stop. Peering laws need to be set to be fair to the content provider, and not allow ISPs to limit speed/connections to content. Classify broadband internet as a Tier-II service and promote healthy competition. Support business and startups by making the internet fast, affordable, and equal as a right for all. The will promote knowledge and communication, and we as a nation are failing at delivering a service compared to our allies. Europeans have progressive internet reform, and are setting the example that the rest of the world needs to observe and apply. The bottom line for all of this: Clean up the new FCC rulings to actually promote growth instead of being a detriment to the nation. After, defend the rules. Don't let the ISPs loophole their way back to an oligopoly, classify broadband as a Tier-II service.
—Keith Adler, Dallas, TX

Dear FCC, I disapprove of your current proposed internet rules. Tom Wheeler's plan is disastrous for any new enterprise attempting to use the internet. A two tiered system would allow IPS to extort online content. There is not reassurance or reason to trust that the lower tier would be anything other then unusably slow. This allows wealthy corporate interest to dominate the internet and forces smaller enterprises off. I am a young developing artist and I host my portfolio online. I can barely afford the materials of my craft and studio space. My website allows me to show my work to potential employers and patrons. The proposed rules would require me to pick up the tab fast fast lane access. The Wheeler's plan will kill net neutrality and must be abandoned. Like many other people I would like ISPs to be reclassified as common carriers.
—Emerson Gates, New York, NY

If net neutrality becomes effective, than you guys would lose so much money that its not even funny.
—Andy Kang, Cupertino, CA

You have a chance to allow for the democracy of the internet or to turn it into something as screwed up as our electoral systems. Save Net Neutrality, please.
—Peter Shulman, Portland, OR

Net Neutrality is crucial to a functioning democracy. We like to tell the rest of the world that we are the model for democracy, for freedom, and for doing things the right way. we can't claim such if we continue to create second and third class citizens through our policies. This two tiered internet would clearly be doing that, privileging those with money over those without. When other countries do that we are quick to name them as unjust, as "banana republics,"and the like.... we are rapidly becoming one of them through policies such as this. Short term greed undermines the well being of our entire country. Act for net neutrality. Vote for net neutrality.
—Doug Selwyn, Plattsburgh, NY

Net neutrality is the backbone for democracy and free speech. Please protect it from service providers and not letting them discriminate content creators.
—Srinivas Akula, Bellevue, WA

Removing net neutrality would destroy independent artists. This would hand the Internet to those who can afford it and throw it into the same polarized ruin as television/cable news media. This would prove again that large corporations control the government because they have enough money to buy legislation.
—Mark dufresne, long beach, CA

The Internet is a commodity, it should be left the way it is. All content giants like FB and Netflix know you're wrong. Please don't end neutrality. Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Terence O'Kane, Oswego, NY

As it stands now, Internet service providers are free to block or degrade service to any website or application they want. The FCC needs to reclassify broadband Internet access (under Title II of the Communications Act) as a telecommunications service, which would pave the way to long-lasting Net Neutrality rules and prevent discrimination online.
—Anette Stauske, Davidsonville, MD

Without Net Neutrality, ISPs will be able to devise new schemes to charge users more for access and services, making it harder for us to communicate online — and easier for companies to censor our speech. The Internet could come to resemble cable TV, where gatekeepers exert control over where you go and what you see. Without Net Neutrality, ISPs like AT&T, Comcast, Time Warner Cable and Verizon will be able to block content and speech they don’t like, reject apps that compete with their own offerings, and prioritize Web traffic (reserving the fastest loading speeds for the highest bidders and sticking everyone else with the slowest). The tools ISPs use to block and control our communications aren’t different from the ones the NSA uses to watch us. Whether it’s a government or a corporation wielding these tools or the two working together, this behavior breaks the Internet as we know it and makes it less open and secure. We must fight to ensure that the Internet we love won’t simply become a platform for corporate speech or another tool for government spying. We must protect the Internet that lets us connect and create, that rejects censorship and values our right to privacy. The Internet shouldn’t be a walled garden. It should remain a forum for innovation and free expression. As so many startups and political activists know, open, affordable, fast and universal communications networks are essential to our individual, economic and political futures.
—Diego Baz, San Gabriel, CA

As a proud citizen of the USA, I value my freedom!
—George, AMERICA, OR

Dear FCC, The internet is and should remain a free and open source of communication and information. That it isn't already protected as a common carrier is an oversight - that it'll be open to strangulation and discrimination under the new proposed ruling is an absolute travesty. As a young person, I feel that there's a fundamental disconnect between our elected lawmakers and the maturing youth demographic. Perhaps the last generation of representatives haven't realized this yet, but the internet has become a massive platform for both the creation and dissemination of culture in our modern age. It's become a platform for oppressed voices, as in the nations of the Arab Spring; it's become an engine for change, and a thread of communication that links us to loved ones in far corners of the world; and it has become a purveyor of DEMOCRATIZED information, which drives progress and innovation through open access and free expression. And yet the proposed new rules will seek to strangle this democratic landscape... For what? For the sake of Comcast's quarterly earnings. Brilliant. If net neutrality is not protected, the internet will be taxed, strangled, and gutted; the FCC will be remembered as a corrupt, ineffectual body that bent over to serve and service corporate profits over the public good; and FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler will have cemented his legacy as the dingo that ate the proverbial baby. As a concerned youth, I ask that you please help restore some of the faith that we've lost in your last generation of policy makers. Please prove to us that you are more than a bunch of ineffectual lame ducks in some lobbyist's pockets. Please do the right thing, and fight to protect net neutrality.
—Alan Bao, Brampton,

he internet is a critical lifeline. President Obama promised to protect net neutrality. It is time to keep that promise. Classify the IP's as common carriers.
—Chuck Utzman, mill valley, CA

The openness of the internet is what has propelled us forward in recent years. Don't make it like cable- that system is antiquated and undesired.
—Jonathan Marchan, Seattle, WA

Net neutrality is of the utmost importance and should be protected by out government.
—Erin Currie, San Francisco, WA

"FCC must throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality."
—Cynthia, Mesa, AZ

Internet neutrality is vital to preserving the inalienable rights that's our country was founded upon.
—Rebecca Marchan, Seattle, WA

FCC complicity in colluding with special interests to eradicate net neutrality is a direct affront to our nations peoples first amendment rights. One could argue the FCC's actions and inactions are treasonous.
—Bronson Koterwas, Bozeman, MT

Please protect our future as independent creators. Right now is the most important time in human history. We are moving forward in such amazing and beautiful ways. Let's continue to do so, freely and open.
—Dan Tes, Irvine, CA

Dear FCC, Net Neutrality is important to me.
—Stuart R. Thomas, Tucson, AZ

i want the same for all
—Jim, las vegas, NV

This is crazy ridiculous! I need Net Neutrality! Stop Tome Wheeler and his crazy idea!
—Seb Jarakian, san francisco, CA

Dear FCC, net neutrality is important to me because the internet is the last free thing in society today that people can actually use to make a difference. It gives people who normally wouldn't have a voice, well, a voice. In a world where most of our opinions don't really matter, the internet is the one place where they actually can. And this is also a place where people who grew up in not so great situations can actually find ways to make their lives and their families lives better. As someone who grew up in neighborhoods that weren't really the greatest, I feel it would be devastating to take away net neutrality because the internet may be a little kids way to make it out of a place where the environment basically sets him up for failure.
—Marikys Shields, Memphis, TN

The internet has become a central, essential tool of democratic societies - including our own. Do not allow it to become just another tool of corporate profits at the expense of the greater good.
—Michael Marchman, Chesterfield, MO

Please for the love of god do the right thing here. The internet is perhaps the most important thing that has happened in human history...especially as we go forward. It has the potential to connect every human being on the planet, and we need to hold it sacred. These networks aren't just tubes to sell products, they're the neurons of a new era in human history. Please, please keep the internet neutral, it's so important. We're counting on you, and trusting you!
—Andrew Tunks, Glendale, CA

Im poor we need net neutrality
—Bruce berends, Topeka, KS

FCC throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Keep the Internet open and free it's our democratic right as citizens of a republic.
—Ed Munoz, HB, CA

Without state warranted Net Neutrality, we the people, will be at the behest of Multi-billion dollar Multinational companies in how and what will be available through our various internet connections. This is would be only the beginning to a new way of life in which something so important is controlled by so few people, and this is wrong. It would be akin to rolling black outs of the the Enron Fiasco a decade ago. The internet needs to be regulated like a public utility because that is what it is. I bet you know this as well, but you probably have the hand out from these "information companies" swaying your decision. I as a citizen of this great nation don't want the gilded age of the 20's to come back, so FCC Grow some balls and do the right thing. That is keep them accountable and keep the ISP's from sticking us in a state sanctioned electronic cage and slow lane.
—Andrew, Huntsville, AL

The Supreme Court declared money is speech, and for good reason. The politicians and their appointees only hear when they are paid to listen. So it follows the FCC finds it logical that everyone should have to pay to be heard, and those who can pay more will be heard more while those who cannot pay will not be heard any time soon, if at all. Sounds good to the ultra rich, so I assume the FCC will have no problem ending Net Neutrality. After all, there are fat paychecks for those who sell out. Never mind the sounds of Democracy dying and the gates of freedom slamming on all but the ultra rich. Just do what you're told, go home and get drunk to forget what you've done, and die in arrogant obliviousness. Oh, but there's still a chance to think of someone other than yourself. You can do it. Yes, you can. And have the chance to look your grandchildren in the eye on your deathbed and say as my grandmother said,"Do the right thing because it's the right thing to do!" Net Neutrality is The Right Thing To Do. It's up to YOU. We're praying. My wife, daughter, parents, brother, sister in law, nephews, cousins, and neighbors. We're all praying to help you be strong enough to walk away from the payoff. Sure, your family may not get rich or even have a better life than they already have from your selling out. May the strength to love and care for others more than oneself be with you. For the rest of your days and the days of all your descendants, may you all proudly say "I saved Net Neutrality/My Husband saved Net Neutrality/ My Father saved Net Neutrality/ My Grandfather saved Net Neutrality. Thank you for saving Net Neutrality.
—Frank McClain, Larkspur, CA

As Susan Crawford wrote with respect to the internet in "Captive Audience," "....and now America has the worst of both worlds: no competition and no regulation." The upcoming merger between Comcast and Time Warner (which should not be allowed) will virtually eliminate competition in the realm of cable internet providers, which is currently the only real option for Americans who want the highest quality broadband access. This situation is a recipe for gouging consumers, killing incentive for innovation and improvement, and betraying the free and open internet that has been so successful to date. It is so successful, in fact, that it has become like water and electricity--a basic necessity for the common good. Comcast/Time Warner, Verizon, and AT&T MUST NOT be allowed to decide the fate of this common good. They will decide on the basis of their need for corporate profits, and not on the basis of the common good. Reclassifying ISPs as common carriers is the key to protecting this common good and ensuring that there remains public input via the government into its continued development and reasonable availability to all. The internet is NOT a luxury service to be made available only to affluent consumers who are lucky enough to live in a geographically blessed area where real high-speed access is even available. The big telecommunications companies want to to turn it into just that. Again, this is a recipe for the loss of the internet as we know it and the relegation of America to a back seat as further technological innovation and uses of the internet unfold.
—Thomas Blackburn, Kailua Kona, HI

RECLASSIFY THE INTERNET AS A PUBLIC UTILITY. THE AMERICAN PUBLIC IS AGAINST THESE COMMUNICATION MONOPOLIES CONTROLLING THE INTERNET FOR THEIR MALICIOUS GAIN. NOBODY, NOBODY ELSE GAINS FROM THIS. TO SIGN AGAINST NET NEUTRALITY IS TO SIGN AGAINST THE FUTURE OF THIS COUNTRY.
—Anthony R, Langhorne, PA

The Internet should remain an Open Internet with equal access for all and no discrimination. Only in this way can the full potential of the Internet be realized.
—Sharon Wardle, Los Angeles, CA

Don't take the internet privilege away from the less fortunate people like myself just to benefit the corporations and the wealthy! This is abhorrent and reprehensible! Shame on you for proposing this tyrannical discriminatory legislation! It is not a democracy to punish the lower income and perpetuate more inequality.
—Tony Billard, Glendale, AZ

Please don't push through your rules. It is a move that will promote inequality in the internet where many have found solace for equality. It will be detrimental to the future and growth of the internet so please reclassify ISPs as common carriers instead or leave the internet the way it is. Thank you.
—Tri, Quezon City,

why is important? well simply check on google what people think about it
—Manuel Benecchi, Roccabianca,

I urge you to reclassify ISP's as common carriers.
—David Monasevitch, Lihue, HI

Our children deserve equal freedom to speak and be heard. Net neutrality will stifle free speech.
—Emma Stratton, Newquay,

Freedom to learn is paramount. Net neutrality provides access to an entire world of information in an unbiased and affordable way. Affordability for the lowest wage earners provides access to learn more than what they will on the streets. If tax dollars paid for the infrastructure, then it is taxpayers and their families who should have access. If corporations pay the same tax rate as citizens and non-corporate businesses when the infrastructure is built and paid for, then and only then shall they have the right to allocate a portion of the data carrying capacity of said infrastructure equal to the ratio of said corporation being one, to the total sum of tax paying individuals whose taxes paid for said infrastructure. It will not be the choice of any government or government official to allow the reassignment or reallocation of any infrastructure built using tax dollars. All infrastructure that is built with and maintained with tax monies shall require at cost and open access to taxpayers and their families within the infrastructure zone.
—Joseph Ash, Lakewood, CA

I will be a senior in high school this competing fall an I require the net neutrality to help me with my studies through the next school year and in the following collage years to come.
—Ant, Castro Valley, CA

Dear FCC, I would really hope you reconsider what you're about to do. As this may become a far worse catastrophe, that may lead to a really bad future, as there would be a whole lot of restrictions that may ruin the whole "open internet" idea. So I hope you would seriously just leave the open internet as it is. Thank you.
—Kenneth, Singapore,

American society is rapidly fissioning into greater inequality between classes. Historically this process ends badly for the ruling class. Killing net neutrality is another step down an increasingly slippery slope. If I belonged to the ruling class I would think it unwise to antagonize the people with such a blatant example of giving control of the most important communication channel to the corporations. Just saying. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Mark Willman, Kula, HI

I live in Europe and my country, the Netherlands, was one of the first countries to protect Net Neutrality. Lately, also the EU has decided to stand up for citizens and small companies that would suffer from discrimination of the internet in case money would become a factor for serving your content to the customer. They did this by agreeing on laws that protect Net Neutrality. To my shock I heard from several resources that several parties in the US tend to want to do the exact opposite. The companies with the big money would once again decide what media we consume and instead of an open web we will have web discrimination. The beauty of the internet is that everyone can have a voice, everyone can reach the people they want to reach. Net Neutrality is a great thing, please, don`t let it be taken away. Sincerely, Henrike Dijkstra
—Henrike, Utrecht,

A true democracy will honor net neutrality and provide the space and time for vigorous public debate. But this is not what we, the public, see as happening today. Democracy is not only for the corporate interests that have the money to lobby their agenda, it is equally for all of us, or it is no democracy at all. It is time to demonstrate that democracy does still apply in these United States by maintaining net neutrality.
—Tash Anestos, Meridian, ID

Philosophy often says that everything is neither good or bad, it just depends of what kind of use it is going to have. Internet is one of those things, and by making it not neutral we're risking the freedom of the users and allow certain powers to manipulate the contents.
—Adriana Puerta, Cartagena,

Net Neutrality is important to me and every citizen of the United States. I consider it wrong and immoral to allow large companies to lobby you and our legislators to push there desire to mold the Internet to their advantage. Is it not wrong for our federal government to favor large business over 330,000,000 citizens? The FCC was established to protect the interest of all citizens. To do otherwise is simply wrong. Please do the right thing.
—Robert Nesbitt, Los Angeles, CA

The audience should be the arbiter of content, not those with a vested interest in the most generic denominator.
—Mahala Urra, Union City, NJ

I shouldn't have to write a short novel to gain your understanding or appeal to your conscience... Bottom line, the internet is for the people and you have no right to threaten this! So I ask you politely to "BACK OFF"
—Damon Drion, Chester Le Street,

Dear FCC, I am a freelancing illustrator - business is tough enough to find as it is now, this new system would essentially put me out of a job and make the dreams and goals I've had since I was a kid very difficult to reach, if not render them impossible. This is true for many more artist, freelancers, and independent creators in general - in your pursuit for helping giant companies make profit, you would be killing off a huge amount of smaller individuals, many of whom (like myself) are currently forced to use the Internet as their main platform for finding work. The model you are planning to put to is more than familiar to us - it's already in use in many areas of life. We just ask you as a collective to keep it away from the Internet, and let it remain truly neutral, as it should be. Best regards.
—Anna, Tallinn,

Large cable companies that continue to grow larger, managing all communications--tv, phone, wireless, and internet--should not also be given authority by the a government agency to control how information is delivered on the Internet. This monopoly has to stop.
—Andrea Meyers, Aldie, VA

I am a small business owner and depend on the Internet for my gallery. It would be very detrimental if I were not able to help my customers because of slow Internet service. With the many costs of running a small business, I can't see how I could compete with the mega companies in being able to afford an elite and costly fast lane Internet service. Thank you for listening.
—Jodie Apeseche, Natick, 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" (FreePress) By proceeding with this plan you are breaking the fundamental principles of what makes the internet great, it will limit creativity and free expression/speech. which will limit economic growth on a large scale as it becomes harder and harder for small businesses and start ups to get up and running because of crippling costs and limited online audience it also continues an elitist path the world is taking on all fronts were the weak and poor get shit on and the rich get richer and more entitled. Mr wheelers new rules come from an old man trying to hang on to an era that's past while lining the pockets of a small few, with complete disregard for the basic human right to a free and open internet.
—Ben Badham, Blackmans Bay,

Hey FCC! Throw out the rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Julie English, Sacramento, CA

Net neutrality is essential so everyone has equal access to the Internet.
—Ms. JoAnn Murphy, Holyoke, MA

Ending net neutrality and putting ever more power into the hands of big corporations would be a massive and disgusting blow to democracy. It's tragic that the United States is being destroyed by a lust for power and wealth. Please keep our access to information free and open.
—Jeffrey Lyster, Portland, OR

The Internet must remain Net Neutral and ISPs must be classified as common carriers.
—Mikhail Fedyukovich, Jacksonville, FL

I mainly get on the internet to play games, probably the same as many other teens but i also use the internet to learn, I've learned more from my daily use of the internet then i would learn in the schools I've ever gone to! When i go on Facebook, people share sites, post links to sites, and from all of this I'm able to learn and understand more than i would ever imagine learning at school. If you take and limit the internet, you may be taking away other peoples education. I go to a private international school and when i come home I get on the internet and check Facebook, where i find information from the sites people post and learn triple of what i learned during school that day! Limit the internet, you'll limit our knowledge!
—Triton Anestos, Meridian, ID

The greatness of the internet lies in its universal accessibility, removing this accessibility (many people cannot afford to pay for necessities, let alone every-day internet services) makes the internet a tool only for the rich, and this is not acceptable.
—Simon, South Yarra,

As a Freelancer dependent on high speed internet for work what you people are trying to do is despicable! It is a discrimination and the internet community will fight for its rights!
—Raluca Speranta, Dusseldorf,

Net Neutrailty makes the world a better place. Allowing Tom Wheeler's discrimination mechanism to pass will continue to feed the control that money has in our system which will create an even greater divide between the haves and the have-nots. At some point the people will have had enough. This may be the tipping point. Who knows?
—Chas Colburn, Suitland, MD

I can't fathom how much of the rest of the internet will suffer if we let inept congressmen and women destroy the freest source of information available today.
—James, Barrie,

Screw you FCC. Net Neutrality is needed. Stop being total arse holes. You're destroying the future for independent creators!
—Oscar Baldwin, Northampton,

Free speech is important to a successful society. The Internet was paid for with our tax dollars. It does not belong to corporate controllers for profit. We allow it but not at the cost of openness. Or higher fees for certain use by the people. No privatization of the Internet since it is always more expensive and fails to work as well.
—Judith Stevens, The Villages,, FL

As an artist I find the thought that the FCC would allow corporations to limit the access to anything independent artists create a dangerous affront to the freedoms we as Americans have fought for in the past. A free society does not limit the access to information- and any that would consider net neutrality becomes an opressive force against all those individuals who use the internet to share their creations- art, writings, films, and news.
—Kristine Tague, The Colony, TX

FCC: Here's the Bottom Line Up Front. The disruptive powers of a level playing field piss the big guys off. I get it. But that potential disruption keeps them innovating and spending in the US economy to stay ahead of smaller innovators. Giving consumers equal access and speeds on a flat fee basis to competing web services keeps that threat real. And that threat helps big & small companies because it keeps the economic environment dynamic. I understand what Chairman Powell did to set up conditions to stabilize the market & why. Despite howling to the contrary, Telecom Investment will NOT dry up if conditions are dynamic - if anything they'll increase. My last point is this: As painful as remaining light-footed and agile may be for the big guys, strategically as America, we need them to do so. If they don't, they risk being out-innovated and made obsolete as a business sector by foreign competition (and sir, I'm not exaggerating here. I really do mean rapidly (i.e. in a matter of months from a the rollout of some new technology from a foreign competitor) made truly and functionally obsolete as an American industry... with the corresponding economic bloodshed to the lower AND THE UPPER economic classes that comes with that.) and that kind of techno-economic vulnerability has strategic implications for the US that outweigh the pain to corporate balance sheets of maintaining true consumer level, flat-fee for access to the full internet, "net neutrality." It is still too early to make this regulatory change. Sometime in the next decade there should be an international shakeout and then it'll be smarter to make this kind of change then. They just have to play through this and wait. Plain and simple; now is not the time for this change. I'm not saying never (I'm a realist and I understand how mature markets are supported), I'm just saying not right now. I don't personally stand to gain or lose from the maintenance of the status quo or the potential change, but I am more involved with these issue more than many of my fellow citizens and can evaluate the ripple effects of this change somewhat dispassionately. Please be sure to consult DHS, DoD, DoS, DoE, and senior national and state level LE to understand the implications of sparking a wave of technological tool innovation to meet US consumer demand for quote-unquote "freedom" by making it easier for the layman to circumvent ISP traffic controls... Suggested Solution: A national set of common carriers can be "profit protected" in different ways in the future. IMHO that is a more prudent way forward.
—Hb, Alexandria, VA

Net Neutraility promotes development of new ideas. It gives opportunity for people to grow in whatever they do and reach wide audience. It allows people to choose best product from a variety of offers - not be forced to get one that managed to earn enough money to shove everyone else aside. We can't limit our potential and options for the sake of someone earning more money or being more prestigious.
—Monika Dzikowicz, Gorzow wlkp,

Net Neutrality is a right of all individuals to ensure free circulation of and access to information. The internet is a powerful platform, especially for the poor and marginalized, and ending Net Neutrality would create greater power imbalance in the world.
—Heather Sawyer, Lexington, KY

If you create fast/slow lanes in the Internet.....you will be sending us all back to the dark ages. Why would we pay for the "fast" lane when we had it for free? Why should some corporation get MORE for this fast lane when they're making profits galore now! You're fast/slow lanes propose to set up two different societies of people on the internet....and frankly I don't appreciate the separation. Corporations are NOT people and they are NOT MORE IMPORTANT than people!
—Mrs. Jerri Dahler, Marietta, OH

Eliminating net neutrality will, without a doubt, stifle innovation world wide and slow the progress of human culture and advancements in every facet of technology. This would be this century's equivalent to the burning of the Library at Alexandria.
—Alexander Carvallo, Miami, FL

Forever the weathly have worked hard to separate itself from the poor. The Internet is a place for equality.
—Roger Adams, London,

Designating the internet as a "pay-to-play" entity would negate the fact that millions of us ARE paying already. The fact that we are not in a position to pay hundreds of thousands of dollars apiece should not be a factor. The radio once belonged to the people, too. Then it was allowed to be taken over by corporate interests. I submit that we are worse off as a result. Please do not make the same mistake again.
—August Cardea, Saint Petersburg, FL

We have already seen the big players break their promise. During negotiations with Netflix, COMCAST slowed their bandwidth. The second the contract was signed, the bandwidth was restored. I do not want the Internet to be turned into cable television with different rates for different packages. Other countries already have internet 200 times faster than the US at a third of the cost. It is only going to get worse if you give control of the Internet to these corporations. We need Net Neutrality like we need Freedom.
—John Morgan, Arlington Heights, IL

On May 15, 2014, the Federal Communications Commission proposed rules that would allow rampant discrimination online. Under these 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. And no one would be able to do anything about it. The agency can preserve Net Neutrality only by designating broadband as a telecommunications service under the law. This is the only way to protect the open Internet. Anything else is an attack on our rights to connect and communicate.
—Louise Workman, London,

Net Neutrality needs to be preserved. Internet service providers should not be allowed to charge people for fast lane internet access.
—Courtney Woodward, Morristown, NJ

Please do not impose a set of regulations that will dampen innovation and hold back an already struggling economy. Net neutrality would help ensure that the U.S. stays competitive in the global marketplace. Any restrictions would remove the edge we have, stifle desperately needed growing businesses and could plunge us back into another recession.
—Teresa Rodriguez, Milford, DE

Net neutrality is essential to the health of the internet. Imagine if a few large corporations controlled access to all the roads in the country. Without regulation they would be free to charge businesses any amount they wish to allow drivers access to those shops. The openness of the internet is just as important as the openness of our roads. Internet providers seek the freedom to charge certain websites more money to provide their content to users at faster speeds. Whether this means charging popular websites more money for the "base" speed, or offering higher than "base" speeds for an additional charge is irrelevant because they are essentially the same thing, with the latter wearing lipstick. In our current environment the largest internet providers are also the largest providers of television and telephone communication services. Allowing them the freedom to control the speed, and therefore the quality, of online-based video and communications services is blatantly anti-competitive. Ultimately, if there are claims that communications companies are unable to compete with similar online services, that speaks most loudly about an archaic business model that does not need to exist in the internet age. These companies inadvertently make a strong argument that ownership of the infrastructure that delivers the internet would be, like road infrastructure, better in the hands of the public than in companies trying to protect old business models. Short of that, strong regulation is needed to protect the openness and freedom of the internet from companies who would pursue their own interests rather than those of the public.
—Christian Broderick, Baltimore, MD

The internet is too important to be controlled by a single entity who's only goal is profit. The internet is so wide spread that it affects our social lives, entertainment, employment and businesses. This can not be allowed to be controlled by a single company who can disrupt almost ever part of everybody's lives in order to pull more profit for themselves. There is already a monopoly in most areas so we don't have the protection of a competitive marketplace to ensure innovation and best quality of product. We can not further disrupt such a vital avenue that touches almost every aspect of most peoples lives. Keep the internet free and open.
—Kevin Moll, Grand Island, NY

Please keep the Internet free & neutral
—Zee Wire, newark, NJ

Net Neutrality is literally a life-or-death issue for the internet. Without net neutrality, small businesses and academic research will be completely cut off and unable to proceed. Innovation will grind to a halt in the United States. The internet is not merely an entertainment delivery system for a handful of big players. The rest of the world understands that, and in some countries net neutrality is codified into law. These countries understand that the alternative is intellectual suicide. The best way to keep net neutrality is to declare the internet providers to be Common Carriers. I urge you to do this!
—Eric F. Richards, Loveland, CO

let us leave access to knowledge free of class divide. The categorical imperative is: there is no separation between the haves and haves-not in the virtual world.
—Elo Quill, new york, NY

This is aweful. We NEED net neutrality.
—Michael Bradshaw, medford, MA

Anything short of a 100% free, accessible, and equal World Wide Web would stifle human progress. Please take every action available to ensure true, legitimate Net Neutrality for all time to come. Thank you.
—Scott Benjaminson, Evanston, IL

To The FCC, The public, the 99%, the everyday and occasional internet users, small business folks, mom and pop stores...have a lot to lose if you choose the wrong agenda. We are America. Not the corporations. We are the ones you need to keep in mind. Not the corporations. If the FCC blindsides the American people by ending NET NEUTRALITY we will surely fight back in peaceful ways that have yet been determined. And you will lose. So do the right thing...now. Thank you. Kristine
—Kristine B. McAnelly, Taylorsville, KY

To whom it may concern, First off, thank you for reading my letter. My name's Kev, I'm from the Philippines and I'm an online freelancer specializing in making animations and games. It's always been my joy to create art and a neutral internet has been instrumental in developing my craft, bringing joy to people, and making it into a profitable career. I get 100% of my income from doing work for clients online. My income supports my dad who lives in the province and my sister. A two-tiered internet with fast lanes for people that can afford it would definitely have a huge negative impact on my livelihood. A big factor on why I get clients right now is because I share the same internet and have a level playing field with the big companies. Ending net neutrality would mean the end of my career, as when clients have a hard time finding me, I wouldn't have any jobs. It's just a really scary thing with consequences that I can't even begin to imagine. I don't claim to understand every single one of your reasons behind these new proposed internet laws but I do understand that even though we're thousands of miles away from each other, we both know how hard it is to be left without a job or any income. Changing the internet laws would not be a victimless act. It would affect thousands, even millions of hardworking men and women who are trying their hardest to earn a honest living. I hope that in the goodness of your heart, you could find it in you to decide what's best for the human race and the underdogs like us who are just trying our best. Thank you for the time, and wish you all the best. Regards, Kev
—Kevin Tan, las pinas,

The Internet is NOT broken, we don't need you to fix it! For people like myself who use the internet to get work, network, follow and get in touch with fellow artists and mentors it is important that we don't get penalised by service providers and forced onto the slow lane of the internet. Right now companies can get the best work by seeing EVERYONE'S WORK, rather than only those who can pay. People can search the internet and find quality over quantity because they can see everyone not just those who can afford to get online. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers and protect real Net Neutrality.
—T ola, London,

This is unethical. Access to information, services, communication, working tools, culture, must be equal and come from the user's choice, not companies'. Net Neutrality is an essential part of the freedom of citizens. Threats to Net Neutrality are threats to free democracy, in any country.
—Zoë Leclerc, Aix-en-Provence,

Net neutrality is a vital aspect of our freedom of speech, and as such, I urge the FCC to reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Alex Fidao, Hobart,

Dear FCC, The future of the internet is dependent on net neutrality. The United States, can not and will not stand for discrimination and censorship when it comes to the internet. Or am I unaware that we have sided with dictatorship and communism. Either way, this proposal is a terrible idea, that completely embodies everything that this country and it's citizens do not and will not stand for.
—Jessica Finn, Southfield, MI

This is unconstitutional. Do not let greed rule out freedom. Make good choices.
—Garrett B, Meadville, PA

I am concerned that the precedent that this sets with the ISPs will allow them to control who has access to information in the future, literally allowing them to ransom the internet to whoever is willing to pay. Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—DJ Hoffman, Budd Lake, NJ

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—Jake Townsend, Cradoc,

"if google and netflix want to hog all the bandwidth..." interesting. What the statement reveals is that the big companies actually believe that the internet belongs to them, not the people. The reason Google and Netflix use so much bandwidth is because the PEOPLE go to these sites the most. They arent "hogging" anything. The people are just choosing how to use the service they pay for. They go to these places the most cause they provide the best services in their given sectors. Now that the big tax subsidized ISP's see how much traffic is going to these sites, they want a piece of their profits. This is no different than a company that builds a bridge in a city, then sees how much traffic is on the bridge going to a store on the other side, and sees a golden opportunity to extort the people using the bridge that they were only hired to build and maintain. If the ISP's insist on this, they should be forced to pay back all of the tax money, and tax breaks they were given to build and maintain the internet infrastructure. And seriously no person with any sort of social conscience at all should be using Verizon.
—Justine, Sawtell,

The only way a society grows is to allow the free exchange of ideas. Disabling this freedom is a tacit tyrants and dictators used throughout history to control the people. If Net Neutrality is taken away then we are allowing big business to take away our right of free speech. Your job is to be protectors of this right. Please do not fail the American people and free speech. Please keep Net Neutrality. Thank you.
—Lynn Osinski, Cumming, GA

FCC, Please throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Jennifer Trent, Dayton, OH

It's crucially important that you not allow premium access to the Internet and maintain full net neutrality. The internet is not a place for commercial exploitation but is part of the public commons that big companies cannot be allowed to dominate. Please do not approve the proposed rules that would compromise net neutrality.
—Mr. John Midgley, Vashon, WA

Allowing these big companies to control destroys the freedom that has always characterized the internet and made it a safe haven for people of all kinds to share thoughts, ideas and artwork. These new rules Wheeler is pushing have no benefits for the general public - they exist only to serve corporate greed.
—Vincent Alexander, Carroll, OH

The public, the 99%, the everyday and occasional internet users, small business folks, mom and pop stores...have a lot to lose if you choose the wrong agenda. We are America. Not the corporations. We are the ones you need to keep in mind. Not the corporations. If the FCC blindsides the American people by ending NET NEUTRALITY we will surely fight back in peaceful ways that have yet been determined. And you will lose. So do the right thing...now. Thank you.
—Juliette Hemingway, Aurora, CO

As an educator I clearly see the difference between those who have access and those who don't. What is not as obvious is how things that are seemingly luxury items have permeated our culture to the point that lack of direct access leads to a stratified society. Children are expected to complete out of class assignments using information found on a variety of platforms. And of course speed matters! The speed of connection makes the difference between piquing the interest and engaging a third grader in meaningful learning or having that child hate math because it takes too long to load the Kahn Academy or Algebra Nation. Net Neutrality is the only way that we can begin to see a society where all have the opportunity to contribute at their best. It is the 21st century manifestation of the American Dream, and ending net neutrality not only kills the dream, but may also lead to more dire unintended consequences.
—Adrienne Cooper, Port Orange, FL

Corporations can't win everything. Limiting the internet would be the same as limiting a library based on what companies paid for us to read. Terrible! Don't do it FCC!
—Suzanne, Seattle, WA

It is not enough to have a multi-tier system for internet access. Anyone in eastern MA who wants to apply to even the simplest retail position at a chain store is directed to apply on-line. This simple fact pushes internet access from a nice-to-have into the REQUIRED category just to get a minimum wage job. Once this threshold was crossed, ISPs need to be considered a utility. I cannot get multiple cable companies to choose from. I have one option. I can get one phone provider with copper lines. I have the option of FIOS, but there are no other fiber providers. This is a lack of competition. No competition is a monopoly and requires requlation of them as such. I've noticed increasing issues with my Netflix connection. Verizon's response was to "upgrade" my speed. Why? I don't stream any more than I did 6 months ago and the speed seemed just fine then. This seems eerily similar to the issues ComCast customers had a few months ago until they reached a shakedown agreement over Netflix. Once Netflix paid up, all issues "miraculously" resolved themselves. There is no such thing as a FAIR multitier system. If the providers will not upgrade their system to keep up with demand, in order for someone to go faster, someone else has to go slower. It's that simple. You see it on the highway all the time. If all lanes need to merge, when the cop stops the traffic to allow one lane to clear, everyone else waits. There is no magic fast and faster. There is faster and slower. It is unnecessary and unfair to take a free and open system and make everyone else go slower just because someone else has the money to go faster than everyone else. The ISPs are common carriers and it's time to treat them as such. Thank you for your time.
—Chris Corayer, Northborough, MA

To quote the artist Jim Zub: “The internet is the ultimate leveling field because something can become insanely popular on its own merit. It’s all equidistant. It’s about the merit of the work. The biggest comic right now is not Superman or Batman or Spider-Man. It’s Penny Arcade. “
—Lauren Chaikin, Lakewood, OH

These multi million dollar conglomerates already control enough of our lives. Please don't give them more money & power. Ultimately, it is the consumer (and their children) who will suffer the most.
—Sandi Frece, new Castle, PA

Getting rid of Net Neutrality will serve to increase the wealth disparity between the rich and the poor. If these rules pass, money will dictate whose voices are heard, unpopular speech will undoubtedly be silenced and no safeguards or regulation will prevent that. You need only look at the past to know that the rich and powerful will forever use any advantage to exploit and disenfranchise the weak and the poor. The internet as it stands today is the only real avenue for free speech in our world.
—Jose R. Santos, Harrison, NJ

Internet providers must not be allowed to vary connection speeds to different websites. This creates an extremely unfair Internet marketplace while reducing healthy competition and innovation. We need REAL net neutrality.
—David Sales, Knoxville, TN

Net neutrality is a hallmark of communication. When you restrict the communication by forcing users into fast lanes and slow lanes, manipulating what is or is not shown, slowing down certain websites, then you restrict our means of communication just to get a few bucks in your pocket. A free internet, equal to all people, is similar to the First Amendment. It should not be messed with, or threatened.
—Shanting Liu, Atlanta, GA

FCC, ISPs must(!) be reclassified as common carriers. Discrimination of this magnitude will devastate the exchange of knowledge, art, comedy, and any emotion imaginable stemming from the freedom of online communication. As a recent graduate, who makes their living contacting clients and completing commisions via Internet services, protecting Net Neutrality is paramount. Please do not let my crippling debt be for naught.
—Dean P., Orlando, FL

Internet Service Providers should be classified as Common Carriers. It's what they do. How they are not classified as such is simply beyond comprehension. Do the right thing, leave the Internet an open market for competition and innovation.
—Ryan Russ, APO (AE), NY

Net neutrality is essential in a democracy.
—Kurt Broderson, Addison, VT

Right now I'm twenty years old. I have lived with the internet my entire life. Some of my earliest memories involve the distinctive beeping and buzzing of old-school dialup internet and the chunky internet browsers that existed at the time. The more I learned about the immense network called the internet the more I loved it. The internet was a vast infinite grid that was ever expanding and evolving. The future that had opened up before me offered opportunities that the generations before me couldn't have even dreamed of. With the click of a mouse I had access to more information on a topic than any encyclopedia could ever offer. The internet was freedom. The internet opened worlds of possibilities and to a young boy such as myself that thought was tantalizing. You didn't have to be rich to own a website or advertise your business. All you needed was a computer and access to the internet and you could have the freedom to publish anything you wanted. That freedom from the internet is what has led me to where I am now. I have been largely successful throughout my life and it's largely in part thanks to the free internet that I am where I am now. I want every child to have the same opportunity that I did. The opportunity offered by a free internet. A place where they can build whatever site they want and research whatever they want. Not a place bogged down by oppressive fees from ISPs and restrictions on what content will be available. If net neutrality is abolished and ISPs are allowed to throttle certain sites to allow for premium access to other sites the free world known as the Internet will soon be gone. Commercial ISPs are interested in one thing, profits. It's a slippery slope and if we go that way before we know it the web will end up a pathetic mess akin to what cable TV is. "Are you interested in the basic internet package for 69.95$/month or would you prefer the premium package that comes with YouTube for 99.95$/month?"
—Landon, Farmington, UT

The FCC's proposed net neutrality rules would trample competition and innovation. They would end the rich diversity of the internet. Allowing the few large Internet service providers to prioritize web traffic based on the content producer's ability to pay would destroy many of those that can't. The internet Service Providers are the winners, gaining more control over the internet and greater profits. The losers are consumers - who will have fewer choices and inevitably higher prices; smaller, new content producers, and potential content providers of content and services that will be discouraged from entering the market. The proposed rules mean the end of real net neutrality. They must be changed.
—Pamela Creevey, Portland, OR

Net neutrality is key to the innovation and growth we have seen for the internet. By allowing a company to charge for more speed and bandwidth, especially since the consumer is already paying for both, would harm freedom of speech, small business, and consumers. Allowing a few large corporations to profit on the backs of people everywhere, while stifling creative and progress. We need a free and open internet.
—William, denver, CO

As an iOS developer, the death of Net Neutrality could have a devastating effect on my industry. Without it, small startups like the one I work for would be pressured by additional costs and risk in order to develop new products. This will starve innovation and slow down one of the strongest economic sectors in the country.
—Adam Cumiskey, Hackettstown, NJ

Dear FCC... Please do not let big corporations take over the why we use the internet. Net Neutrality is necessary to ensure that company such as Comcast, AT&T, Verizon, and other providers do not gain a foothold that will inevitably lead to control and influence over what people can access. Don't sellout our internet.... KEEP NET NEUTRALITY!!!!!
—Kris Hoyt, Saint Albans, VT

Net Neutrality is critical to free speech and free speech is critical to freedom.
—Sherri Stout, Knoxville, TN

The end of Net Neutrality is an unfair change. ISPs need to be reclassified as common carriers.
—Lisa Peterson, Bemidji, MN

Please un-fuck the internet. It should be open. It should be paid for by end users who drive demand not content providers that pay to be heard.
—Joshua Kehn, New York, NY

Net Neutrality is a good and wonderful thing. How dare you try to take it away!
—Michael Whitlock, St. Louis, MO

The internet is a conduit for ideas and this needs to be saved! It must be FREE, EQUAL, and PROTECTED for all American citizens.
—Liz Black, Lakewood, CO

Living in and serving a rural community (Franklin County, Vermont) is life in the "slow lane.:" Every technological advance has been slow to come to our area. This has resulted in fewer opportunities for residents and students of the area. Broadband has become the equalizer in our communities. Students and employees can now work, learn and compete with their peers from more populated and affluent areas. When small schools and businesses are unable to afford "fast lane" rates, students will lose online learning opportunities and consumers will lose patience with small, slow website and head to the few major online re-sellers. The broadband providers of the U.S. are not struggling but our students and small businesses are. Reclassify ISP's as common carriers and keep regulations current with the 21st century needs of the nation.
—Elizabeth Malone, St. Albans, VT

I am writing to you to please ask to please keep net neutrality. In today's world the internet is the greatest tool we the people have to have a chance to actually have what the Declaration of Independence says is our unalienable right, Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. With the internet we can find entertainment, we can find friends, we can start our own businesses, we can discover new people we want to support, we can find an audience for our special abilities, and so much more. As an artist, I have built a business thanks solely to the internet. And I can attribute that to net neutrality. If the law is passed that allows people to have 'better' roads to them, the fairness of the internet is ruined. Why? Imagine you go to a convention to announce you have a new wonderful app. If the convention is like the internet, everyone there has the same sized booth, gets the same time with the convention goers, get the same amount of time to make your pitch. If the internet is like the way the the two tiered internet then if you go to it, you get a tiny booth on the edge of the parking area, no one gets to see you there, and the people who have the most money gets the biggest, noisiest, most distracting booth and can force the convention goers to stand in THEIR lines if the want to get through. So basically this says only the people with money can make money. It is further destroying the distance between the have and have not's. This is damaging to the people as well as the government. With the loss of the last level playing field for us to build ourselves up and make good money, you lose out on taxes, you lose out on the chance to have more people become well off the help sustain the economy, and will have more people dependent on the taxes of the few to just keep going or to leave the country to try to make a better life. So I ask you to PLEASE, throw out the rules and reclassify ISP's as common carriers. Keep the playing field level, and allow us the chance to Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. Thank you.
—Dwayne Biddix, Spruce Pine, NC

Please keep the internet NEUTRAL. This is critical to free speech and freedom !
—Charles Cross, Knoxville, TN

To Whom It May Concern: I know you probably won't read this. You may not even care. I don't even know the words I'm really going to type on this page so bear with me. Look, the Internet is a tool that has helped not only this country but the world to grow and flourish like no time ever before in history. Little boys and girls now have access to a library of information at their fingertips. A library is for the people, and people have the right to access any information that they see fit, how they see fit. The Internet is now our library, please do not restrict access to it. Please do not end Net Neutrality. Thank you.
—James Fryer, Knoxville, TN

Dear FCC Chairman Wheeler and Members of Congress: I can't believe that in today's modern world discrimination is still a case, and that it actually matters how big you are if you want to share your heart and soul with other people. By abolishing Net Neutrality you will only prevent individuals, small and non-profit businesses from bringing rich, diverse content to the world. Diversity is the beauty and the Internet enables everyone to share themselves, to do something good and to be heard. Please protect the Net Neutrality and help us make equality the main virtue of the modern world.
—Aneta Opart, Wroclaw,

Please preserve REAL net NEUTRALITY by not giving privileged access to certain ISPs at the expense of others. A level playing field means that financial interests should not be a factor in access; speed and choice should not be based on income, which would be the consequence of Net Neutrality as currently proposed. To avoid this, classify ISPs as common carriers.
—Augusta Goldstein, San Francisco, CA

It is important that all United States Human Beings be afforded equal access to the internet regardless of income. In addition, that the internet be preserved at its current style of usage so that it can protect the free speech of all those that wish to utilize it's information.
—Katherine Mott, Richmond, VA

A free and equal internet is critical for economic growth.
—Kasey Buckles, South Bend, IN

Without net neutrality, it will be that much harder for new innovations to spread.
—Seth Rutledge, Raleigh, NC

PLEASE keep the internet neutral.
—Lauren Goche, Portland, OR

There should be no fast and slow lanes. The internet should be open to all-- real net neutrality .
—Susan winter, Concord, MA

Well done for allowing the "art" of lobbying to corrupt and strangle your democracy.
—Edward Stratton, Portloe,

If we are truly a country whose foundation is based on Freedom of Speech, it is critically imperative that net neutrality. The internet is a vehicle for anyone to express and share their opinions and research and access information, current events and unbiased, in-depth reporting. If this turns into a pay to play system, it is a direct violation of our freedoms and allows the media and the message to be controlled by corporations, which despite new-speak definitions, are not people. It's another strategy to dumb down the masses and squash critical thinkers. Do the right thing. Preserve Net Neutrality.
—Ms. Donna Schutt, asheville, NC

I'm sick of people trying to screw people over for money! Let the internet be free, the way it started out!
—Rigel Anestos, Hiroshima,

Please keep the net free and open to the public. The taxpayers deserve the freedom that corporate America is trying to take away.
—Daniel Thomason, Hendersonville, TN

Knowledge is the one great equalizer. We cannot relegate fast information to the wealthy! The corruption of our government is truly shocking.
—Claire Mitchell, denver, CO

I personally have had several experiences of cable/internet companies trying to "extort" me into a higher level (and more expensive) plan or additional services through their selective use of slower internet speeds. For instance, one internet provider instantly slowed their service to the point where it was unusable for streaming videos immediately after the 30-day guarantee period (it worked fine during the money-back guarantee period) in an attempt to get me into a higher level plan, even though they assured me before starting the service that the lower level plan was sufficient for streaming. Currently, I have a different internet provider who also provides cable TV services. The company has recently been attempting to persuade me to add their TV service to my internet-only service plan. Suspiciously, at the same time, I have noticed my streaming channels have gotten noticeably slower, some to the point of being next to unusable (the ones that are becoming unusable are the smaller, independent content providers). Is it a coincidence that my streaming services are being slowed when the internet/cable company is trying to push THEIR TV service to me? My opinion is NO. These are examples of why letting ISP's (and especially large conglomerates that also offer their own content services), decide who gets what speed is extremely bad for consumers and for smaller content providers. In addition, it is bad for democracy, because it will force out the smaller and less-financially-endowed voices. The ISP's are supposed to be providing a platform that can be used equally by all, not manipulating the internet to rig the game for their own benefit. Please do nothing less than reclassify the ISP's as common carriers. It is not enough for the FCC to "police" the large internet/media conglomerates.
—Sarah Sutorik, Tallahassee, FL

Net Neutrality isn't just important, it's vital. The internet has changed our world, made it possible for the little guys to succeed, enabled me to start a business and provided immeasurable opportunity for those with nothing but drive and ingenuity. There's no good reason to take that away. None. And the idea that anyone would even propose it is sickening. Keep greed and avarice out of the internet, and keep it an open market, free of discrimination and free from the kind of price segmentation that defines winners and losers based on income. Stop this asinine propose. Protect Net Neutrality. Protect the people. And stop lining the pockets of those who want to control things they have no right to.
—Kate Erker, Conifer, CO

I support net neutrality because I support education. Technology and the internet, if well used, have the potential to narrow the achievement gap and give youths across the country an opportunity to succeed, regardless of their socioeconomic status. If there's a "fast lane" that people have to pay to access, then only wealthier students will be able to use it, giving them an advantage over their less wealthy counterparts, and in the long run causing an even wider disparity between rich and poor. Please don't allow companies to compromise the Internet!
—Lindsay Herron, Albuquerque, NM

Because the internet should be open and free for everyone, always
—Celeste, PDX, OR

Please preserve net neutrality and freedom of speech.
—Simona Mkrtschjan, Cleveland Heights, OH

Please keep the internet neutral and save net neutrality. Net neutrality is imperative for the future of the internet.
—Keith Kocsis, San Francisco, CA

I support the Net Neutrality points outlined by the American Library Association and the Association of Research Libraries, among others: Net Neutrality Principles ❖ Ensure Neutrality on All Public Networks : Neutrality is an essential characteristic of public broadband Internet access. The principles that follow must apply to all broadband providers and Internet Service Providers (ISPs) who provide service to the general public , regardless of underlying transmission technology (e.g., wireline or wireless) and regardless of local market conditions. ❖ Prohibit Blocking : ISPs and public broadband providers should not be permitted to block access to legal web sites, resources, applications , or Internet - based services. ❖ Protect Against Unreasonable D iscrimination : Every person in the United States should be able to access legal content , applications , and services over the Internet, without “ unreasonable discrimination ” by the owners and operators of public broadband networks and ISPs. This will ensure that ISPs do not give favorable transmission to their affiliated content providers or discriminate against particular Internet services based on the identity of the user, the content of the information , or the type of service being provided. “Unreasonable discrimination” is the standard in Title II of the Communications Act ; t he FCC has gen erally applied this standard to instances in which providers treat similar customer s in significantly different ways . ❖ Prohibit Paid Prioritization : Public b roadband providers and ISPs should not be permitted to sell prioritized transmission to certain content, applications , and service providers over other Internet traffic sharing the same network facilities. Prioritizing certain Internet traffic inherently disadvantage s other content, applications, and service providers — including those from higher education and libraries that serve vital public interests . ❖ Prevent Degradation : Public broadband providers and ISPs should not be permitted to degrade the transmission of Internet content, applications , or service providers , either intentionally or by failing to invest in adequate broadband capacity to accommodate reasona ble traffic growth . ❖ Enable Reasonable Network Management : Public broadband network operators and ISPs should be able to engage in reasonable network management to address issues such as congestion, viruses, and spam as long as such actions are consistent with the se principle s . Policies and procedures should ensure that legal network traffic is managed in a content - neutral manner. ❖ Provide Transparency : P ublic broadband network operators and ISPs should disclose network management practices publ icly and in a manner that 1) allows users as well as content, application, and service providers to make informed choices ; and 2) allows policy - makers to determine whether the practices are consistent with these network neutrality principles. This rule does not require disclosure of essential proprietary information or information that jeopardizes network security. ❖ Continue Capacity - Based Pricing of B roadband Internet A ccess C onnections : P ublic b roadband providers and ISPs may continue to charge consumers and content, application , and service providers for their broadband connections to the Internet, and may receive greater compensation for greater capacity chosen by the consumer or content, application , and service provide r . ❖ Adopt Enforceable Policies : Policies and rules to enforce these principles should be clearly stated and transparent. Any public broadband provider or ISP that is found to have violated these policies or rules should be subject to penalties , after being adjudicated on a case - by - case basis . ❖ Accommodate Public Safety : Reasonable accommodations to these principles can be made based on evidence that such accommodations are necessary for public safety, health, law enforcement, national security , or emerge ncy situations. ❖ Maintain the Status Quo on Private Networks : Owners and operators of private networks that are not open ly available to the general public should continue to operate according to the long - standing principle and practice that private networks are not subject to regulation. E nd users (such as households, companies, coffee shops, schools , or libraries) should be free to decide how they use the broadband services they obtain from network operators and ISPs.
—Virginia Moran Heinrich, Woodbury, MN

Net Neutrality is important to me because I use the internet as a tool to seek information. I am a graphic designer and it is a creative playground. I don't believe we should be limited to the sites we are allowed to access it because our ISP's don't prefer it. America is a free country and we should be free to do as we please on the web as well. I fear that If these new rules were approved we would start to see our freedoms taken away such as free speech and freedom of assembly. Please get rid of these rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Thank you!
—Joey Halderman, Visalia, CA

The use of the internet should not be based on having enough money to "take the high road." Enough of society is already fractured this way.
—George W Marshall, NEW CARROLLTON, MD

Kill net neutrality and you will kill off everything that is bringing not just America, but the world back up on it's feet after the "Great Recession."
—Mandy Milliron, Iowa, LA

I don't want big corporations having virtual monopolistic control of a resource that many in the world's population are still gaining access to and learning how to use. The internet's democratic abilities have allowed it to grow into the important resource that it is. Limiting these opportunities will weaken it and weaken us as a society.
—Harry Kent, Minneapolis, MN

The accessibility of an open equal internet is at great risk if privatized. We can't let that happen.
—Luis Orellana, Los Angeles, CA

Open internet and equal treatment is important to me!!
—Stephanie Bartlett, provo, UT

Net neutrality is essential to active Democracy. Allowing the already rich to control the "fast track" is not neutral. I am no kid. I am a 57 year old U.S. Army, COL that never fails to vote; but the young folks have this one right. An open, equally accessible, Internet is in the best interests of our great nation.
—Steven McFeeters, Baldwyn, MS

As a small business owner whose business model is based on reaching customers online, Net Neutrality is vitally important to me. As an artist and author, I share my work online to build an audience. That audience can then directly support me through purchasing my work and wares. Should Net Neutrality be eliminated, it would be much harder for me to reach my audience, and for them to find me. If there are fees to be paid in order to get fast lanes, only larger businesses and corporations would be able to afford those fees and a start up, small business would be extremely hard pressed to even grow under those circumstances. The internet is already a level playing field for everyone, big and small businesses alike. Should Net Neutrality be ended, the bigger businesses, the ones with all the financial advantages already, would prosper even more while smaller businesses would falter. Businesses like mine would barely be able to compete in an already competitive world. The American Dream of owning your own business and thriving can happen thanks to the equality of the internet. Please don't take that away from all the Americans striving to make their dreams a reality.
—Jennifer Smith, Laurel, MD

Please rethink your strategy and give all users of the net and all people doing business on the net a fair go. Let's not have a class system for the internet.
—Paul Rooney, Cammeray,

It's just not worth it.
—Max Savin, New York, NY

Dear FCC, Please say no to big money cable companies and do the right thing for those of us that depend on a free and level playing field on the internet. Thomas Wheeler and his money backers are looking out for themselves instead of small business and hard working Americans that refuse to be saddled with more fees and censorship by a few powerful companies. Do the right thing and say no to the greed of a small majority that have let power cloud their view on this topic. Let Americans have some say in their lives and end the nanny state of government and big business. Brent Naughton, a voting small businessman.
—Brent Naughton, Cincinnati, OH

Please actually listen to us.
—David Ray, Sebastopol, CA

Net neutrality has provided unseen freedom of information and discourse, regardless of class, education, race, or gender of the people who use it. It is essential to democracy in the 21st century. The US must embrace these values and grow with them, instead of further being crippled by corporate greed and intervention.
—Kristine Nordella, Eugene, OR

Real net neutrality is needed for the fair use under equal rights for every user (or company). As I see it ISPs could otherwise not only sell a fast lane to those who can afford it, but also will be able to choose to whom they sell this service - this can lead to situations where one company is granted the service while another (maybe the direct competitor to the first mentioned company) is denied this service. Better re-think what you try to establish here.
—Torben Guse, Witten,

Next month I will be 69 years old. Because I'm now on a fixed income I gave up my TV when I retired. I had to choose between cable TV or an internet connection. The choice was easy -- I chose internet access. I get all my news via the internet, reading for several hours every morning. I get recipes, movies, photography classes, financial information, etc. on line. My internet connection is often abysmally slow now. It is already frustrating to wait and wait for a web site to load. I listen to multiple podcasts daily on a variety of issues. My use of the internet for a myriad of daily tasks is constantly increasing. If you eliminate net neutrality the internet will become one more institution with special access for the rich -- one more class struggle for access for the 99%. People are already angry enough at the government -- don't give them one more reason to feel powerless and alienated! Protect NET NEUTRALITY!
—Ileen Weber, Everett, WA

Free internet creates a more even ground for learning, spanning all income demographics. To ask a fee for such a resource is, to me, criminal in the sense that it can steal the potential from many that may not be able to afford such.
—Cheryl, Portland, OR

Net Neutrality should be considered a basic human right at this point, due to the amount of work where an internet connection is mandatory.
—Nah, that one,

Do not ruin the internet. This will hurt dmall businesses. Net neutrality is patriotic. Do not sell our freedom to the highest bidder.
—Colin Marshall, saugus, CA

Paid prioritization is just a nice way of saying unpaid discrimination, to the point of blocking access to anything unpaid. I pay my ISP to connect me to the Internet-- the entire Internet, unadulterated and uncensored. I don't pay them to connect me to the companies who have paid them for the privilege of my patronage. Why on earth would I want AT&T/Time Warner/Comcast/etc to decide what sites I can reach and what sites I can't? Why would I pay for that? The Internet is not cable television. I do not want a package that includes some sites but not other sites. I do not want a gatekeeper between me and the world, charging money for the privilege of accessing me. I just want an open connection. You cannot argue that ISPs will not abuse this ability. They already do (ie, recent demands that Netflix pay ISPs for the ability to connect to end users). You cannot argue that the free market will protect users, because in vast parts of the country there are government-granted monopolies on the last-mile connection to homes, and thus no competition and no free market. Traffic has to be neutral. Anything less gives huge ISPs like AT&T/Time Warner/Comcast the ability to control the flow of information to the end user. And given the immeasurable effect of the Internet on a company's business (especially online-only businesses like Amazon, Netflix, etc), it gives those ISPs the ability to basically choose winners and losers in our economy. I do not want that control in the hands of anyone. Net neutrality is absolutely necessary. Common Carrier classification would be better still. There should be competition in every market to prevent ISPs from abusing their positions.
—K Klesch, Hilliard, OH

It is not a fair system, the internet should be the same for all people.
—Nick Dawson, Derby,

Please preserve net neutrality and allow new startups a chance against established companies. This will help innovation and allow America to stay competitive.
—Jon Yom Tov, Hampton, VA

Please don't make America more of a joke to the rest of the world. The internet is a public utility. Not a private free market profit engine.
—Elan Tanzer, Los Angeles, CA

Without New Neutrality, the internet as we know it would be in shambles. We wouldn't have the rights and freedoms we do currently, and we as human beings would be getting taken advantage of and abused. ISPs are common carriers, nothing more!
—Cody Turner, Harwood, MD

Free speech should not be sold to the highest bidder.
—Tyler York, Tacoma, WA

Why is this important? 1 A free and open internet is the single greatest technology of our time, and control should not be at the mercy of corporations. 2 A free and open internet stimulates ISP competition. 3 A free and open internet helps prevent unfair pricing practices. 4 A free and open internet promotes innovation. 5 A free and open internet promotes the spread of ideas. 6 A free and open internet drives entrepreneurship. 7 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. Please do your part to keep the internet a cornerstone of freedom and opportunity.
—Miranda Morehouse, Portland, OR

I live in a rural area in NE Florida, Hilliard I only have one choice for internet Windstream I pay 46 dollars a month for DSL that only has a speed of 3mg that's on a good day. We need more choices, We need high speed Acess available for all.Foreign country's have better internet than we do in the US. There should be no limiting going on at all. We pay top dollar for internet on are Cell plans I pay 60 dollars a month of Cricket an ATT company. I am limited to 5mg. Know home internet providers are starting the same form of robbery. First of all I can't afford to though money away on two internet plans, We should only have to have one. We should be able to have unlimited internet on are cell plans and share that service at our Homes. I get speeds of up to 9mg.3 times faster on my cell internet than my home internet. These Cell and Home internet providers have no reason to limit are service and our internet speeds.
—James Fike, Hilliard, FL

The internet is one of the last places left on earth that hasn't shoved a huge wedge between the rich and the poor. There's no reason for there to be a class divide on the internet. It's working excellently as it is and it would be a disservice to us all if this uniquely level playing field was damaged. I want to live in a world where someone who isn't rich can successfully present their creative efforts to the entire internet population without needing an expensive middleman to get them into the "right" places so their content can be easily viewed. I live in that world now. Without Net Neutrality, I won't live in that world anymore. Please, preserve Net Neutrality.
—Julie Atwood, Shoreline, WA

I want the Internet and my privacy to stay the same. Killing net neutrality will essentially ruin my everyday life because I rely on less-known websites to run a lot of my life.
—Munir Gargour, Seattle, WA

Dear fcc, i only have one thing to say about this. This proposal gives too much power to buisnesses that are already extremely wealthy. Singleing out groups of people that can't afford the proposed plan will not motivate them to pay more. It will only hurt all lower and middle class people who have other worries in life, such as food, car payment, college, and other living expences (which are all grossly overpriced). This is not the corperate buisnesses nation. Please go no further to restrict the people when this is the people's nation.
—Joshua williamson, Richardson, TX

An open Internet is what is best for everyone. Everyone wins with real Net Neutrality. Please keep the Internet open.
—Gabriel Gadsden, Johns Island, SC

Please retain free and open access to the Internet by retaining net neutrality. I am a college instructor and have found over the years that the Internet is a fantastic adjunct to classroom instruction. It is a veritable treasure trove of information that aids in the free, open education of American citizens. Please don't allow Internet providers the power to create a "class system" for information flow through the Internet. To do so would reduce the Internet's value as a ready source of information and knowledge. And that would not serve anyone's long-term interest!
—Steve Kirchhoff, Bozeman, MT

Having a "fast line" will mean the rest are left behind. Not fair.
—Thorawr, Skjervøy,

Net Neutrality is important for the fair exchange of information between ordinary people. Allowing telecoms to control the speed at which communications people are allowed by creating fast lanes will wreck the ideals of a free and open internet for the populace. It's bad enough that internet speeds in the United States fall far behind those in Europe and Asia, as well as the exorbitant prices we pay for an inferior service. Eliminating Net Neutrality will exacerbate those problems...which affects the economically disadvantaged more than anyone else.
—Lee Parinis, Orlando, FL

Would you do this to your own family? If so, that's pretty shameful of yourself. Money doesn't go with you after you've passed away, you know? Think about the impact you have on everyone on this planet. Stop this disease called greed and be someone positive; you'll feel much better in the long run as a human being, if you're still one. Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Jennifer Kramer, Boca Raton, FL

Net neutrality is REQUIRED for continued innovation on the web!
—Brad Shaheen, New York, NY

FCC: Please throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. I promise you if you continue with this effort I will find out the individuals responsible for this decision and vote you out of your respective positions. If that doesn't work I will devote the rest of my life to pursuing opposition to your careers.
—Mike Gardelle, San Francisco, CA

Please allow our internet to stay free. I believe most Americans are for this. Please do the right thing!!! We need to let the people be the rulers of our country, not corporations. Thank you.
—Sharon Bates, Cleburne, TX

Protect a free and open internet for all. A two tiered internet system will just perpetuate the kind of corruption and cronyism that plagues this country in every spectrum of life. Your job is to protect the citizens of this country, so you have no choice but to protect net neutrality. I strongly urge you to do the right thing.
—Jane Barr, Knoxville, TN

The internet is a UTILITY and essential communication tool that needs to be kept open for the people of this world! It is the culmination of humanity's progress that we are now able to connect to each other from across the globe and learn from one another that we are ONE race, and no better or different. DO NOT allow corporations to control humanity's forward progress and put it up for the sale to the exclusion of those who have a right to access it like anyone else!
—Fernando E. Correa, Foxboro, MA

Since 1992 I have relied on access to the internet for essential business communications, but I have never had the resources to pay a premium for that privilege. A two-tier service on what has come to be a necessary public utility would be completely contrary to the American ideals of equality for all.
—Steven Benson, Fortine, MT

Dear FCC, There are times when the government clearly has rules and regulations that need to be adjusted to allow for growth. Allowing internet service providers the ability to dictate the consumers access to the internet undermines one of our society's greatest assets. The internet provides a free resource an unfathomable amount of information. The freedom of the internet directly impacts every citizen of the country. If ISPs are allowed to pick and choose which websites to allow access to the internet will break. It seem unfathomable that such a thing could happen. But what makes the internet work is the neutrality of the ISP to the access of any website. Once ISPs are allowed to dictate access it is a downward spiral. It seems reasonable that all ISPs want to do is control cost by limiting connections to high data draining sites like Netflix, Hulu or Pandora. However ISPs don't just need to control costs, they need to make revenue. Imagine a world where ATT is now able to contract with Google or Bing to be their search engine of choice. All of ATT's uverse customers would only have access to the search engine that ATT contracts with. Samething with Comcast or Verizon. They all contract with websites to allow access to their customer base. This raises the website's cost and limits their ability to stay free. If ISPs can dictate access to some websites and not others then they can choose which search engine people use. Websites are created with search engine optimization in mind, but each search engine is different. If suddenly search engine access is dictate than millions of small businesses would be affected by the sudden algorithm change. Who would have to pay for all these new fees imposed by ISPs to websites for access? The consumer. Its ridiculous to assume that it would be any other way. Net neutrality keeps the ISP companies in competition with each other. Without it larger ISP companies would have greater buying power than other companies, granting them better access to the most popular websites. Imagine not being able to access Ebay unless you have Comcast. Or not being able get on YouTube or any of Google's products unless you have Verizon. It paves the way to limit the poor to free and neutral information. The children of the weathiest parents would have the most access to internet resources while the children of the poorest would have the least. Schools would have to pay additional money for access to premium websites. The government could pay millions more each year for access to websites it uses now. Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers. It is important for our country to keep the internet open and free.
—Kacie Conaboy, Sparks, NV

I am very much opposed to the plan to allow a two-tiered Internet. It is important to me personally and it is important for our nation that everyone be able to access all websites equally. Please throw out the rules you've come up with and reclassify ISPs as common carriers. That is the solution that makes the most sense to me. Thank you for your time and attention.
—Alys Allwardt, Portland, OR

You must protect Net Neutrality. Stop trying to ruin it.
—Daniel Sorensen, Aurora, CO

Equal internet for all. Please!
—Julia skerry, Portland, OR

Reclassify ISP's as common carriers. Support Net Neutrality. This is an issue of such incredible importance. Please do the right thing, and know the world is watching.
—Bradley Knight, WINDERMERE, FL

The FCC has an opportunity here to show that they are not beholden to corporate interests, and to actually fulfill the will of the people. There is no justifiable reason to allow ISPs, which are already some of the most successful companies in the nation, to illegitimately increase their profits at the expense of the citizens of the United States. Given the extent to which the internet has grown to impact every aspect of our lives, implementing rules to restrict access would be devastating to our economy and our ability to be competitive in the world. Please help restore the faith of the American people that the government by not caving to corporate interests and maintaining a free and open internet. Thank you.
—Kent Patten, Arvada, CO

Come on and do the right thing.
—Megan Wieser, Portland, OR

corporations are not people, people are people, and people created the internet for the free exchange of information. let's keep it that way.
—Megan Chinburg, Portland, OR

Please keep the internet free and open!
—Sarah Faux, Portland, OR

The vast majority of my skills as a designer I learned from independent creators on the internet who's primary purpose was to help others progress as artists. Without net neutrality, these creators would have to compete against large corporations. The cost of having their voice heard would have been massive and most likely have prevented them from ever reaching their audiences. Please reconsider your position on this issue and realize it is unjust. Think of all of the jobs that have been created because of the equality of the internet and how many will be lost if you take that equality away.
—Jason Caryl, New York, NY

As a consumer, I pay my ISP for access to the internet, period. I do not pay them to act as a "gatekeeper", "censor", or "throttler" of download speeds that I have contractually agreed to, but often do not receive. Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Chris Servis, Pheonix, AZ

Please DO NOT go forward with your proposed rules. By ending 'Net Neutrality,' you will be hindering the current free-flow of information -- which is perhaps the most significant achievement of mankind in the 21st century. The FCC, and those who are responsible for putting forward these new rules, will be scorned in history.
—Jacob Green, Millburn, NJ

Please don't take away our freedom. Thank you.
—Jamie C., Eugene, OR

The Internet is a public asset. Keep Net Neutrality! Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Priscill Atwater, Catonsville, MD

Please do not put an end to Net Neutrality. This would be counterproductive to all the good that has come about for public discourse, learning and the greater good.
—Leslie Rich, Cincinnati, OH

Leave net neutrality in place-you have zero authority in these matters. Just because you appointed yourselves as censors for TV and radio doesn't mean you can just appoint yourselves to do the same damn thing on the internet.
—Shelbi Cassel, Show LOw, AZ

Frankly. Internet alone is what I used to pay for cable and internet. that's not the only reason I want net neutrality. The pure flow of information is what we must have in this country. Don't manipulate it.
—Jamie Schulte, Keizer, OR

As an Internet user who believes strongly in the importance of a free and open Internet, I urge the FCC to reclassify broadband Internet access as a telecommunications service, and save Net Neutrality. In addition, the FCC should reject the proposed rules that would allow Internet service providers to divide the Internet into fast lanes for wealthy corporations and slow lanes for the rest of us.
—Maggie Woolridge, Fort Collins, CO

The Internet is the last form of free speech! Don't ruin this!
—Maria Colman, Dacula, GA

the last thing we need is more laws empowering the super powerful monopolizing companies at the expense of everybody else. please protect our rights to net neutrality. please reclassify the ISPs as common carriers and do not allow them to discriminate against online content. allowing ISPs to create a tiered internet would literally affect everybody in the world. it is dangerous and downright evil. stop this madness before it is too late. think about what kind of a world you'd like your children to live in.
—Anca Bonner, chicago, IL

Dear FCC, The Internet has fundamentally changed the way we interact with one another. It has allowed new connections to be made, ranging from social to political. Instead of tuning into the radio or picking up a newspaper, many people now go to the Internet for news. Please act in a way that keeps the Internet as a tool for all citizens to use and out of corporate hands.
—Aimee Rosato, Astoria, NY

We need to keep Net neutrality alive, I think the whole idea of passing this law is discrimination against people who are poor and people who are rich. This discrimination is wrong and unethical and should not be allowed in the USA.
—Matt, Farmington, IA

I would just like to say that I am a huge proponent of net neutrality. There is already enough of a monopoly on providing internet service. On that note, ending net neutrality would be a huge blow to what makes the internet popular. The internet is such a popular place because it is so indiscriminate. If that is taken away, the internet would become streamlined television, and that isn't what users are looking for, that isn't what I'm looking for. I want net neutrality to remain in place, to keep the creative, and sometimes strange, internet I love, and I hope my opinion is taken into consideration regarding this proceeding. Thank you for your time.
—John Young, Defiance, OH

Please do not mess with my internet! I am fearful these changes would hurt the internet.
—Noah Garza, Omaha, NE

Allowing the wealthy websites to control content on the internet directly violates our first amendment rights. We will all be squelched and blinded.
—Van Harrison, Nacogdoches, TX

Everyone deserves equal access to information. What good is freedom of the press and the first amendment if the main source of news and media content is controlled by those who stand to make a profit. This will also decimate the current plans for the majority of public school districts in the U.S. to move to primarily computer based testing and study tools. If the content is only available to those who can pay more, what do you think will happen to the working class?
—Florencia Martinez, sherman oaks, CA

The internet should be designated as a public utility, please. We the rabble cannot afford a two-tiered system for the wealthy among us. This plan is one more serious power grab of the people's disappearing democracy. Respectfully, Wendy Davis
—Wendy Davis, mancos, CO

The neutrality of the internet is one of the last remaining freedoms of today's population. As the lust to privatize and extort money grows ever more popular, please leave the accessibility of the internet in peace. Please find a limit to your greed.
—David Tenorio, Oakland, CA

I am a small startup (for now) that looks to change lives of all who visit my website through art and encouragement. I deserve the same right as any other business to reach potential viewers & participants. Share the fast lane, there is room for us All!
—Kimberly Chapman, Edmond, OK

Please reclassiffy ISPs as common carriers. The regional monopolies and unfair leveraging of content providers as network providers is bad enough already and needs to be fixed in a decisive way to ensure the Internet is available as a common service and level plying field for all comers.
—Andrew Lindberg, Roanoke, VA

Protect us from corporate greed!!! Do the right thing!
—Sadie Schroeder, Saint Paul, MN

From what I understand about this situation, it will essentially divide the internet into varying categories based upon one's ability to pay. The more one is able to pay, the faster and better one's service will be. The situation is interesting because we call the internet a 'highway' to information. Let's say the DOT were to announce a plan to divide our interstate highway system the same way. If one wanted to drive on a well maintained, quick moving interstate, one had to pay more. Otherwise one would drive on a not fast, not well maintained road. Drivers would pay regardless, but how much you pay decides how fast you can go. If the Department of Transportation announced such a plan, they would be ridiculed for such blatant attempts at gouging consumers, and I think there would be a huge bi-partisan movement to stop such a plan, and yet, this plan, as I see it, is doing exactly the same thing. The internet, like a highway, ought to be for anyone to use, and not divided or limited by greedy attempts to squeeze more money from an already profitable venture, especially when that greed fueled attempt is so obviously against the interest of our nation as a whole.
—Paul Ludwig, New market, TN

Stop selling america's internet - we deserve better.
—Joseph Gorecki, Safety Harbor, FL

There are enough sectors in the American economy, as well as our political system, that have been corrupted by oligarchies or monopolies. The internet is among the few places now where equality without regard to economic status still exists. Let's make a stand here for the now dusty anti trust laws this country once held dear. America always rushes to disparage the likes of Iran or China for restricting internet use within their borders for political reasons. Are we meant to believe that the same practices, when instituted for the sake of profit, should be acceptable in the United States?
—Kd, Pittsburgh, PA

Reclassify Internet Service Providers as Title II common carriers
—Griffin Riley, Naples, FL

The internet has changed my life.It has allowed me to research critical medical issues that have helped my partner's quality of life immeasurably. It allowed me to connect to people around the world and helped us adopt our daughter who was living in Nepal. These things were not possible only 15 years ago. If telecomm companies can discriminate regarding access to the internet, the freedoms and innovations the internet has made possible will disappear. Don't let that happen. Reclassify the internet as the critical telecommunications infrastructure that it so amazingly is.
—Amy Amy Martyn, Florence, MA

In the world of today, access to the internet is crucial for everything from social interaction to functionality in everyday jobs. If access to this service is monopolized and controlled by corporate interests, we will be left far behind the rest of the global community.
—Kristen Fleming, Portland, OR

Please keep the Internet open for everyone and [don't] make a class-based Internet where information can potentially be stifled.
—Catherine MacDonald, LaPorte, IN

the internet is not only for the stuck-up and over privileged.
—Matt Kurtzman, Mansfield, OH

Hello to you good sir or madam! I would just like to take an opportunity to express my thoughts on the topic of net neutrality, and how I believe allowing the ISPs to charge at different rates for different speeds would destroy something that has helped this country become what it is today: innovation. Innovation has driven us as a country (and as humanity in whole) to make giant leaps in how live our lives and how we survive as a species. It's range of inspiration has allowed us to help feed the world and to delve deep into how the world works. Therefore by stifling our innovation we greatly limit our continued ability to achieve truly wondrous new ideas and works. By allowing ISPs to charge two different rates and allowing a fast-lane/slow-lane scenario for the internet, one of the most powerful tools for innovation will be cut from the toolbox of our innovators. In a world where speed online is crucial to consumers, a slow website could mean the death of a start-up company. It would mean collaboration around the world between innovative thinkers would become more of a trouble than a helpful tool and may even discourage further work. So in limiting this innovative tool and hindering those who would use it to create, instead we would be hurting ourselves and our drive to do and see more in this world. So please do not approve this plan forward. It would hinder so many of our amazingly talented people in this country and in doing so hurt the country as a whole. Thank you so much for your time, and I hope your day is nothing but delightful, Henry F. Reed Just a Citizen Expressing his Thoughts to his Country
—Henry Reed, Columbus, OH

The internet is the last area that is freely accessible to all. To alter this is to harm the weakest.
—Peter Appel, Carmel, IN

To whom it may concern, Please don't hobble the Internet! Reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Keep the fair open and democratic. Let customers have the access that they pay for and give all content creators equal access. No toll lanes. No slow lanes. And especially not private fast lanes for the rich and powerfull. DO THE RIGHT THING!
—Erik Jagger, San Rafael, CA

The only place I am equal to all others in the world should not be jeopardized because businesses have discovered the equality isn't profitable.
—Adrianna Rodriguez, Jamaica, NY

Ultimately, this decision will forever impact the way information is shared, content is produced, and lives are impacted.
—Agustin M Reyes, Lake Station, IN

As a small business owner Net Neutrality is important to me. I want and need the same access to the internet as large companies. Without Net Neutrality my business would suffer.
—Cheron Calder, Portland, OR

We must uphold legitimate territory of neutrality pathways in communications, broadcasting, and publishing to develop these system wellsprings in accordance with US Constitutional guidelines. The success of future generations will be decided with the access rulings of connectivity for net neutrality byways.
—Allanah Anderson, Layton, UT

Fair access to the internet is crucial to a functioning democracy. We need Net Neutrality!
—Hyung Nam, Portland, OR

The Internet needs to treat all traffic equally--not allow providers to give priority to content providers that pay more. Doing the latter discourages innovation and hurts consumers all to give Internet access providers even more profits than the huge profits they already receive. The Internet is a public utility that provides a public good and needs to be regulated as such. Please DO NOT continue with the current FCC proposal that would essentially kill net neutrality in the US. Sincerely, Ross Leupp Hanig
—Ross Leupp Hanig, Portland, OR

I am a customer of a large ISP. I do not trust this company to act in my best interest as far as providing a reliable service if allowed to throttle bandwidth to certain sites. If Net Neutrality is not followed I believe I will be paying more for my services.
—Brian Gislason, Buffalo, MN

Dear FCC, I do not support your endorsement of a "two tier" system internet. It is an unfair approach, giving major telecommunication corporations (Verizon, Cox, Time Warner, Comcast, etc.) the upper hand on speed and overall network performance. You cannot sell the internet, a service that should be open and equal to us all.
—Hwnry R, Playa Vista, CA

Net Neutrality allowed the unbiased flow of ideas, it ensures freedom of thought, and I find it shameless that our Government Agencies would put corporate interests ahead of the needs of their constituencies.
—John Lee, Frederick, MD

The internet is the last public space we have.
—Amelia Allen, Harrisburg, PA

I urge you to vote NO on the new regulations coming up before the board today. They will allow internet providers to give preference to bigger companies that pay them, instead of the more open, democratic neutrality that exists today, which is the best part of the internet.
—Ms. Wendy Greenfield, San Jose, CA

As a citizen of the United States, and a long time user of the Internet, I find it terrible that a company that can speed up or slow down access to certain content on the internet. The Internet is how kids are learning these days. Not only does it save paper from not creating as many books, but it gives people the freedom to learn whatever they want at the touch of a finger. Too limit access to certain sites hinders Americans from growing and learning as much as possible. Net Neutrality is key to the future of this company. Do not allow companies to limit the information that can be seen on the Internet. You are giving the power to the wrong people instead of the people that can shape this great nation.
—Corey Smith, Covington, KY

Dear FCC, I'm Mike Gill and I live in Fort Worth , TX. Net neutrality, the principle that Internet service providers (ISPs) treat all data that travels over their networks equally, is important to me because without it ISPs could have too much power to determine my Internet experience by providing better access to some services but not others. A pay-to-play Internet worries me because new, innovative services that can’t afford expensive fees for better service will be less likely to succeed. I have learned more from the internet than I have from undergraduate studies and law school, for roughly $19 per month, due to Low cost/unlimited access to news sources/content of all kinds. the unrestricted landscape of the internet as it is now allows users vast opportunities to explore and learn. Please, do not restrict this freedom of access. Sincerely, Mike Gill 3725 Bradford Creek Drive apt 518 Fort Worth, TX 76116
—Mike Gill, forth worth, TX

Net neutrality is an issue of the people. Please do not let corporations make decisions for us yet again.
—Kelly McCloskey, Portland, OR

Its hard to believe there is a discussion on net neutrality. Leave as it is for the people.
—Kevin, Cairo, GA

I am writing to request that you regulate the internet as a public utility with an open internet policy and not treat it like was owned and developed by private companies -- because it wasn't. The FCC should be pursuing an internet regulatory policy that provides for the greatest good for all, not the greatest amount of profit for the few. A free and open internet is the single greatest technology of our time, and control should not be at the mercy of privately held companies. Without an open internet, private interests would have tight control over how we access websites and services. Please do your part to keep the internet a cornerstone of freedom and opportunity.
—Hugh Geenen, Seattle, WA

Respect our future as independent creators.
—Nacho Malter, SURFSIDE, FL

The plan to let Internet service providers create a two-tiered Internet will endanger many job and educational opportunities for the majority of Americans. I will be personally be effected as a small business owner in a very economically depressed isolated community. I depend on the Internet for product sales and would not be able to pay higer fees for a faster internet. To put the Internet and it's users fate in the hands of big companies is ludicrous and really against the principles on which the Internet was founded. Also there is no way to protect freedom on speech on the Internet, if Internet service providers are left in charge to decide what is chosen....anything adverse about the providers would definitely not be accessible. Other countries in the world have censorship by government, but this is America and we should not have censorship by private corporations or government, either. Again, my life and many other middle and lower class people in this country will be devastated if you allow this plan to be implemented. Thank you for your attention. Please do the right thing for the majority of the people using the Internet in the US.
—Tammy Bransford, Middletown, CA

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers! Many of us already pay the equivalent of a car payment to our cable/internet providers for less than stellar service. Please don't add to the madness.
—Caraline Teska, San Antonio, TX

The Net is one of the great equalizers of our times. It allows both the large companies and the small one-person shops to have a chance to be seen, heard and grow. If those with funds are allowed to purchase faster load speed then those that are smaller and less funded we will loose the very essence of the Net. My blog won't be seen as much because I can't afford to pay extra for higher speeds. It would put the decisions of what we have easy access to down to those with money and power, a select few would be granted too many privileges. The rules need to be written to allow equal access to everyone, it should be content that determines who gets the most traffic, not money. Net Neutrality is important to me, and my family.
—Sherry Parker, Tigard, OR

The internet is a public utility - equal for all! Please don't let corporate greed muddy this public service!
—Maura Murphy-Barrosse, Los Angeles, CA

I believe in free speech and people being accountable for their own actions.
—Xochil Boyle, Mesa, AZ

I don't want you giving preference to some over others. For your access to the internet, we get sub-par work while executives enjoy limitless profit margins/bonuses. Keep the internet open for the small business owner like me who is starting up and using the internet as a main function of my business with minimal profit margins. Cable companies consistently raise rates while outages and poor streaming area issues. Verizon specifically was awarded a kickback from the city to increase speeds "Verizon FIOS", but you can not get access to it in many neighborhoods or buildings as it is mainly available to current customers - not new customers. It is absurd when NPR has to call you out on your legal thievery.
—Gregory Garvin, Ridgewood, NY

Reclassify ISP (e.g., Bright House) as common carriers; Or y'all just(ly) FCC the Hell OFF!
—Vic Anderson, Eagle Lake, FL

Please don't ruin the Internet!!
—Mike Grosshandler, Albany, NY

The internet must remain net neutral. I today's world the use of the internet is basically required for success. Allowing anyone to get priority would simply allow those with the most money to buy a monopoly. No matter what anyone says, a system that can be abused will be abused. As the internet is, everyone can have all their needs met. With a two tier system only some will have all of their needs met at the cost of others. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Jonathan Adams, Tulsa, OK

Net Neutrality is important because, ISP carriers wont be able to monopolize on my wants and needs to use the internet.
—Jesse Powell, West Hills, CA

We do not need coorporations getting yet another advantage. People first means a stronger foundation for our nation and Net Neutrality keeps Us, The People, capable.
—Metah Green, Albion, CA

The fall of Net Neutrality will mark the fall of the free spread of information. Anything short of total Net Neutrality would be an insult to our American ideals. Correct me if I'm wrong, but the First Amendment was established to ensure the uninhibited spread of ideas. Speech, Press, Assembly...these were the pathways through which information traveled! Times have changed and the internet is now the most common conduit for thoughts, news, and ideas. It is paramount to maintain its integrity. Hear our voice. It seems like the only people who aren't speaking out about this topic are the ones who don't know about it. Do the right thing. Don't let corporations privatize the internet.
—Dan Irwin, Westbury, NY

I call upon the FCC to reclassify internet service providers as common carriers and to regulate them accordingly to ensure equality of service. It is unacceptable to allow providers to favor some content over other content due to content providers' ability to pay, or to allow providers to charge customers more for full access to the content they want, beyond what content providers may charge. Preserve net neutrality. Do not sell out to corporate power.
—Christopher C. Lowe, Portland, OR

Taking away net neutrality is taking away everyone's ability to operate on an equal platform with equal opportunities. Without neutrality, the smaller websites and businesses will be run off the internet. There are so few places in the world where we can be a "nobody" and still make our voices heard and our opinions count. The internet provides this opportunity for so many people. Don't take that away.
—Aerika Wilkerson, Columbus, OH

I support open and equal access to the internet for all , not a two-tiered rich man's network .I also believe the service provided by any ISP should be classified as the same as any common carrier .This is a FREE country keep the internet that way . Thank You Duane Kustic
—Duane Kustic, Murrieta, CA

There's no reason to believe ISPs would enhance service and infrastructure for "fast lane" companies when they can slow down others without cost to provide a few with a boost much more easily. The Internet should be considered a utility, and access to it should be made available to all Americans in an equitable fashion. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers! Protect the Internet!
—Ryan JS Baxter, New York, NY

Net Neutrality is extremely important to me as a content creator it's one of the few waysfor me to distribute what I do with public as well as availabilty of websites like kickstarter ect. That can hell me expand my branch.
—Kamau Carter, El cerrito, CA

I want the internet to be a level playfield for all. Fragmenting it for "pay for speed" companies is unfair and will stifle technology. Thank you, A broadcast engineer.
—James Hatch, Scarborough, ME

You don't get people used to utilizing a service then totally flip the model around like these ISP's are trying to do. The internet needs to remain Neurtral, please see to it that it stays that way.
—Ed Kruczek, Coopersburg, PA

Net Neutrality is very important and by taking it away now your segregating people into 2 groups of people ones that can afford fast internet and the ones that get left behind in the dust. Please reconsider your proposal and keep the freedom of the internet free.
—Dan Trombley, Pequot Lakes, MN

Net neutrality is the right thing to do. Do what is right for the people generally, not just what benefits the wealthy and allows discrimination.
—Bonnie Maxwell, Wilbraham, MA

Do not take away our Freedom!! We have less and less that we can decide on ourselves!!
—Linda Trombley, Arlington, MN

Real net neutrality must be preserved. The FCCs current proposals will do nothing but encourage and legalize paid prioritization of traffic which would upset the foundation of the free and open internet. These pending rules are not for the benefit of technological growth, innovation, consumers, or for the sanctity of free speech, but rather keys to the kingdom imparted to the ISPs to abuse their position as simple carriers of internet data, to butcher and seperate the internet into privileged information going for a premium. Internet should be a low cost or free right to any and every citizen and no part of the public data stratosphere should be allowed prioritization or penalized for not paying a ransom, just to line the pockets of Big Telecom. These proposals are harmful and I demand real net neutrality.
—Justin Rickson, Ontario, CA

Net neutrality is vital to a working free economy. Internet Service Providers like Verizon and Comcast are utilities in a field with enormous barriers to entry, that strongly favors economies of scale. Discarding net neutrality for these companies is a pro-monopolist policy that has no place in a true capitalist society.
—Jonathan Salomon, Newport Beach, CA

Net neutrality is hugely important to innovation and small business. Making it so already established companies can deliver their product at faster speeds than new companies would stagnate growth in the economy. Do you seriously want our country in even worse shape than it is now?
—Nolina Beauchamp, Anaheim, CA

As Americans we are charged enough already and you do not need to charge us anymore!!!!!!
—Tia Hjulberg, Hamburg, MN

Frankly I do not trust AT&T, Comcast nor Verizon to do anything but make as much money as they can at our expense. This is not a free market place, it is an exploitative market place. The role of government is to protect its citizens.
—Kathy, Evanston, IL

The Internet should be an open system. Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Please protect the Internet!
—Gallant Chen, Burlingame, CA

Do not enact these proposed rules. The internet should not be catering to the rich, it should be equal for all people. Discriminating against content of people should be a crime against free speech.
—Matt, Los Angeles, CA

ISP's should not have the power to limit access to certain services and sites. A truly free and open internet leads to fair competition to businesses and applications so that the ones who succeed are the ones that truly provide a better service/product.
—Michael Estep, Vienna, VA

Internet is basically the only form of media available to me here in the woods of AR. I do NOT want it censored in any way.
—Ardith V Jenkins, Yellville, AR

No no no no no no no no!
—Megan Nolan, Mexico, NY

Please don't do what you are planning to do. It would force a lot of people into a position neither of our bodies would enjoy
—Derrick, kanab, UT

I feel the Internet is a public service and therefore should have equal access to all people in the US. To have a faster Internet for more pay discriminates against the lower classes and favors again the well-off. Please don' let corporations get away with this.
—Inge Casey, PHOENIX, AZ

Stop trying to control every aspect of human life, internet is the last "free" frontier we have until we can fully travel into space. Stop taking our freedom, liberty and pursuit of happiness away from us. Keep lobbyist back and big corporations from becoming oligopolies.
—Andrew Walton, Missouri city, TX

Please do not allow a two-tiered Internet.
—Joy Root, McMinnville, OR

It is breaking down globalization and ruining the one place that everyone is truly equal. Technology should be bringing people closer together instead of separating them. How dare you.
—Kidist Dejene, Lorton, VA

I'm sure you've seen a lot of speculation about how ISPs will abuse power if there's no Net Neutrality. I'm writing to tell you it's not just speculation. It's provable. Absolutely unjustifiable abuses have already happened. And without Net Neutrality it will only get far worse. This is just one example: "Last fall, many Netflix users around the U.S. started experiencing a significant drop in Netflix quality. When the highly anticipated second season of House of Cards was released in February, users around the country couldn't finish watching the show because Netflix kept reloading and buffering and reloading and buffering. Thinking there was a problem on the access network, many users upgraded to higher-bandwidth plans, only to find the glitch persisted. By now, we know that many ISPs are not upgrading the connections or "ports" over which Netflix traffic enters their network because they want Netflix to pay a fee for that traffic. Thus, users who were paying for Internet service plans that provided more than sufficient bandwidth to view online video were unable to use their Internet connections to do what they wanted because their ISP was forcing Netflix to pay up. When Netflix finally caved and agreed to pay Comcast for interconnection, Netflix's quality quickly improved." The entire article can be read at: http://www.theatlantic.com/tec hnology/archive/2014/05/the-ca se-for-rebooting-the-network-n eutrality-debate/361809/ Net Neutrality is needed. Without it, this kind of abuse will only increase, and dramatically so. Without it, the internet we have today, which is like a strong, thriving city, will be no more. The internet will become a gated community, terribly weakened by the artificial bottlenecks created from greedy abuses of power. Because the internet we have now is free, unthrottled, it is fully utilized. In the example above, where Netflix had to "pay up" to ISPs in order to be "allowed" to get its service out to consumers, the internet was not fully utilized. Consumers were paying for bandwidth which they wanted to use to view Netflix, yet they were denied it. Bandwidth which was available, but artificially withheld by the ISPs. Because as the ISPs denied Netflix the bandwidth they wanted it to pay extra for, the ISPs also denied their own consumers the choice to use the bandwidth they were paying for in the way they wanted to use it. Even consumers paying the ISPs more for higher bandwidth was not enough to fix this, as what the ISPs wanted was for Netflix to pay up and they didn't care if they impeded their own customers to get that result; the consumers were helpless. Net Neutrality is absolutely essential to stop behavior like this. Net Neutrality is not a want. It is not a desire. It is a requirement to have anything resembling a healthy, accessible, fair, or well-functioning internet. Any way forward which does not involve Net Neutrality as an unquestionable pillar of the internet must inevitably lead to a co-opted, artificially-restrained, and woefully weakened internet. I hope the FCC will realize this, will see the warped and sad future for the internet that would happen without it, and stand firm in demanding that the Net Neutrality which has been key in making the internet become the amazing, thriving, and wonderful place that it is today continue to keep it that way for all the foreseeable tomorrows.
—Michael Sagal, Waldo, WI

This is clearly for profit and profit alone. The FCC was created to protect US not CORPORATIONS. You might want to check you title Tom Wheeler.
—Laura M., Santa Ana, CA

Please protect net neutrality. The beauty of the internist is that at this time, it is the same for all. A two-tiered system is another form of discrimination of which we have too much in our "free" country.
—Rita Bohling, Walnut Creel, CA

For over forty years I have worked with and for consumers, especially the poor. Nothing has had as profound an effect on consumers as the advent of free and equal access to the internet. It has been the most important way for them to freely express their needs and ambitions, to function in a vast and changing world and to generally try and improve their lives. Quite simply our democracy now demands a free, open and equal internet to thrive and succeed. Plans to allow so called fast and slow versions of service directly threatens that democracy. It is out and out discrimination of the rich against the poor. And giving more power to private corporations to dominate what is essentially a utility service is the key trigger to that threat. Net neutrality is the key. Classifying internet access as a Title II telecommunications service would be a major step in keeping a level playing field. Classify the ISPs as common carriers so they can struggle along with the rest of us.
—Timothy J. Funk, Salt Lake City, UT

Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Jenny Huston, Oakland, CA

Do not give any more leverage to lobbying cable companies that seek to discriminate online content and reward those willing to pay outrageous fees for faster data speeds on a global scale. AT&T, Comcast and Verizon DO NOT OWN THE INTERNET!
—Chris Beasley, winston, GA

The end of Net Neutrality would be awful. It would be yet another way to create a gap between large companies and independent content creators.
—Shauna Foley, Berkeley, CA

If the founding fathers could have imagined such things, there is no way they would want corporations controlling the priority of different information.
—Ethan Nelson, Brandon, VT

I am an independent artist who makes my living in part by the current equality (neutrality) of the Internet. I am a young artist, just starting out in the world, and the loss of Net Neutrality would be detrimental to my future career. I would be in the internet "slow lane" and my content wouldn't be able to reach my potential customers. Without customers, I can't make a living. I wouldn't be able to do what I've dreamed of doing since I was 5 years old. I wouldn't be able to do what I've worked thousands of hours learning and practicing my craft for. My future would be compromised. Please keep equality in the internet.
—Mallory Carlson, Tustin, CA

I am so tired that the spirit that this country was founded on - of, for, by the people - is being ignored. Listen to the people. The self-interested "cheater class" rules over comment sense and the public good. Keep Net Neutrality! America's competitiveness, our future depends on robust, fair and free access. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality
—Laura Hedlund, Eden Prairie, MN

Please protect net neutrality for us - we need it to be able to compete with big business!
—Will Terry, orem, UT

Comcast has a monopoly over the area in which I live, and their service is tolerable at best. I don't want to have to pay more for the same awful service I receive right now. There is absolutely no reason to eliminate net neutrality except for the greed of ISPs. As a student, I just want to be able to access academic websites, use Google drive, and watch Netflix in peace. The idea of America without net neutrality scares me. Corporations already have enough power--I don't want to give them more control over my life.
—Gina, Normal, IL

Dear FCC, Please keep the internet free. If you care about this country (as we all should), you will do this. Our small businesses are just as important as our big business. Perhaps they are even more important then big business, as they are the ones who usually hire American workers. So please support small businesses and the American people, please support this country, keep the internet free! Thank you, From a Concerned Citizen
—Karen Sagal, Waldo, WI

There is no difference between granting faster access to one site and slowing down access to another site - and with the research done on how long people wait for pages to load, ISPs could rule the internet by allowing "faster" access to approved sites.
—Alice Montgomery, Leavin, NJ

We CANNOT allow anybody to control the free flow of information and communication on the internet with the power of their money or their influence. Such power would allow them to control us all by limiting, controlling, and parsing out information at their whim and to the highest bidder, who will clearly be the same people who control the flow.
—Mr. Francis daCosta, Alameda, CA

Chairman Wheeler, The FCC's proposed new rules for internet service providers for a two-tiered access system is a major threat to equal access and freedom of the press. ISPs should be classified as common carriers. I object to this new plan and it should not be adopted by the commission. Sincerely. Kevin Berryman
—Kevin Berryman, Whitmore Lake, MI

Dear FCC!!!! Be rational and do the right thing! Don't allow discrimination in the internet. It's not fair!!!!
—Fredy Hincapie, Lynn, MA

Couldn't say it better myself. Simply put: 1. Net neutrality is the way internet has worked all along. 2. We could reinstate it by defining ISPS as utilities. 3. Not reinstating it will open a can of worms. 4. There is literally ZERO reason not to reinstate it except that some big and powerful companies can make profits without it.
—Samantha Fairchild, haiku, HI

The FCC needs to reclassify internet service providers as common carriers. Not doing so would end net neutrality as we know it and would be disastrous for me as a small business owner, website owner, and frequent user of the internet.
—Ginger Voll, Columbus, OH

Hello, I'm just an 2D/3D Artist trying to get myself together again, and I really would implore you to keep the internet as it is. I'm in the beginning stages of freelancing and outsourcing my skills and assets, it would hinder my progress and earning potential if my content couldn't be reached to the appropriate contacts... Thank you, Vernon Wilson
—Vernon Wilson, Bethlehem, PA

If there is any shred of desire left here now to maintain the independent rights of individual human beings, you will fight to protect net neutraility. the US and the world are on the brink of another great change to our society and maintaining net neutrality is one of the few ways you, as an entity might have in preventing the growing uprising of the discontent. you can not give corporations the power to halt productivity on an individual basis like this for it will only spell the destruction of our society as they grow in power until their rights overwhelm those of the people. this can only lead to the destruction of both these companies and the ordered government that is slipping from our grasp. please, slow the tide of dissent, protect the people, and you will not be remembered as one of the villains that tried to subjugate humanity.
—Sean D. Coyle, Las Cruces, NM

Net neutrality is essential for the healthy growth of our economy and the protection of free speech. There is no significant benefit to society as a whole in allowing companies to pay for preferred internet speed and there is substantial harm. Internet is not a luxury; it is an essential service. Just as electricity and water are necessary for basic functioning in society, so also internet access is necessary in the 21st century. Do not allow for the creation of a two-tiered internet system.
—Rebecca Morey, Clarendon Hills, IL

The internet was created as a marvelous innovation that was to be accessible to EVERYONE. Currently, it is one of the few things we have left in America that is blind to all societal constructs. It is heartbreaking, and typical that these giant corporations get to dismantle this wonderful innovation, and use it for profits. Please listen to the people, the majority, and not the few. Keep our internet neutral!
—Chelsea Young, Ann Arbor, MI

Please get rid of the notion of a two-tiered internet, with fast lanes, and other preferential treatment to large ISPs. Our internet service lags behind many smaller countries, and this is the last thing that we need at the current moment. Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers, it's the only way to keep the internet what it is, and always has been, open.
—Jordan Abbott, Erie, PA

The internet should remain a free and equal playing ground. it is dangerous to give cable companies and ISP's the power to regulate the speed and flow of information. This must not happen.
—Jesse Kramer, Covington, KY

It's ridiculous to think of the internet as a broadcast medium like television. It is so clearly a two-way communication tool, that MUST be reclassified as a common carrier. It's stupid that we're even having this discussion - this is a no-brainer, folks.
—Jenka Soderberg, Portland, OR

Having a free an open internet is essential to the livelihood of this country and its citizens. Allowing ISP's to discriminate against certain content providers will almost assuredly kill the free and open internet that we have. I urge the commission to classify ISP's as common carriers. This is the only way to protect neutrality on the internet. Do it for the people.
—Sean Franklin, Alexandria, VA

Net Neutrality is important to me because it gives cable companies an even larger impetus to screw over the people they claim to serve. If their aim were actually better customer experience and not larger profits, they would not sue to allow the end of the functioning of internet as we know it today. Additionally, the US already has the slowest internet speeds in the developed world. Why is it a good thing to slow that embarrassingly low speed even more? This moves us closer to what China is, only it's some CEO of some gigantic company who decides what I'm allowed to view. Please do not put this rule into place. Please side with the American people an uphold net neutrality!
—Casey Welsh, Minot, ND

I am not a severely knowledgeable person on things government related, but I do know when my rights are being threatened. This whole ordeal is not infringing on my rights: nowhere in the Constitution does it say I have a right to surf the internet for things that my internet provider doesn't agree with me visiting- if Net Regulation succeeds. However, I would like to urge the FCC to think of how terrible this knew regulation would be for the economy. An economist that writes for the Washington Post had some convincing data that by 2020, trillions and trillions of dollars will be flowing through this economy from internet traffic alone. We need the Open internet, not because it's our right (which it isn't), but because it is smart to keep it for our country both now and in the long term.
—Lauren I. Smith, n/a, IN

As one of millions of retired Americans, I am dependent on the "Net Neutrality" for many reasons and hereby request that FCC reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Any plan to create a two-tiered Internet with fast lanes for those who can pay extra fees will be a "literal killer" for the elderly and those most dependent on the internet for research and medical purposes. Allowing companies the power to pick and choose online content and applications through FCC's proposed rules would be catastrophic for millions of people, small businesses, entrepreneurs and the over-all economy. Not to mention the fact that it would be an extremely serious blow to our democracy. FCC can do better for the American People, the economy and government by changing its rules and relcassifying ISPs as common carriers. Thank you.
—Gladys M. Bransford, Cobb, CA

These new regulations would not only break the internet, but stifle our creative edge as Americans. This will hamper us in a lot more ways than one might imagine. Small businesses won't be able to start up nearly as easily, or in some cases at all, and many existing businesses will have to pay money they don't have. That's just the tip of the iceberg. This does far more harm than good.
—Leila Wilson, Pomona, CA

I support the continuation of net neutrality. The internet has been a transformative presence in our society, and needs to stay as it is.
—Rodney Bills, Provo, UT

Net neutrality is what has made America the place to be if small businesses wanted to thrive or people wanted to make a difference to this great country. By enabling a system in which major websites are allowed, and smaller traffic websites are limited, if at all allowed to access, the FCC is eliminating the right to free speech, to view what we want, when we want, by any means we want. If it goes so far as to eliminate which devices we can use to view the websites we want, or rather are allowed, and we are limited in the ways we communicate to people, we are going back in time, not moving forward with all the advancements we have seen. I work in the film industry, where the internet is how I communicate with my clients, and were most of my content is seen. If net neutrality limits this, the industry has lost a huge market, as many people are viewing movies and television shows, legally, online. That doesn't even count for web series, music videos, and made for web content. The film industry is a huge market for the USA, and if we are limited in our distribution, within this technology advanced day of age, we will drop that hold on the market. I ask that net neutrality remain as it was, that America does not limit what her citizens are allowed to view. It is not good for businesses, for day to day life, and it creates a country that does not work for its citizens but for the major corporations. Regards, Kelsey Winfrey
—Kelsey Winfrey, San Francisco, CA

THE FCC HAS NO RIGHT TO TELL US WHAT WE CAN AND CAN'T VIEW ON THE INTERNET! IT'S AGAINST OUR FIRST AMENDMENT RIGHTS! THIS IS A BLATANT VIOLATION OF OUR FIRST AMENDMENT RIGHTS! PLUS THIS WILL UNDOUBTEDLY RUIN THE INTERNET FOR EVERYONE! GOVERNMENT SHOULD HAVE NO SAY IN THIS! THEY DON'T OWN THE INTERNET!!!!
—Mike Skyba, San Jose, CA

I feel that Net Neutrality is important to any person who uses the internet. Especially those users who do not access the internet frequently. Those users would then experience search results from without net neutrality would then be biased.
—Janet Pawlowski, weymouth, MA

As a person with a disability, the internet gives me access to the world at large, especially to other people like me. If net neutrality goes down, I'll have less access to the things that enrich my life on days I can't leave the house - unless I can pay extra for them, which I can't as I'm on a fixed income. The internet isn't just a toy; for many, it's an essential component to sociability and engagement with life, in addition to filling roles like grocery delivery and other integral services. Don't let the corporations sideline the people who need these things most - actually, let's just not let them sideline anyone. We all deserve access.
—Tobiah M, Burlington, VT

Universities were key to developing the internet, largely to quickly share scientific and medical information. Unfortunately, public universities are chronically short of funding, and therefore would often be left in the "slow lane" if you allow such a thing. The information universities share literally save lives every day. Slowing the collection and dissemination of that knowledge would surely end in avoidable deaths and misery. Please enforce net neutrality for the good of America and the world.
—P Parrott, Winters, CA

1) Fast lanes hinder the spread of information. 2)The internet should be a federate asset, much like potable water. 3)There's no reason this should not apply to mobile devices as well. We're at a crossroad where old people and old ideas are on their way out. We need people and government institutions that are technologically literate, that can understand and embrace new technology and ideas. Having access to the internet is a basic human right. The excuses behind data caps, fast lanes, and digital distribution have fallacies and these models are based on old notions that people WILL always invent ways to circumvent. We don't need the digital equivalent to a war on drugs. Get behind Net Neutrality and let's discuss ways of making it work for everybody.
—Riley Brown, Olympia, WA

Net Neutrality is important to me for several reasons. Use of the internet is so beneficial and nearly universal that is clearly going to be precisely a utility without any of the citizen protections utilities have. It is inevitable and other nations like South Korea and parts (if not all) of Europe have already treated it so and they already have far greater service for less cost. Get ahead of the curve and call it a utility. In the future as citizens become more net literate it will become quite feasible and helpful to have citizens do things via the net that are currently done with personal visits, phone calls, and even mail. I imagine it will be cheaper too, but if the net is too expensive we're just slowing down net literacy. The net services are basically regional monopolies with utilities which have led to massive price gouging. Isn't that illegal and immoral? Why would we want to encourage that? Re-categorize the internet as utility and net neutrality becomes a given. Profits are ridiculous for poor service and no real competition. South Korea has fiber cable for $25/month it runs 100s or 1000s times the speed of my DSL that I pay about $46/month for. And that's with net neutrality. Without net neutrality or even better re-categorization of the net as a utility the net which is a massive pool of voices will essentially shrink to something essentially the size of cable TV channels with probably as much depth. I have atypical taste, will my favorite sites be visitable? What about political POVs that aren't funded by billionaires, will they have a voice at all? How will the little guy even remotely compete? How will new ideas, projects, citizen activism, entrepreneurs compete without already becoming indentured to someone with big money. There will be no new Amazons, Facebooks, Googles, because they will be priced out and/or swallowed up by the larger corporate fish. On a personal note, I have a rinky dink webcomic that I make no money on at all. I give it away for free and use it as my learn-as-I-go art school. I don't expect to make money for some time, but as I get better I do expect to improve my marketing, add ads, a PayPal donate button, perhaps a Kickstarter project, create merchandise, gain fans, supplement my income, and perhaps if I'm lucky quit my job and do what I love for a living. Webcomics is a pretty unlikely pathway but without net neutrality that model is completely dead. I cannot afford to sink any money into this site and if it takes five minutes to load a page I may as well not have a website. You're basically silencing aspiring people with less money/connections by eliminating net neutrality. I hope you consider that a problem. If you don't I'm not sure anything I say will matter. Thanks for listening.
—Nick Posecznick, Gallatin, TN

PLEASE DO NOT FURTHER DESTROY EXISTING DEMOCRATIC & EQUAL ACCESS to the Internet by New Rules which WOULD ALLOW Some CORPORATIONS to Have PRIORITIES-Thus PREVENTING OTHERS with Less Means ($$$) of Having Equal Access to the Internet. RECLASSIFY ISP'S AS COMMON CARRIERS DO NOT END NET NEUTRALITY BY new Rules and a Two Tiered Plan. Respectfully, Barbara F Barbour
—Barbara F Barbour, Berkeley, CA

True net neutrality would include a reclassification of broadband (Internet, basically) so, like cable television (which uses the same public rights-of-way), broadband (which commonly carries video services) could be regulated. Here in Vermont, cable TV regulation has resulted in one of the most robust (if not the most robust) PEG access public benefits in the nation. We're not asking for full regulation of broadband, just enough so that local franchising authorities (i.e., Vermont!) could negotiate PEG access provisions with broadband providers just as it does cable TV providers.
—Ross Ransom, Burlington, VT

As a small business owner who relies on open access to the web, It is incredibly important that net neutrality is maintained. Wheeler's plan would be disastrous to freedom in the USA and hinder progress.
—Aaron Sacco, Austin, TX

Net Neutrality is imperative to this nation. It's really that simple. Rampant discrimination online and trampling on the rights of the citizens of the United States of America is both preposterous and despicable.
—MC Whitney, Cleveland Hts., OH

I live in a rural area where we are already severely limited in our internet provider choices. I had to give up publishing my home-based online music magazine because it was just too difficult to upload and download files using satellite service without exceeding their "fair access policy." Internet choices and services in the US need to be EXPANDED, not decreased. The internet needs to be kept open, so that content providers cannot discriminate or charge premiums for certain services or features. Millions of people – from business owners to students to artists to innovators and tech creators – would be negatively impacted if Chairman Wheeler's current proposal is confirmed. I implore you to reclassify Internet providers as common carriers and preserve real Net Neutrality!
—Laura Sylvester, Shutesbury, MA

I am young, talented, and struggling. I'm working on starting a business, and a free and open internet that isn't biased against the little guy is something that gives me hope for my future, and the future of my family. We live in an age where Net Neutrality has ensured almost unlimited opportunity for entrepreneurs and people starting out. My generation is already burdened with mountains of debt (both personal and political), a bad economy, outrageous healthcare costs, and many other financial burdens and losses of job security and opportunity. The internet is our one bright spot. Please, don't do this to us, or to our children. Do not pander to the corporations -- take care of the people.
—Erica Good, North Richland Hills, TX

Please don't make it harder to get a decent internet connection. Leave the net neutrality in place. Thank you.
—John Haran, Carmel, NY

Net neutrality is necessary for keeping the internet as a real free market, and not a monopoly by large companies. There is no alternative to the large internet providers, so there should be limits to how much control and power they have over the internet.
—Heath Heil, Orem, UT

Keep the internet for the people, not for corporate profits!
—Paradise Gray, Pittsburgh, PA

Please help us stop the corporate greed for once. It would be nice to win as the little guy for a change instead of always being beaten out by some huge corporation with deep pockets pushing their own agenda. Please vote to save Net neutrality.
—Mike Gentry, Bedford, TX

ISPs are, and should be treated as, common carriers. This is the single most important issue in freedom of internet communication today.
—Tim Ruddell, Chicago, IL

We need to protect real Net Neutrality. FCC should throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers
—Dorcas Moulton, El Sobrante, CA

You do realize the Feds are making themselves look like the bad guys by trying to get rid of net neutrality?
—Jon Smith, Sandy, UT

Dear FCC, I feel that the internet should be a utility. By giving more power of access to ISP s you are allowing greater power to a few on the internet. Making it possible for them to control prices by making it impossible for other providers to compete.
—LInda Bray, Modesto, CA

As a mom and artist, I rely on the internet to get business. As other ways to find customers is being regulated by ads or larger company affordability, I am finding it nearly impossible to connect with potential clients. I am already not creating an income from the lower visibility. If larger companies were to be the only ones who had "fast lanes" or affordable ad space, how would us little guys survive? Someone who sells a few paintings or illustrations per month would never get a break or ever make enough to get noticed (or pay to get exposure). It's a bad decision all around!
—Jessica, Santa Rosa, CA

As a US Citizen, I often hear about freedom of speech and the first amendment. In the 21st century, the internet serves as the ultimate tool to further freedom in not only our county, but the world. The internet allows people from all walks of life to learn, innovate, and become successful. How dare the FCC try to ruin the internet! It is painfully obvious that many organizations would try to take advantage of this two-tiered system, and while the government may allow that kind of corruption to exist in corporations, it should not try to force those same misguided and corrupt policies on the internet. Do us all a favor and do your job. Protect net neutrality.
—Shangir Siddique, Brownsville, TX

Please treat ISPs as common carriers. My ISP can already charge me more for faster speeds and data usage. Allowing them to also charge individual companies for MY connection speed practically limits my access to parts of the internet and interferes with my ability to judge information at its value. It also limits innovation as new companies may not be able to pay the price to compete with the speeds of more established companies. This censorship is wrong. Please don't let this happen. Money has already taken over politics--please don't let it take over our precious internet as well.
—Jessica Henning, Wichita, KS

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. 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.
—Stephen Childs, Castaic, CA

Please protect net neutrality. ISPs should be considered to be a common carrier. The airways belong to the people.
—Omar Ravenhurst, Smyma, GA

I believe in Net Neutrality because it is part of the fundamental beliefs that make the United States of America a great county - freedom. We should be free to access information in a fair way, and free to allow innovation to continue by not stifling competition. Please take the steps to stop big business from controlling the flow of information to every day, average citizens.
—Jillian DeShazer, Frederick, MD

Mr. Wheeler: The FCC should throw out its rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Like it or not, the Internet has become a utility for America and should be regulated as such. We would not allow electrical utilities or phone companies to discriminate against certain types of customers and we most certainly should not allow ISPs to do so.
—Steven Adams, Minnetonka, MN

FCC Chairman and FCC Members: Insure net neutrality; treat ISPs as common carriers. Even better, reconsider the rules that govern cable companies and make them follow the same rules as broadcast television providers. Take the power away from the monopolies to abuse consumers and content providers; recognize the monopolies as monopolies and quit buying their weak arguments about competition -- I ask any member of the FCC to try to find a usable and affordable alternative for internet service, and then see if you believe any of the arguments that if you don't like Comcast or Time Warner you can take your business elsewhere. There is no elsewhere, that's why it's called a monopoly, and that's why we have institutions like the FCC to protect consumers. Do your jobs for the American consumer and protect net neutrality and end the power of cable monopolies to abuse customers. Protecting the interests of the ISPs and cable companies is not your job; protecting us from them is.
—Spencer P. Woods, Denver, CO

Throw out rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Teresa, Carmel, IN

There are enough companies trying to screw over the consumer without adding internet providers to the list. It's time we think about what is best for the consumer, not the company!
—Liz Biesemeier, McKinney, TX

There should absolutely be an outright ban on fast lanes, and the FCC should reclassify the internet as a "common carrier" under Title II of the Communications Act and enact regulation to protect a free internet and establish a system of true net neutrality.
—Molly Fenton, Honolulu, HI

The Internet is one of the only ways small businesses, artists and craftspeople can compete with the mega giants. If the big companies control all aspects of our world and communication, where will anyone ever find out about new non-mainstream ideas and inventions? Please keep the Internet free and open to all. It's creativity that makes the world a happy place.
—Dayne Sislen, Saint Louis, MO

I believe in liberty and equality for all people. The government has been putting the interests of corporations above those of its people for much too long. This shameful practice of corporate appeasement is extremely detrimental to our entire society and needs to stop. Now.
—Keith Evans, Portland, OR

Dear FCC, Please re-classify ISPs as common carriers and ensure that there are no "fast lanes" or other tactics to drown out the "little guys". Support Net Neutrality. My small business relies on it. My children rely on it to access educational information. Respectfully, JP Cartailler, Ph.D.
—JP Cartailler, Brentwood, TN

The market should be FAIR and open to all. Favoritism is not ok, the big Internet providers can not discriminate. The FCC needs to reclassify ISPs as common carriers
—Beryl, Durham, NC

Engineering the absence of net neutrality is a power grab - pure and simple. The FCC is supposed to act in the interest of the public, not advance the interests of particular corporations.
—Teresa J Frakes, Portland, OR

It's unfair to capitalize on internet bandwidth. This is a corrupt act, and I against it. We need Net Nutruality Tell the FCC to throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—David Rosskopf, South Jordan, UT

The FCC must preserve the current concept of "net neutrality," giving all people equal access to the same networks and speeds available to both consumers and businesses alike. The FCC must follow recent court rulings and re-classify all Internet Service Providers as telecommunications common-carriers under the law, the Telecommunications Act. Doing anything short of this will give corporations unequal superiority, blocking consumer internet traffic to give priority to corporate media paying for faster service. While many businesses have the ability to pay for or build private networks to obtain faster speeds, individual consumers cannot afford this. We must preserve the existing internet as it is under the concept of net neutrality - an internet network equal and available to all.
—Mark Gould, San Francisco, CA

Throw out your rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers. The public does not support you and your ideas for greedy monopoly of the Internet. It will never pass.
—David Valerius, Wyandotte, MI

Our country is changing radically right now as we shift into the information age, and the egalitarian nature of the internet is the few things we have going for us. If we let the big corporations monetize information, our slow descent from democracy to plutocracy is going to become a free fall. Don't do it! Give us a fighting chance!
—Molly O'Neill, Tualatin, OR

All data sent across the Internet should be treated equally and without allocation to any particular tier. The FCC should reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Carol Elkins, Pueblo, CO

The future of humanity can go down two paths. One where the best tool we have for improving our civilization, the internet, is stifled by damaging net neutrality. The other path allows unrestricted creativity and fairness and infinite room for improvement. This is a slippery slope that will ultimately harm all of us. Don't make a short term decision that will harm all of us in the long term. Don't sacrifice the good of the many for the good of the few.
—Alexander Braylovsky, NY, NY

Please keep the internet neutral, as it is now. The unfairness should be obvious! Please use your "common" sense and don't allow the two tier system to happen!
—Chris Olson, Beaverton, OR

Dear FCC, Net neutrality, the principle that Internet service providers (ISPs) treat all data that travels over their networks equally, is important to me because without it users may have fewer options and a less diverse Internet, resulting in a less than desired quality for an efficient experience. A pay-to-play Internet worries me because ISPs could act as the gatekeepers to their subscribers, and create a monopoly were converging interests meet, resulting in the death of any open and free enterprise of what is now a thriving virtual marketplace that meets and welcome all manner of competitiveness. The Internet is important to me because there are not any barriers to openly free access to the world wide web, and for new ideas and services that can see the light of day in the world wide web alongside its virtual marketplace. If ISP subscribers are allowed to provide an easier time loading the websites of preferred companies, and a harder time loading the websites of any competition than it can only spell disaster for intellectual and financial progress at any given level across the internet. Personally I believe It would be the end of an open economy and free marketplace over the internet. If ISPs and their supporting companies are allowed to change the current definition of "Internet Neutrality" as the self-evident truth and accepted fact it stands for, it would in all honesty, result in a monopoly controlled by a select few whom are afraid of competition. There would be no way for future entrepreneurs and start-up businesses to compete let alone succeed in such a rigged system. Sincerely, A Concerned U.S. Citizen
—Timothy Hall, Crossville, AL

Free exchange of information via the internet is the definitive mark that sets my generation apart from my parent's. Net neutrality has allowed business, technology, and society to develop in previously unforeseeable ways and to stifle that from this point on would be the greatest societal disservice we do to future generations, apart from environmental degradation.
—Katie Lannon, Yucaipa, CA

Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers
—Jeffrey Egnaczyk, Natick, MA

The internet is the lifeline, both literally and figuratively, for pretty much everything we do. It belongs to everyone and must belong to everyone. The results of this policy will be catastrophic, strangling the ability of most Americans to conduct their business and personal lives unless they pay extortionate fees to a few already massively consolidated corporations. Please consider the wretched precedent this sets before you rule on this policy. Protect us, all of us, from these predatory tactics.
—David Skeist, Brooklyn, NY

If it isn't broken...why are you trying to fix it....oh right, you are working with the corporations and their lobbyists ....not for the people. History has proven were that leads. Really...monopolies need more power and money... and the people get screwed again
—Rick Smith, Prince George,

Non-profit and higher education institutions cannot afford to pay exorbitant fees to receive reasonable internet speeds. Don't put these decisions in the hands of ISPs!
—Alexis Logsdon, Saint Paul, MN

Do not do this. You cannot segregate the internet. The world is segregated enough. The last thing we need is for the classicism we face in our day to day lives o be subject upon us in the digital realm as well.
—Mikhail Dingle, Jacksonville, NC

I am a 67-year-old pensioner. I can not afford cable television, hence I depend on using the internet on a daily basis. I research my medical needs, shop online, read, follow along with physical exercise videos, do research and other learning tasks, and I watch educational, informational, and entertainment sites, and most importantly I am able to communicate with family and friends. Slow and sluggish websites are frustrating and impossible to watch. I believe the "information highway" that was paid for by taxpayers should remain in the peoples' hands and not be given over to for-profit companies. All citizens of the United States of America should be given unfettered access to a high speed internet so that we do not become an underdeveloped nation unable to compete with Asian and European countries who already have fast, inexpensive internet for ALL.
—Jeanine Elizabeth Kabari, Dallas, TX

Please throw out the rule and reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Net neutrality is important to small businesses and entrepreneurs, the democratic system, and the crazy vibrant and awesome culture that has become the Internet.
—Brittany Wishart, Severna Park, MD

While the language has changed each time this proposal has come up, it has the same fundamental problems each time. Powerful and profitable companies that are being pushed to continue to advance are seeking permission to avoid that expense at no gain to the consumer. Instead of investing in the long-term interest of all Americans, they are looking be encouraged to maximize short-term profit. Creating a slow lane for traffic risks slowing one of the biggest drivers of our economy. Keep us all in the fast lane, and push providers to make it faster still.
—Aaron Crosman, Aiken, SC

reclassify ISPs as common carriers and keep the internet working right for everyone!
—Eric Oliver, los angeles, CA

When was the last time any of these ISPs ever care about its customers? All they care about is their bottom line. By approving the current rules, you are condoning discrimination. They already have enough power as it is. Please throw out the current rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Xamul Vang, Swannanoa, NC

Keep the internet free for everyone! Net Neutrality is important for all of us! Please keep it free for you and me!
—Jeff Rhorer, Ashland, OR

Because I don't want small companies never making it to be big because AT&T (you remember the Bell companies don't you, strange how they all reformed together again...), Verizon, Comcast, Time Warner determining that a new company with a great idea can't get the access it needs to demonstrate its great idea. We need this neutral playing ground. If the ISP's need to raise prices to give us better speed, then they can do that. If I want access to 50 or 100 mbps instead of 10-20, I'll pay more. Or, if I don't want that, then I'll pay less and get a slower connection on EVERYTHING. But I don't want some things faster or slower than others.
—Paul Medina, Louisville, KY

To The FCC, The public, the 99%, the everyday and occasional internet users, small business folks, mom and pop stores...have a lot to lose if you choose the wrong agenda. We are America. Not the corporations. We are the ones you need to keep in mind. Not the corporations. If the FCC blindsides the American people by ending NET NEUTRALITY we will surely fight back in peaceful ways that have yet been determined. And you will lose. So do the right thing...now.
—Jessica Doll, Tulsa, OK

The internet has created a world where everyone can learn about others and the world in a quick easy way. I think it has helped human beings to understand each other more and to understand other parts of the world from where they live. Please do not limit what is offered and make it complicated and expensive and confusing. This is a lifeline for humanity.
—Tammy Swoboda, Indianapolis, IN

Leave well enough a lone. To create these new rules is going to kill the goose that laid the golden egg. It's already becoming ruined with too much commercialism. Please RE-Classify ISPs as common carriers. Thank you.
—Candice Howren, wilmington, NC

I already feel taken advantage of by my ISP as is. These new proposed rules only opens the door wider for further abuse
—Bryan Vehonsky, Columbus, OH

Because ISP competition in every community I have ever resided has been almost nil (one cable company and one Telephone/DSL company is it) it is imperative we either maintain current net neutrality or transition ISP's to Common Carrier Utilities. Keeping the information superhighway just that benefits everyone, even the shortsighted corporations that seem singularly interested in next quarters stock price.
—Paul Whitemen, Salem, OH

In 2014 the internet is a common utility like water, telephone communications, and electricity. Please protect the rights of all citizens to access it equally.
—Steve Gaynor, Portland, OR

No government has a right to decide the ultimate future of the internet. It is a free medium that has no true owner.
—Jonathan Roy, st jean sur richelieu,

Net Neutrality allows small business to promote, support, and operate their businesses. It would be easy for telecoms to make deals with large players to crush the little guy with Net Neutrality
—Matthew Barkey, Findlay, OH

Please n0 corporate control of internet speeds.
—Rufus Diamant, oakland, CA

The internet should be something that all of us are free to access...knowledge should not be provided in a 2-tier system.
—Meredith Dunn, Silver Spring, MD

Make one thing in this country truly equal. Information should not be withheld for those unable to pay higher cable/internet bills. Let the internet remain to be the one place where we all play on a level field.
—Jason Zumwalt, Los Angeles, CA

A loss of Net Neutrality would be a resurrection of the Robber Baron. ISPs would not just make enormous profits from charging for faster speeds, but they could decide if an entire company would live or die. They could start competing services themselves, at a very poor quality, and the public would have little to no power to change that- with no real alternative.
—Taliesin Sutton, Tucson, AZ

The internet has become a vital utility for Americans everywhere. In much the same way as telecommunications had been in years before. Our world demands open and free access to information and services vital to our economy - some of the biggest names in the economy wouldn't have ever been able to get off the ground if it hadn't been for a level playing field where the best ideas are the ones that take off - not the ones that benefit the Service Providers the most.
—Chris Taylor, Lawrenceville, GA

Times are tough don't make them tougher for those of us who cannot afford to pay up to big business anymore than we already do. Keep the net classless, that is don't make it yet another way the rich get richer and the rest of us get left further behind!
—Katherine Case, little rock, AR

Those who support ending Net Neutrality are furthering discrimination against the poor, and wanton adoration of corporate lobbyists and wealth. We are the users of the internet, and we are sick and tired of allowing the state sponsored religion of Capitalism to drive the wedge further between the haves and have nots. End this nonsense and uphold Net Neutrality. The internet is not a commodity. It's our community. It's for everyone.
—Kaeli Gardner, Johnson City, TN

The rules as proposed simply function as a classist approach to the Internet landscape, and creates uneven ground between consumers and providers. Providers should NOT get to dictate who gets to consume what media and at what speed. You need to reclassify ISPs as common carriers and make the Internet open and equal for all.
—Domenic Sherony, Minneapolis, MN

Net neutrality is important to me because it allows people to have equal access to all content across the Internet. Allowing big companies to pay for a "fast lane" is unfair to smaller websites. In addition, the Internet doesn't need a fast lane.
—Jarek Beegan, Centerville, OH

Freedom of expression and freedom of choice should always be things that American citizens are guaranteed. This should be true in person and online.
—Shunecy Pounds, Tupelo, MS

Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers. They should not be able to privilege some sites at the expense of others. Thank you!
—Andrea Feshbach, Minneapolis, MN

Please protect net neutrality. Without it, we will not be able to afford high speed content, and without it we will be subject to politics-driven content. Please protect net neutrality by considering providers as utilities. Thank you. Linda Suter Montpelier, VT
—Linda Suter, Montpelier, VT

Life is not a zero sum game. If we help each other, we can all be winners.
—James Tuddrussell, taholah, WA

please reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Ruby Broodwing, mobile, AL

Dear FCC, The internet has become a utility of the world, on par with clean water and electricity. Water and power companies do not provide less service to customers unless they pay more for a different level of service (short of customers not paying their bills). There is no reason for ISPs to limit broadband availability by this mentality either. ISPs should be classified as common carriers.
—Nate Edwards, Albuquerque, NM

The internet is a way to get information to users, all at the same speed and efficient way for all.
—Colin Valente, South Windsor, CT

First, I would like to say thank you for taking the time to read this, for you must be going through many comments like this one ,because your proposal is so BS. But enough sarcasm, I shall get to my point now. I believe that the internet should be free. For the people that our government is SUPPOSED to stand for. Not for some large companies, monopolizing the economy for their own gain . The internet provides many things for people; a place to voice opinions, a way for consumers like myself to purchase things and help the economy, and for people to introduce and put up their products. It is also a place of diversity, and something we can use to help the world. I want to keep it that way, and build a better future with it. Something this proposal will only hurt. And I'm sure you all know just how terrible Comcast's customer service is. WHY WOULD YOU TRUST THEM WITH THIS? Why? Why would you trust any group they're in? It just proves that they don't really care what people think. Monopolization. Right there. Look at it. Stare at it. I felt like this comment was so meaningful before, oh well. Another thing, do you realize how much I use the internet for school? I need my freaking education, don't you dare mess with it. Where would you have gotten without yours? I could turn out to be a political genius someday, and this deal would make that very difficult. So Tom Wheeler, why don't you roll on to a better idea? And yes i did have to add that pun in there. I'll leave you to your decision making now, i hope you make the right choice. As in, not this proposal. I'm sorry, it's just a stupid idea. With a caring slap to the face, Audrey Taylor
—Audrey Marie Taylor, Seattle, WA

Allowing telecommunication companies a legal means in which to exploit the average consumer would be an egregious error in history. Ending Net Neutrality and 'fixing' something that isn't broken lacks all the common sense we demand from the FCC. You are effectively placing the greed of a few companies over the desires/necessities of the public mass. You cannot possibly tell the us that this is something we wanted and proposed. And lest you forget (because you have), major telecommunications ALREADY CHARGE US for different tiers of connectivity while STILL FAILING to actually deliver on those promises. Rather than allowing them more ways to exploit us of our money, perhaps you should be more worried about regulating how they supposedly deliver on their contractual obligations. I already pay Time Warner Cable $70/month for internet that sputters into inactivity every other day. This is not an exaggeration. This $70/month is paid for services marketed as above their "basic package" while in actuality performing far below such levels. Please ask yourselves: if these companies are already charging their customers for different hierarchies of supposed performance, why do they need more legislation to do so? And then ask yourselves just how successful they seem to be at delivering their products right now, and if you truly believe the quality of their services will magically improve with this new proposition?
—Ethan Nguyen, New York, NY

Keeping the web fair for everyone is the only right thing to do. Please don't do this villainous thing. Artists everywhere are waiting with anxiety filled breath to see if the potential of one of the greatest inventions of all time is about to be flushed down the toilet. I'm a freelance Illustrator stepping into the field. A huge part of my business map is dependent upon the internet. If you decide to ruin the internet, life for myself and others will then become a lot more difficult. Please, do the thing that promotes true progress. Thank you, Stuart DeViva
—Stuart Deviva, Houston, TX

This.Is.Bad.M'Kay?! If it affects the USA, it will roll out to the rest of the world - keep it NEUTRAL!!
—Tracey Haynes, Bristol,

This seems to another way the government to interfere on behalf of big business. Creating another way to insure a gap between the haves and the have nots. I cannot afford to pay any more for the service I have, which is the minimum. I know others in the same boat.The FCC is supposed to protect us. How is this proposal protecting the majority? All ISP's need to be classified as common carriers to protect us from discrimination. This proposal makes me wonder how much Tom Wheeler and his cronies are getting their pockets lined.
—Rubbie Shery, Pensacola, FL

It's honestly absurd that this has to be brought up in the first place. The internet is the hub of communication and information. It isn't broken, and shouldn't be "fixed" by greedy companies that only want to make money off of our resources. As the owner of a midsized website, my traffic would be diverted to larger sites as result of this. This effects me personally.
—Melinda Landry, Amarillo, TX

Broadband internet is a telecommunication technology for our age just as telegraph, and telephone were for previous generations and as such deserve the same protections under Title II. ISPs must be classified as common carriers and must be subject to FCC regulation.
—Thomas Zanzucchi, titusville, FL

Do not pass these regulations. They will stifle competition and give a virtual monopoly to the few internet providers. This is unconstitutional and if it passes civil suit will be filed.
—Anthony Thomas, Las Vegad, NV

There is nothing "neutral" about this. You're pitting the poor against the rich and there is enough of that in our system already. If that isn't readon enough, do you think people will really pay for this? You'll lose so many customers and people WILL either cancel or look for alternative means. The internet is something we all use but do not own, you have no right to do this.
—Alexis Durant, Casa Grande, AZ

this cannot be approved. throw out these rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Monica, Laredo, TX

Allowing corporations to create a tiered internet is corrupt and destructive to innovation. Leave the internet open, reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Jennifer Hale, Woodland Hills, CA

If a corporation is going to be treated as a human, then I demand the same speed and benefits of the Internet that a corporation would get. Because I am a person, where as a corporation is not.
—Darrel Miller, El Paso, TX

As an artist, the opportunities to share and find other art on the internet is invaluable. Equality is important so that I can decide for myself what I want to look at, not what someone else thinks should be getting more attention.
—Sarah Bowthorpe, Provo, UT

Because the Internet should be free — not as in price but definitely as in speech.
—Ness Clarke, Hillsborough, NC

The Internet is a tool of magnificent scope, it is a tool that has shrunk the world and enabled commerce at scale unseen before, not to mention as a social pathway to establish new connections and spread information. It has done this because of its freedom, its net neutrality. The Internet won't serve citizenry, middle class, innovators and entrepreneurs anymore if cable company behemoths are allowed to throttle and strangle it for their own profit. Everyone but them lose, and this is no trickledown economy here. This is plain and simple mercantilism, a fight for finite resources that is the internet bandwidth, yet it is the cable companies themselves who are to blame for this. Thousands of miles of fiber and cable lay unused in continental United States because it is cheaper to overcharge the existing ones, nevermind build more. I write this from Finland in Europe to you, as the free trade act approaches and brings our continents closer together. But how free can the trade be, when you are about to appoint new gatekeepers to commerce outside oversight? The FCC's intended rules will set a bad precedent to all of us if this goes through as United States of America hosts many services used globally. Are they going to tank and suffer for sake of AT&T's, Comcast's and Verizon's coffers? Don't do this. Keep the Internet in common carrier scheme. The free world benefits from it better that way.
—Aleksi Kariniemi, Kajaani,

Throw out the rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Sara Boucher, Las Vegas, NV

The net is the first global nation - planting a flag on it is a step back into colonialism.
—Rob, Upton st. Leonards,

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers and stop threatening net neutrality.
—Irma Durmisevic, Santa Clara, CA

Customers of ISPs should pay for the bandwidth they use. ISPs should not charge service providers for faster access to customers.
—Laura Cooksey, Burke, VA

Big corporations are already manipulating politics and fleecing workers. Please don't let them steal even more fro everyday Americans by allowing them to control and charge for the internet more than they already are.
—Scott Squires, Studio City, CA

Net Neutrality must be protected. We cannot allow corporate greed to limit access to a vital resource.
—Jacquilyn Collins, Brooklyn, NY

Stop a tiered internet from happening!
—Michael Shaeffer, Vandergrift, PA

Allowing corporations to create a tiered internet is corrupt and destructive. Leave the internet open, reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Leo Winkelman, Burnsville, MN

It is unreasonable and unfair to allow the demise of Net Neutrality. Innovation and market competition require a level playing field. Freedom and Democracy require free and fair access to information. The demise of Net Neutrality is an attack on our capitalist market oriented economic system and a clear infringement of our First Amendment rights to disseminate information.
—Ricardo Fernandez, St Augustine, FL

The internet is an endless and wonderful source of information, paying for higher speeds takes away that accessibility to so many people. The information superhighway shouldn't be the information rural route. Everyone deserves to access the information they need, that should be dependent on what the ISPs want.
—Marta Wesselhoff, Vancouver,

The world needs net neutrality. It might seem like a great (and profitable) idea right now but in the long run it'll just screw everyone involved over including the people responsible for it.
—Alaric Angelo E. Atienza, Quezon City,

Doing away with Net Neutrality is dangerous. ISPs don't need more money just so customers can have shittier, more limited service. I want to be able to get the information I want when I want it, not the information someone else has decided can be made available to me. That's ridiculous. And creepy. Plus, the monopoly that's being created by these big businesses makes it impossible to encourage competitive service and rates. Which means everyone will be stuck with shitty, limited service – when the open internet has actually been completely fine and wonderful all along. Not to mention the FCC's rules don't make any sense. You can't give faster access to those who pay more without leaving damaged access for those who can't afford it. This is wrong, and could lead to some dangerous mistakes and so many problems. We can't ruin healthy competition between start-ups and established companies. Isn't competition what this country's all about? 'Merica! No matter how well-intentioned these rules are, this just seems like a slippery slope that could lead to, at best, a really disappointing future, and at worst, a horrifying one. I don't want to have to explain to my kids why we only have access to certain websites, news outlets, opinions... What terrifies me more is that they'll have no idea that other opinions ever existed. ISPs are utilities. Let's classify them that way. Let's NOT destroy the internet as we know it. Keep it open.
—Mary L Scannell, Chicago, IL

no one has the right to tell us what we can and cannot do or view online! say yes to Net neutrality!!
—Jacob Shore, New Haven, CT

Allowing corporations to create a tiered internet is corrupt and destructive. Leave the internet open, reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Rachael Largmann, Sanford, FL

The Internet was created to facilitate the free exchange of ideas. If you take away Net Neutrality, the exchange is no longer free. It is as simple as that. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers! IT IS THE ONLY WAY.
—Jessica E O'Brien, Fort Collins, CO

Please don't turn the internet into a gated community. Access to information online is one of the great equalizers in the world today.
—Benedek Nyikos, El Cerrito, CA

Net neutrality is of major importance to me because broadband internet is as necessary to the majority of Americans as other utilities are, so it needs to be under policies appropriate for utilities, NOT like an "information service".
—Elaine Stoltzfus, Dayton, VA

All ISPs should be able to offer the same level of service for the same price; the internet shouldn't be limited for 95% of the population of the world just because 5% is vastly richer!
—Aron Hill, Leeds,

so much of life is cost prohibitive, the net needs to not exclude have nots.
—Emily Witsil, Boise, ID

I want a free and open internet. I want the ability if I want to, to be able to create content and not have to pay more for the privilege of "faster speed". Also I do not want to see the slippery slope of allowing Companies to run the internet and ruin what has already been built.
—Kevin P Duggan, Spring, TX

Please do the right thing and preserve net neutrality. Be sensible and stop empowering already-overpowered corporations. You are in a position where you are accountable to us all. Not just those who can fatten your wallet. Do the right thing.
—Jimmy Hinson, Mesquite, TX

Net Neutrality is important to me because corporations have too much power in this country already without an agency that is supposed to be looking out for us handing them more. Net Neutrality must be preserved.
—Sam Watkins, Scottsdale, AZ

An open internet is the greatest tool we have to educate our future generations. Anything that allows corporations to prevent people from learning because it is in their interest of the bottom line is a poison to the future of America.
—Joseph Dillingham, Ridgewood, NY

Allowing corporations to create a tiered internet is corrupt and destructive. Leave the internet open, reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Ms. R Alexander, Old Hickory, TN

The internet should be open and free to everyone equally - reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Anatol Hoemke, Fullerton, CA

Net Neutrality is extremely important to me, because the internet is such a wealth of information and knowledge. I don't believe it should be restricted for anyone. It's such a great resource, and in technology heavy world like ours it's not something we can afford to compromise on. The internet needs to remain free.
—Stephanie Quinn, Southington, CT

We need net neutrality to remain ! Please don't destroy the internet that we love.
—Jeremy Fowler, Harrogate,

Net Neutrality is important to me because an open Internet should be readily available to everyone.
—Nicole Day, Atascadero, CA

We have already seen so much evidence of abuse from ISPs that would get so much worse if we abandon Net Neutrality. Why should ISPs have the decision as to who thrives and who dies on the internet?
—David Green, Billingham,

As a studying journalist, the freedom of the internet is incredibly important to not just my future job, but our society as a whole.
—Joshua Mobley, San Rafael, CA

Please consider the precedent this would set. The Internet is a constantly changing, essential resource. Please don't create a two tiered system.
—David Magallon, Coquitlam,

Big businesses like ATT, Comcast, and Verizon have too much power and control already over access to the internet. They SHOULD NOT get to decide what gets fast access and what doesn't. Because they already have monopolies on the market, giving them the authority to create two lanes of traffic with extra fees to slow down some services, this will continue to create a chasm in America between the rich and the poor. Please protect net neutrality and don't allow this to happen. Defend the poor.
—Justin Novotney, Madison, WI

Dear FCC: Keep Net Neutrality! Reclassify ISPs as common carriers!
—Angela Deats, Austin, TX

The internet is the only real place where the people can express themselves. Don't take that away!
—Kaleb Russell, Lima, OH

The internet is a living entity. Please don't give it cancer. Free information and Education for all!
—Mr. Richard Fox, Birmingham,

Allowing corporations to create a tiered internet is corrupt and destructive. Leave the internet open, reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Adams, Burbank, CA

Net neutrality is important to me, a consumer, because I'd be more willing to go without some of my favorite sites (e.g. Netflix) in order to keep extra money in my pocket. I really don't want to pay twice as much for a service I won't receive twice the improvement on.
—Ashley J Garrison, Dover, DE

Net neutrality is important to me because without it, big corporations can heavily influence what information I can and cannot access to their own benefit - and I don't even live in the United States. Ending net neutrality is a threat to freedom of information on a global scale. Censorship and privacy are already huge problematic issues, both in the US and out, and giving only some people the power to influence those is a drastic and awful mistake. Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers and let the world move forward into something a little more equal.
—Emily Diehl-Reader, Brandon,

Allowing corporations to create a tiered internet is corrupt and destructive. Leave the internet open, reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Katrin Klose, Mountain Home AFB, ID

Net neutrality is important to make sure that there is no 2 tier internet, where powerful companies can decide what content has priority and consumers are on their mercy.
—Esther Roth, Astoria, NY

Please don't do this. The Internet is for everyone, not just people with money. Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers instead.
—Shannon Nelson, Pinawa,

please do not destroy the internet
—Christopher Logan, lowell, MA

Dear FCC, Please reclassify ISP's as common carriers to keep the internet open. This is vital to building businesses and creating new jobs.
—Kendrick Martin, Portland, OR

Every one deserves equality, even on the internet.
—Ian Robert Blackburn Webb, Augusta, GA

Fight your corporate masters and keep the internet free of toll lanes. Basically, if Comcast wants you to do it, don't.
—Dan Albright, Bellevue, WA

Do not make these rules. Instead, make ISPs common carriers. We don't want your plan.
—Tonya Wariner, Kansas City, MO

Net Neutrality is important to me because I believe in equality. Because I believe that everyone should have the same access to the internet. Because it changes lives, & everyone should be able to have that.
—Brooke Shank, Dayton, OH

PLEASE!!! Leave the internet open, reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Allowing corporations to create a tiered internet is corrupt and destructive!!!!!
—JR Afams, Indio, CA

Dear FCC, Please redefine ISPs as Common Carriers. Because this ruling was made for telephone service, we have cheaper, better, and more competitive telephone service. We need the same for the Internet. Internet access has become a critical communications tool for nearly every facet of life, from health care to banking and to allow ISPs to determine who and how fast a customer can see any particular destination is wrong. For example, it is difficult to be heard by the government, or to interact with governmental services, without an Internet connection. We are a an ever-changing society and the Internet has become as vital to our well-being as reliable power, clear telephony, and clean water. We have "built it into" our society and I strongly urge you to keep the ISPs from taking further advantage of that fact now. Sincerely, Tom Gasaway "On the Internet since it was ARPANET."
—Tom Gasaway, Encinitas, CA

Tiered internet benefits no one except companies that don't need those benefits and hurts everyone else. It's pointless, hateful, shallow, and greedy. ISPs should be classified as common carriers instead of getting encouragement to harm consumers.
—Justin Graffagnini, Garner, NC

Havent we given big companies enough power over our lives. When is enough enough? When does the government start standing up to them again like they used to do when i was young? When companies were afraid of the FCC and not the other way around? When the FCC was the final word and couldnt be swayed by anyone or anything? Giving the cable companies this kind of power will only make it more difficult on the smaller companies who rely on net access for their business but cant pay the prices the big companies can. Please, help the american people fight back.
—James McKinney, Arlington, TX

Fair deal for all creative artists please. Not a fast lane for the advantaged.
—Janette Miller, Auckland,

Keeping the internet open is just as important as keeping the press free.
—A Concerned Citizen, Gainesvlle, FL

Dear FCC, With this plan, you are making the decision to care more about ISPs than the American populace. I worry about where this decision will lead us. Please exercise more caution.
—Kyle Burke, Denver, CO

Breaking Net Neutrality is a pure greedy move and we shouldn't lower ourselves to that level.
—Brett Maciech, Casper, WY

Please protect net neutrality! As much as I understand the greed of wanting more money, I just want to watch cat videos on YouTube and post goofy quips on Facebook without paying a premium.
—Maggi Harris, Marietta, GA

Keep the net neutral! Don't let the rich get even more ahead than they already are in this country. Keep the internet for all and not for just the privileged few.
—Kel Heinen, Fort Dodge, IA

Please don't take power away from the people and put it in the hands of ISPs . Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Thank you.
—Rachel Carson, Worthington, OH

People need an open, liberal internet.
—John Donnelly, Glasgow,

The internet should not be regulated according to who can afford the best connection. Information should not be regulated. The internet is a HUGE part of society today, in communicating with family and friends, in getting jobs, in DOING jobs, in activism, in finding out what's going on around the world, in education, etc. You cannot decide what people have the best access to based on extra fees.
—Maia Howell, Minneapolis, MN

Allowing corporations to create a tiered internet is corrupt and destructive. Leave the internet open, reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Whitney Pierce, COLUMBIA, MO

The proposed internet service rules offer no value to citizens of United States, but instead provide a terrific opportunity for the largest service corporations to better their bottom line. I believe the FCC should protect the citizens first, not corporations. I strongly urge the FCC to reclassify ISPs as common carriers. I'm paying my ISP for the signal they provide, not the information services.
—Jason Rust, Crescent Springs, KY

Please, reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Do not put an end to net neutrality. Such an act would violate privacy, freedom of expression, openness, access, and innovation.
—Otis, Albuquerque, NM

Please don't break the internet.
—Jacob Coleman, Six Mile, SC

I run a game review site and if net neutrality goes out the window, there is no chance for my site to ever become something. Please don't condemn all start up sites the internet purgatory.
—Michael Shepherd, Nashville, TN

no net neutrality keeps the big companies away and small companies dead, Net Neutrality makes JOBS
—Tom Con, santiago,

The internet should belong to everyone. To restrict access like this is morally wrong.
—Madeleine, St helier,

Dear FCC throw out the rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Dianne Rodriguez, Plymouth, MA

this is an extremely important issue.
—Adam Kohen, Bradenton, FL

Net neutrality is the single most important element of the internet. The phrase "slippery slope" is used too often in debates but in this case OT is perhaps most accurate. It is a slippery slope from privatizing internet service to controlling information. If China's handling of internet censorship has shown anything it's how easily a non neutral net can be abused. An internet that isn't neutral is an internet that we cannot properly use. It's a system that will be broken and manipulated. The internet must remain neutral or it cannot truly be a source of information and communication for all citizens as equally as it's possible to make.
—Kevin Bell, Las Vegas, NV

Taking the control away from the users and giving it to a few corporations is wrong, no debate needed. No one should have the power to pick and choose who is allowed quicker access to data. I fail to see the logic in this, but if I crawl over the mound of money someone has been stuffing into your pockets, I might be able to see that taking away net neutrality is a decision based on greed and a disregard of the hindrances being placed on users and even companies.
—Crystal Dancer, Huntsville, TX

Dear FCC, This proposal sounds like a horrible idea. This is just a scam to get more money. There's no sense in making these changes to the internet, especially since there are more important things happening in the world.
—DampRevil, Port Orange, FL

Net Neutrality is an awful idea. It is a way to put more money in Comcast/Time Warner executives hands while punishing hard working people. It will force people to use inferior products for entertainment such as cable. The world is going more and more digital everyday. In my opinion that is a good thing, and that progress will be halted if Net Neutrality goes into effect. We will be forced to watch every file We downloads size and forced to stop using products we love. It is a plan enacted by money hungry individuals who own the above mentioned companies.
—Troy Taylor, Don't find me, SC

Because if Net Neutrality fails it'll be the start of a long, dark road that no one will be able to change back.
—Robert Hughes, Campbell, CA

The internet needs to remain a free and equal means of information and communication. This is an important part of our lives and it belongs to everyone, not the few who can afford to control it.
—Matt Occhuizzo, Brooklyn, NY

The Internet is a fundamentally unprecedented medium of communication primarily because of equal access. Stratifying ease of access by wealth is short-sighted and will negatively affect the way in which information is shared. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Sarah Sherman, Boulder, CO

Dear FCC, Please don't cater to major corporations in their attempt to control one of the fundamental freedoms that so many people use regularly. The prices individuals already pay to connect to the endless supply of educational materials and .gifs of cute animals through the world wide web should not be throttled or skewed to cater to only those who can afford the "upgrade." The two-tiered system will heavily harm public access to very important educational materials in places like libraries and schools, where these materials are most desperately needed. As a library employee, I see these tools being utilized daily in an attempt to better the lives of individuals that cannot afford access and would thus be left in the slowest lane. An educated nation is a prosperous nation. Please put your efforts somewhere that they will make an actual difference for human beings and stop catering to money. Please open the avenues to help human beings. Thank you for your time. P.S. Corporations, even internet providing corporations, are not human beings.
—Katrina Pawlowski, Denver, CO

Internet should be handled like a utility. Like water, electricity, and garbage pickup, It's very difficult to get through your day without it.
—Melinda Grimsley, Alford, FL

As a librarian, I strongly believe in the need for equal internet access for all Americans.
—Ruth Tillman, Mount Rainier, MD

America was built on freedoms that let the little guy and the big guy compete in a fair market. Net Neutrality helps preserve that. The outcome of this preservation is that everyone wins - the little guy has a chance, the big guy gets competition which improves their products and services, and the customer gets a choice. Net Neutrality is democracy at its finest. There's a reason we have no dictators.
—Katherine G Ogilvie, Alexandria, VA

Wheeler needs to quit discriminating. It's as simple as that. Rich urbanites will have "everything" and poor rural areas will have "nothing". Before any decision about speed is made, every single voter needs to experience slow Internet access in a rural area where even mobile sites/pages barely load. THEN-and-only-then can an informed vote be made.
—Lori Luza, Austin, TX

A world in which the rich can pay to make the less-rich miserable for having the gall to not be super rich is a very, very, VERY horrible world. Don't do this crap.
—Hank Garretson, Washington, ME

The United States is already behind other civilized countries that provide much faster and cheaper internet. The future of this great nation will be jeopardized by foolish decisions that threaten true net neutrality. Common carrier is obviously a much better choice than the proposed changes.
—Carlos Avila, Redmond, WA

The internet access in the US is one of the most noncompetitive anywhere and allowing ISPs to offer preferential service moves in exactly the wrong direction - away from competition and toward local monopolies.
—Paul Goodjohn, Crestwood, KY

More fees just to keep a fast internet speed? No thanks. Tell the FCC to throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Joseph Matthews, Whitley City, KY

Net Neutrality is one of the core principles of the Internet, and perhaps the most important to the vital role it plays in everyone's life all over the world. Now corporations want to subvert that for their sole benefit. Killing Net Neutrality is good only for the should-be illegal monopolies that have taken over the ISP market. Creating a tiered Internet runs counter to everything the Internet stands for and there exists not and will not ever exist a "commercially reasonable" way to do it. The FCC should do everything in its power, including classifying ISPs as Title II common carriers, and urging Congress to ensure it has the legal power to prevent companies from taxing their customers twice or even more times for the same traffic, or segregating it based on money. Most importantly, no rules should ever be put forth or accepted that ensure anything less complete net neutrality in every possible circumstance.
—Kiril Damyanov, Sofia,

There is no freedom without freedom of information.
—Bianca Cooper, Meyersdal,

United States policy has a huge impact on the United Kingdom. And the protection of net neutrality in the US is critical in ensuring the freedom of choice in other countries
—Joe fitzsimmons, Tamworth,

As an up and coming comic book writer net neutrality lets me get my work out to people as quickly as any of the big name comic companies, and there's no way I could afford to pay some faceless capitalistic corporation to be on par with them without it
—Derek Vernon, san Antonio, TX

Because I don't want Canada's internet.
—Leo Pusateri, Colorado Springs, CO

The internet should be free and clear for everyone, not just people who can afford to pay more. Please enforce Net Neutrality.
—Kelsey R. Marquart, Keuka Park, NY

For the sake of my business, one predicated solely on the free and open distribution of data and software, I strongly support net neutrality and all those who support it in turn. Internet is not a simple product or service. It is a utility, now necessary in our modern world for freedom and information, and it should not be subject to the whims of a few particular corporations governing its use. Do the right thing, folks.
—Jason Wishnov, Burbank, CA

The rules as proposed are a gutting of everything that has made the open internet the engine of modern economic growth. Rethink what you're doing.
—Matthew Newman, Ridgewood, NY

Internet freedom is incredibly important. The lack of it will cause companies to bottleneck bandwith to companies that don't pay them enough. Please the internet in america is already laughable. Don't make it worse.
—Alexander Digiacomo, SELDEN, NY

Companies like the one I work for (6 employees) *will* get closed out of business opportunities simply because we wouldn't be able to afford the higher tiered connections that larger companies would be able to use against us. Our agility is to our advantage, those companies have their size. If we lose net neutrality, we lose our ability to keep moving and will simply be crushed by the larger companies. Don't allow small businesses to be smothered by large corporate interests that only help large companies.
—Mr. Evan Wilson, Grand Rapids, MI

Net Neutrality is an important freedom of the American people. All freedoms not enumerated here are left to the people of the United States!
—Whitney Tresler, NORMAN, OK

Don't sell out to big greedy corporations like AT&T, Verizon, Comcast, etc. who want to charge higher fees for speedier access hustling more money from those who can't afford it ! Designate Broadband as a Telecommunications service free to all the people under the law ! Keep the internet Open, Equal and Available for all !!!!
—Darla, lr, AR

The importance of net neutrality is difficult to overstate, and preserving the internet as an information highway rather than a toll road will be a defining moment of the 21st century for the FCC. Equal access is a utility, not a luxury. Keep the net neutral.
—Gen Valentine, Astoria, NY

The internet doesn't belong to America. We share the internet with literally the entire world. You would be gimping The U.S. and U.S. websites to/for the entire planet. On youtube, shows that cater to the global audience would be replaced by shows that are only relevant to those with money in America. Wikipedia would be a pay to learn website. Facebook would be overrun by irrelevant ads. Google would have you pay for a subscription just to search for a cake recipe! And all of this would negatively affect us, the users. Whether you're an American youtuber or a freelance global journalist with a blog from Japan, you're experience on American websites would be completely destroyed. The free internet stopped SOPA/PIPA and we can and will stop this attack on Net Neutrality.
—Steven Coulter, Hot Springs, AR

The internet is used for a wide variety of common, daily purposes in 2014. By creating a "fast lane" in accordance with Mr Wheeler's proposal, it ensures a segregated internet user group and promotes digital discrimination. Please re-classify ISPs as common carriers.
—Jonathan Kennedy, Montague, MA

The internet has always been an open source of information and entertainment and to basically shut that off to a segment of people who can't afford the extra fees brought on by the service providers is just plain wrong. There is enough companies out there squeezing us for every single penny that we don't need the internet to follow suit.
—Rob Couvillon, Amherstburg,

The Internet allows for a free market expression of small businesses, without regard to location or affiliation. It is vital to the growth of sectors of the digital commerce and art industry. Please reclassify ISP's as common carriers! Thank you!
—Michael Worth, Narberth, PA

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers! Keep our internet free, like it's supposed to be.
—Bonnnie, LOVELAND, CO

Removing Net Neutrality will destroy the internet. ISPs should not be allowed to choose who can and cannot be successful on the internet.
—Jimmie Daniel Lamm III, Canton, OH

Allowing corporations to create a tiered internet is unfair and restricts the free flow of ideas. Leave the internet open. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Katie Cullen, Burbank, CA

The internet has always been a source of information: a way to communicate, to share, to educate, to create. If ISPs aren't classified as common carriers, you will essentially institute a class division equivalent to allowing a few individuals access to all the books in the library, while those who need it most have access only to the most rudimentary texts. Discrimination, in any form, is both morally wrong and unjust, and "Net Neutrality" is the only way to preserve the utility and cultural opportunity the internet provides.
—Laura Matlick, Springville, TN

Information acquired from the Internet is as much of necessity today as electricity and running water, and should be treated as such. ISPs should be reclassified as common carriers. Allowing privatized corporations to regulate this incredibly important tool of the 21st century isn't in anyone's best interest except their own and their cronies. Your proposed rules will have detrimental effects on innovation and stifle the flow of free speech and news.
—Jason Knobler, Philadelphia, PA

To the FCC: Please throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers
—Jean Wilkins, Arvada, CO

The internet IS a common carrier. Do your job and protect net neutrality as the proper use of our shared internet.
—Liz Oeltjen, Ellisville, MO

Stop this. This isn't control, it's chaos. The internet isn't broken. Don't try to fix it in hackneyed blindness.
—Brandon Townsend, East Lansing, MI

Net neutrality is importent for me, simple because it's fair. I don't have to worry about my internet speed being slowed down, simple because I'm using more data then the average internet user.
—Glenn Adrian Nordhus, Arnøyhamn,

The issue of Net Neutrality is an incredibly important one to me. I work in a convenience store full-time, but have begun to dabble in online journalism over the last couple of years. I know it sounds silly, and I'm a long way off from turning my passion for writing into something that I can actually support myself with, but having unlimited access to the internet means that at least I can try. This is where the FCC comes in. If my access to internet services were to become limited due to my financial situation, I would be unable to access the necessary content (video presentations, live streams, etc.) that would allow me to continue striving to accomplish my goals. I already pay quite a bit for high speed internet (well, quite a bit as far as my budget is concerned), and additional fees would mean the end to my side projects, which have done a tremendous job in getting me to become a more active writer, and in helping me rediscover my passions. I ask that you please consider how these changes could prove to be detrimental to people like me who use the internet as a means of following their dreams, or for those who may require online tools to help them find jobs, learn about mental illness, reach out to others or learn more about the world around them. I especially worry about the children that could have vital educational tools taken away from them due to these changes. The internet is an unbelievably important resource in today's society, and should remain open and free of discrimination. I sincerely hope that you consider these points when making your decision.
—Will Holden, Fair Haven, VT

We cannot filter the disbursement of information freely and fairly to all citizens of the US and the world and still call our country a democracy. Enforce Net Neutrality. Dont give it to corporations. People have a right to access regardless of how they can reach it. There aren't fast lanes in our libraries, where people can pay extra for better access, everyone library card is weighed the same.
—Brent Lowell, Taunton, MA

Net neutrality is essential to the last truly equal platform for all voices!! Please don't allow money to equal voice on the Internet!
—Marianne Minchala, Staten Island, NY

The internet is a utility, you cant give corporate interests power over that.
—Matt Ackerman, Dover, OH

Please pass rules that preserve net neutrality in perpetuity. Please do not pass rules that allow fast and slow lanes on the internet - that would be a great betrayal of public's interest and the future of intelligent society.
—Beth Garber, Vallejo, CA

Allowing companies to make decisions like this puts us one step away from being the free nation that the United States has come to be known as. Do not give these ISPs more power than what they deserve.
—Christina Evans, SLIDELL, LA

Net Neutrality is important to me because I have friends on the internet that I've known for over 7 years. If one of us couldn't afford to have the same kind of access to the internet as the rest, both the things we could to do together and the amount of stable contact that could be made with each other would significantly reduce. This divide would rob me of my ability to maintain these friendships in a hassle free manner and may even have my relationships drift apart. Doing this to people is unfair, and putting a divide in something that is not meant for someone to own is disgusting.
—Elyse Olson, Houston, TX

Without net neutrality, many of my and many others' favorite sites would suffer from the lack of a fair and open internet in the form of slower speeds and higher costs, which would come back on the end user...every user, including you, me, and millions of others. If ISPs are given this power to hold these fast and slow lanes, they are able to effectively blackmail companies ("pay us or your service gets it") which means everyone loses. Companies either have to pay the proverbial ransom, resulting in higher costs to consumers for services, or slower speeds for others, which would hurt the site in the form of reduced userbase and a blow to the quality of their service, among other forms. ISPs do not deserve the ability to hold a gun to these companies' heads like this. It completely destroys the concept of a fair and open internet, which I'm sure companies like Comcast, Time Warner, and AT&T would love nothing more to do. Do not let these ISPs do this. Do not give them this power. It will only hurt everyone involved.
—Akshaye Patkar, Huntsville, AL

The internet is possibly the greatest invention of the 20th century. It allows communication and globalization on a previously unimaginable scale. The idea that a local internet service provider should be able to decide the access quality of communication and collaboration seems as backwards as allowing a phone company to limit your talk time to certain companies. There is no benefit to the consumer, there is no benefit to the world. All this will allow is people with money to make more money at the expense of a better world. This should not stand
—Michael Vance, Regina,

Cable and internet providers have enough of a monopoly going without forcing us into higher contracts for worse service and restricting our access. This is unamerican and a perversion of capitalism.
—Natasha Kingston, Philadelphia, PA

Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Thank you.
—Rebecca, Oshkosh, WI

How much cash you have shouldn't determine the level of web viewing quality you are allowed to partake in. Think of the web as a virtual road. In order to get from one place to the next, whether if it is to learn, conduct business, or for your own social pleasure everyone should be considered an equal player in this field. When large corporations (who don't even need extra $ or power) dictate through price who gets better service, you are allowing them to destroy one of the few good things left that grant a semblance of equality. Please don't allow this to occur.
—Keith LaFrance, Woonsocket, RI

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 preserve the open internet.
—Alex Larrabee, Ogden, UT

The internet is a resource utilized daily by members of the public from all over the world, including the US. The internet is a public resource managed by private companies, akin to how libraries are public; you can live without them, but it would be terrible not to. People can easily access information or communicate across the world using the internet. Our soldiers serving out in the Middle East use the internet to stay connected to their family and friends. If ISPs are allowed to discriminate on how services are charged they could cut off international communication by raising charges on it, or they could censor information and free speech by charging extra fees on pages they don't want viewed. Please let the internet stay equally expensive so that free speech is not censored and it remains open to everyone.
—Jacob Sobota, Swartz Creek, MI

Keep internet free from corporate intrusion.
—Loungeshep, Tulsa, OK

Please don't break the internet. You can have just about everything else, but this is ours.
—Stephen Machuga, Bristow, VA

Get rid of the wretched, undemocratic "net neutrality" rules you've crafted and instead, RECLASSIFY ISPs as common carriers! We need real net neutrality now.
—Brenna Wolf-Monteiro, Portland, OR

Dear Fcc- Please rethink your law on Net Neutrality and consider making ISPs a Common Carrier in the United States. The ISPs are making their money by offering a utility that is necessary in many households. As there is often just one company in an area offering the service, they hold a monopoly on the services they provide. By letting them limit our access, charge us extra fees, and letting them discriminate against which data they allow, you are allowing them to become rich at the expense of the american people and worst you are letting coorporations dictate what people have the freedom to access.
—Samantha Stevens, Westminster, CO

Dear FCC, Neutrality is important for everyone because it gives everyone a fair chance, and opens the door for new and refreshing alternatives. Thanks, Wendy
—Wendy Bradshaw, Murray, UT

Being over charge for cable now is frustrating. If ISP are allowed to regulate connection speed would make my bill impossible. Please throw out the ruling and reclassify ISP's as common carriers. The internet must remain neutral.
—Michael Ramirez, West Hills, CA

Hey, stop it. I mean, come on.
—John Elrod II, Cleveland, GA

Dear FCC, The internet is a beautiful organism. It was created by no one man in any obe place, and NOBODY can control it. The internet is also a place of unlimited sharing and knowledge that is available to almost any obe in the world. To split, censor, or change the way we use internet would be preposterous. Don't make a mistake for the sake of money...
—Riley Boadwine, Baltic, SD

I don't want ISPs to have control over which websites load faster than others. Net neutrality is what we want.
—Olivia Stem, Plano, 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. 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.
—Mr. Jake smith, dubois, WI

Net neutrality matters to me because there is already enough too much power in the hands of the providers and the planned proposals are too open to abuse.
—Luke Bannon, Newry,

The ability for a private company to control the flow of internet traffic is like handing control of a major toll road to the contractor that built it. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Alexander Frew, Los Angeles, CA

ISP's should be classified as common carriers. Fighting off these net neutrality busting attempts every few months is getting old. People don't SOPA, PIPA or any of these other schemes to control or ruin an open and free internet. Please consider this!
—Chris Webster, Bozeman, MT

Don't be afraid of your freedom. Don't be afraid of mine. Life is too short to waste on GREED!
—Louis, Seattle, WA

The Internet us an important source of information and a resource for making the publics voice heard. In general terms: I will oppose any legislation that will allow or condone any company to restrict access to it based on how much one can pay.
—Sara Deroy, Tempe, AZ

The internet is essential to my life and livelihood. The end of Net Neutrality would drastically change the way I and so many others interact with our world. It could mean the end of my job. It would certainly mean the end of the equal innovation that has made the internet so integral to our society. Classify ISPs as common carriers! Protect our net!
—Emily Hornick, Columbus, OH

The entire idea of an internet "fast lane" is absurd. By definition, "fast" and "slow" lanes are relative. If ISPs are allowed to create a premium "fast lane," then by definition the already old and clunky "standard" lane becomes the slow lane. It's not a great metaphor for the problems of losing net neutrality, but the impacts are very real. We are in an age of changing markets. The nature of distribution is changing as we speak. These innovations aren't going to come from the established businesses. Amazon, Google and Netflix were small start-ups not that long ago, and wouldn't have been able to grow and innovate if they'd been forced to pay a premium for the bandwidth and speed they need. The ISPs are playing with the public. They're asking for all the protections of being common carriers, without any of the responsibilities. They're refusing to upgrade our infrastructure to compete with the rest of the world (I suppose we're doing better than Australia). Since there's so little profit for them in simply providing good service, they want to make their money by charging premiums for not withholding the service they've already sold us. And as a consumer, I think that's what frustrates me the most. I pay Comcast a lot of money on a monthly basis for their "best" internet service, and still I am threatened with bandwidth limitations, spotty DNS service and a hundred other problems. And there's no real competition here to drive them to provide better service. I live in one of the wealthier, more tech savvy parts of the country, and Comcast still doesn't have any real competition here. It's not the FCC's job to protect Comcast's business model. We, the people, do not owe Comcast a profit simply for being one of the biggest companies around. They don't get to call the government to help them stifle innovation and growing markets just because it helps the bottom line. That's not what a free market looks like.
—Evan Kester, Seattle, WA

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—Lori Arrowood, Louisville, KY

The internet is a fantastic place for content producers to try and make a name for themselves and garner attention and followers. With the ability to pick and choose who gets fast connections and who doesn't, all this does is solidify the already strong standing that those who are in power already have, thus leaving newcomers to fade out. Those that will be stuck with slow connections are essentially doomed to fade out due to our country's obsession with immediate gratification. Even if the content is interesting, slow access is a massive turn off. Internet providers need to stay impartial lest we start down that slow road to them deciding what they are and aren't okay with and effectively shutting down what they want through near or real inaccessibility.
—Matthew Herrera, Coppell, TX

Greetings, as a virtual/online teacher Net Neutrality is everything to my students in rural Alaska. If the costs of Internet service change and access to the Internet changes my students will struggle to obtain the skills and knowledge they need to be Alaska's Future. If you allow services providers to create a 2-tiered system you will seriously damage not only the education of rural Alaskans but you will seriously damage their hope and dreams for the future. In rural Alaska the Internet is our lifeline to the rest of the world and it's barely affordable now. Quick pandering to corporations and start caring about the people the FCC was created to protect. Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Nicole Fuerst, Kodiak, AK

Net Neutrality is the most important technological issue we're facing right now. The defeat of net neutrality will cripple smaller independent internet commerce and entertainment. The current proposal would be catastrophic to the most important connection tool ever created. This is very serious.
—Jeff H., e providence, RI

I want internet to be equal and don't want some rich spoiled kids enjoy their $200 per month internet that has the highest speed in the world, while the less fortunate of us who can only afford probably one of the slower connections for about $20 a month.
—James Anderson, Bedford,

Net Neutrality is vital to the entire world so that information may be spread freely, allowing all people to make informed, unbiased decisions.
—Derek Belle, Toledo, OH

Leave well enough alone. Poor service = no customers.
—Vickie Dearden, Plant City, FL

Net neuttality is our constitutional right to free speech. You would give more power to the corporations, leaving the individual more helpless than ever. Please don't cause the gap to grow, support net neutrality.
—Kaitlyn Birdsall, fort Collins, CO

It is important to keep the internet totally open, rather than restricting the access for people who cannot afford to pay more. Single person startups with a good idea should have just as much chance of reaching people as giant companies. And this ruling might open the door for cable companies to charge both ends... they could charge content providers as well as content customers for the ability to access webpages and information. Please, take a step back and realize that a tiered internet system is just wrong!
—Miss Jeanette Brown, Reno, NV

Because this is ridiculous and wrong.
—Emma Higinbotham, Naperville, IL

These new rules give ISPs too much power as the internet should stay the way it is free and open.
—Isaac, Crowley, TX

Broadband providers represent a threat to internet openness
—Melissa Beeli, Manhattan Beach, CA

I am an independent contractor. My company REQUIRES connectivity just to function as we swap files back and forth all day. In the days since the first barrier of neutrality was lifted, my internet has crawled to a halt, and costs us time and money. Not to mention my reputation. We're tiny, and increased internet costs would place a huge burden on this small business. PLEASE keep the internet neutral, PLEASE don't let the corporations dump all over the customers and call it a free market, especially when there's not a free market, there's currently 3 providers, about to be two. That Trust issue is it's own ball of wax but it leaves the average person in the cold. PLEASE keep the internet neutral for the sake of small businesses.
—Amanda Warner, jamaica plain, MA

As an online retailer of a small company, I need to know that I Will have a fair chance to sell my products and not be pushed out just based on the fact that i"m a smaller company. This is absolutely the wrong way to go, the internet needs to be a free place with no barriers or handicaps. A free internet promotes innovation, growth, competition, and progress for all businesses. This will be a major mistake if this is passed, don't be one of the the ones who voted on digression and recession.
—Tatman, Ruston, LA

The internet is a place of limitless freedom, without fear of being censored and governed. It is our right to have whatever we want on the internet and not for anyone but it's users and creators to decide.
—Matthew Fields, Gulfport, MS

Net neutrality is the only way to maintain an open business environment and allow for competition in the digital industries, a quality that provides the best value for all consumers. Do not close the only avenue for new business development and growth for creative digital content industries.
—Nick, Chicago, IL

Dear FCC, these new rules are terrible. If this was to pass, there would be a monopoly of a few large ISPs setting their own prices and pocketing what they make instead of using it to get better service. Most of the world really don't want this, and those that say they do probably don't know what this is really about. Please don't go through with this
—Joe Rodman, Highland, CA

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—Chan Park, Cresskill, NJ

Ending net neutrality is just not fair. It's allowing people to throw their weight around and abuse power. Some people can't afford to pay those extra fees and because they aren't as well off, they're going to be punished. It's discrimination no matter how you look at it. Please, SAVE net neutrality and equality!
—Mackenzie Cale, Bay Minette, AL

Because first of all, nobody should have the right to prevent me from browsing one thing over the other, and second of all, a multi-tiered internet hurts all web start-up businesses, small businesses, and non-profits by raising the entry barrier to using the internet for promotional activities.
—Jeffrey Wu, Houston, TX

This is fundamentally un-American and anti-capitolist. This would destroy the internet as we know and all so some billion dollar multinational can make billions more. I am disgusted that we have to keep fighting this.
—Jeramy Murray, Denver, CO

ComCast is already charging content providers (such as Netflix) extra to reach their users. The FCC's current plan would allow ISPs to pull out all the stops and sell the internet the same way they currently sell cable and phone packages.
—Adrianna Radosti, Lafayette, IN

I have a single high speed internet option, despite living in a city of 50,000+. For $45/month I can have 6Mbps internet or $55/month I can get 35Mbps. I live on the internet. I fear the day when I have to choose between speed and open access. The large cable provider who can give me 35Mbps will call me every 15 days to upsell me on things I don't need. If they had any opportunity to increase my bill or inconvenience me into paying, there's not a doubt in my mind that they would take it. I fear this day.
—Philip Wels, Mankato, MN

Net neutrality is vital. The internet is a sea of doorways with so many opportunities for knowledge. Our preferences should not dictate our cost. It would be a shame to see internet access fall into favoritism like other consumer products have.
—David Frausto, Baldwin Park, CA

By limiting net neutrality you infringe on people's freedom of speech, you infringe on people's human rights.
—Michael Keppler, Rancho Santa Fe, CA

Don't talk away my internet
—Sara, Odessa, TX

Do the right thing guys! Don't let the big companies rule the world. Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers. It is logical, as well as ethical. You have heard the voice of the people. Please. And thank you.
—Megan Calla, Burlington, VT

Because a free and open internet fosters connection, communication, innovation, economic growth, and education.
—Emily Hughes, Brooklyn, NY

Isn't there already enough discrimination in the world? Why continue to punish those who are under privleged?
—Angela Booth, Vail, AZ

Losing net neutrality is just one more step of limiting or eventually losing our freedoms. Net neutrality should be protected for the people not for the politicians or big business interests that will profit if your bill passes.
—Cody Sheridan, Phoenix, AZ

The Internet shouldn't belong to the few, but to the many. You sold off the broadcast airwaves at a fraction of their value - do your job for once and protect the last medium that isn't entirely privately owned!!!!
—Michael Harman, Blacksburg, VA

I don't know why you're even considering this as success would be temporary at most. If anarchy is what you're aiming for then you are on the right track and while people may seem enduring over lack of money in general (that won't last long) look how fast the tables will turn once you remove the only venting system. People get violent when WiFi is slow so you can imagine the headlines once it's gone.
—Nera, Makarska,

I prefer not having the internet ruined for everybody.
—Timothy Farias, Swansea, MA

Why should we line the pockets of already wealthy internet providers? Nobody is complaining about the way phone service is provided and there's a reason for that - it works.
—Kimberly Jung, Holland, MI

It's not important to me, it's important to everyone. It's important to the concept of equality. It's important, even if there weren't a monopoly in the cable providers and how they divide regions and purposely don't compete. It's even more important, because there is a monopoly. This should be treated like other necessities. Just like you can't apply for a job without an address, it's almost impossible to get things done these days without an email address. The world expects you to be able to use the internet, without horrible imposed limits by cable companies.
—Nathaniel Chambers, Columbus, GA

please keep isp's as common carriers
—Louis G, St Louis, MO

Why should we be putting more money into the pockets of the ISPs who already benefit from the advantage of low competition levels.
—Clayton Michael Parker, Orlando, FL

Please keep isp's as common carriers
—Antonio Assunção, Rio de Janeiro,

Net Neutrality is important because it's what makes the internet such a special place. It's not just a business platform, it's a place where people connect to eachother. Friendships are made and shared across multiple outlets of the internet. Taking Net Neutrality away would be a step backwords in how modern society communicates, and connects with eachother.
—James McNorton, Kitchener,

Net neutrality should be respected and maintained to allow everyone, rich or poor, equal access to the resources and information on the Internet.
—Linda Scheller, Newman, CA

The lack of net neutrality will digress from our current influx of available information available to the masses. Schools, lower income families, etc. will not be able to afford extra fees and will therefore not be able to access information required for them to help advance the younger generations forward. Please do not let this happen.
—Daniel McCallum, Payson, UT

This has to be stopped. There is no way that you can give the power to large corporations to decide who gets to use the full capacity of the Internet. Last I checked, this wasn't North Korea, where a phony version of the internet exists to control the populace. No, we live in the United States of America. Home of the Free. Free thinking. Free Speech. Free to live as we please. The Internet is the way many of us keep connected and make a living, it is a free and open place for us as individuals and small businesses. Net Neutrality has been the only way, and will continue to be the only way that the Internet can be. Throw out your outdated rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality.
—Lee Wiley, St. George, UT

Net neutrality is essential to everyone online because without it, major ISPs can virtually (get it?) hold all users in digital hostage. When will you government people provide citizens, rather than corporations, protection?? The whole point of the Internet is assuring everyone has access to whatever they need, with data coming to them regardless of its quantity or cost. The new rules make current ISPs another monopoly, as antiquated and useless to the earth's present needs as the oil companies. Hey FCC, get aware!!! Throw out the new rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. That's what they should be.
—Karen Fabiane, Schenectady, NY

Net Neutrality is important to me because everyone, not just a few corporations, should have fair access to the Internet.
—Adriel Gonzalez, San Juan, PR

Those with money doing need special favors and those who don't but would like to be able to enjoy what we can afford to the fullest, and shouldn't be punished for our paygrade.
—Nerissa, Manhattan, KS

Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers. The internet shouldn't become a restricted toll road that favors certain content over others. Keep the playing field equal.
—Brian Kalisch, Colorado Springs, CO

The internet is an integral part of every persons life. It's about coming together, not creating divides.
—Hope, Giving that out, SC

Leave the internet alone! It is the last bastion of a free market left in this country.
—Dave Paradise, West Jordan, UT

Cable companies and Internet providers have grown too big and too powerful in our country. To remove Net Neutrality and give them control over the greatest invention of the 20th century and the best tool for education and spreading of information, would be dangerous. The free reign of information is essential to the well-being of our country and our world and to hand that over to corporations threatens the very foundations of progress that the Internet has helped usher in. Net Neutrality must remain in place.
—Cameron Wade, Hammondsport, NY

You must reclassify ISPs as common carriers. They cannot be allowed to dictate what content we are able to access and through what devices and at what times. So many things seem to have favored large corporations lately, so many things have stepped on the citizens of America who do not have the power to combat them. Do not forget why America was founded. It was founded to oppose monolithic rule, it was founded for democracy, and to oppose the aristocracy that we seem to be falling back into. Make this right. Keep the Net Neutral!
—Mr. Shilo Englert, Topeka, KS

Don't take away our freedom of infromation.
—Justin Hall, Higganum, CT

Net neutrality should stay! It gives opportunities for smaller companies to share their big ideas!
—Andrew, Nottingham,

I request that net neutrality be upheld in order to promote and support opportunities for individuals and businesses of all kinds.
—Zachary Keel, Niles, MI

Net Neutrality is important to me because the Internet always has been a place for innovation, made possible due to the open structure and the fact that anyone can challenge the big guys. Without Net Neutrality, the established companies and websites - those who have the money to pay the Internet service providers for faster access - will have a much easier time defending their position, since web users are very impatient. Startups and innovation will have a harder time challenging the established companies, and I fear development and innovation will stall. Please protect Net Neutrality, FCC.
—Thorben Dahl, Fetsund,

The Internet, since it's launch back in the 90's has always been a free flow hub of creative exchange, and it should stay that way. Forcing that to change so you and your fellow millionaire buddies can pocket more change is morally bankrupt.
—Zach, Frisco, TX

Please maintain net neutrality. The internet serves everyone when it's free and open.
—Kris Loman, Cross Plains, WI

Please keep Internet Service Providers classified as common carriers. They provide a public service, just like electricity, gas, or telephone service, and should be treated as such for the public good. Allowing a "privileged" tier of service for those who can afford it while leaving the scraps to everyone else is not in the public good as it will stifle the very startup innovative spirit the internet was founded upon by squeezing out those who cannot afford to pay the major carrier's fees, leaving the internet only to major corporate interests, not the interests of small business or consumer.
—Kathryn Long, Austin, TX

Please, be rational and keep your interests out of a place they do not belong. The internet does not belong to the FCC, despite what you would like to believe, Mr. Wheeler. Neutrality is the only fair way to go. (Like he reads these anyway/
—Vinny McCasey, battle creek, MI

Revise your rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality.
—Mr. Marc Bacon, Denver, NC

The internet is possibly the most vital and convenient source of worldly information ever created. It is considered one if the greatest forums of humanity. It is meant to be shared freely and freedom of speech should protect it from bring regulated in such a fashion.
—Brittani Billmeyer, Cedar Rapids, IA

I urge the FCC to reject the current proposals regarding the creation of Internet 'fast-lanes,' which would indirectly allow ISP companies to discriminate against content and pick winners and losers in bandwidth wars. As an entertainment artist, I have my optimistic eye on ventures such as Kickstarter and Patreon, which allow independent creators to market directly to audiences. The 'fast-lane' proposal would make it impossible for new innovative ventures to compete with trenchant companies that have massive capital to pay ISP's for reasonable download speed. I again urge the FCC to decline broad powers to ISP companies and to instead take efforts to provide the same public security to the internet that is afforded to common carriers -- i.e. not allowing ISP's to become gatekeepers of consumer content via so-called 'fast lanes.'
—Brant Moon, Aliso Viejo, CA

So that everyone can use the Internet as its intended
—Brian Cooke, Great Lakes, IL

"Chairman Tom Wheeler has a plan to create a two-tiered Internet which would provide a fast lane to service providers who will pay high fees for it and a slow(er) lane for the rest of us. I categorically condemn this unwise and destructive proposal. The Internet should be a place where all users are equal regardless of how rich they are. The best way to save the Internet and have it work for all of us is to reclassify internet service providers as common carriers. It is time the FCC started acting in the public interest rather than for the special interests."
—Susan Jacobson, Columbia, MD

The internet needs to remain as agnostic to any particular party, company, or individual in order for a fair and equal world.
—Matthew Richmond, Island Park, ID

Dear FCC, Keeping net neutrality is important to me, as it is to the vast majority of the citizens of the United States. Creating fast lanes for specific content will hamper innovation and growth for start up sites and companies, mine own included which rely on quick and reliable internet service to better serve my clients. In addition, companies forced to pay for the fast track services will end up dropping those costs on us, the customer. Ultimately it's bad for businesses, bad for our economy, and bad for the majority of the people. Please do not push this plan forward.
—Daniel Willis, New York, NY

'A fast lane for everyone, and a hyper-speed lane for everyone else.' That was your companies excuse for how this system would work. Yes, company. As an outsider looking in it looks very much like the FCC is for sale, how else can you describe how this law is intended to operate? Where exactly are the cable companies going to miraculously pull this 'hyper speed lane' out from? As arguably one of the most developed nations on the planet, you enjoy some of the highest prices for some of the poorest services when it comes to Internet speeds. And for years the cable and wireless companies have said that this is unavoidable, that there is a data cap in any given area, that the poor and intermittent speeds they receive is simple the best the companies can do. Now this law suddenly crops up and we have two trains of thought. Either the Cable Companies have lied for all these years (mass fraud) because a hyper speed lane just doesn't spring up over night, but takes decades to put into place, or they are going to throttle everybody's already unreliable speeds and service to make way for this 'hyper speed lane' and continue to overcharge their customers (because I doubt very much they are going to lower everyone's bills sufficiently to match their service speed). Now as a British man living all the way across the ocean, you would think this is non of my business and to (I hope I am using your quaint saying correctly) "Butt Out". You would think this, but you would be wrong. Our cable and wireless companies try to take their cues from American companies as a way to conduct 'good business practice'. That means that it won be long before they try to pull this stunt over here, and it is my duty as a member of the human race to try and nip this problem before anyone tries to export it here. Net Neutrality exists to protect people, not corporations. This bill exists to protect telecommunication corporations, not people. The fact that it is opposed by other none-telecommunications firms should be a clue that maybe, just maybe, this was a bad idea. Why was it even considered? Maybe that question can be answered by someone else. Perhaps by a body of men and women sent to investigate a member of the FCC who used to work as a Lobbyist. Perhaps someone who currently is overseeing this bill. Perhaps these investigators should look into his bank accounts, to any and all payments he receives from large companies involved in the telecommunications industry. This bill is a terrible idea. Giving people less for the overpriced service they already receive is a false economy. It cannot be allowed to pass and, quite frankly, if it does it only goes to show just how far the corruption goes in American politics. Thank you for your time.
—David Soponski, Manchester,

A tiered internet is worthless in a modern world—classism at its best.
—Hannah Purnell, Wells Tannery, PA

Please -----Stay OUT of my lane!! An American Citizen - isn't that supposed to mean something!?
—Carmen Arbeeny, Fletcher, NC

I need the net to be neutral so the best content reaches the people, not the content whose creators can afford to pay the ISP's. The internet is the last bastion of free enterprise. Please don't ruon that.
—Carl Lind, Vikingstad,

Please classify ISPs as common carriers, the internet is a great equaliser and tool to help people move forwards in so many ways, a tiered internet could very easily destroy that.
—Richard Lowe, Saint Louis, MO

The American government needs to stop being so corrupted. You always talk about freedom and shit, but you try to block the internet? And to boot, you'd try to fuck up the speed of internet for some people for the betterment if your own bank account. Freedom requires equality. Hell, freedom requires freedom. Stop this now. Stop all of it. Let it be known that the website where the over 500,000 people wrote in and spoke out against Net Neutrality being eliminated, SOPA, PIPA and CISPA and all others, and everything else may as well have been shut down by paid people, due to the supporters of the elimination of the Net Neutrality Act. Please save yourselves. Save your own lives. Save this country from an imminent economic disaster, an anarchic disaster and the Internet's people rising up to stop this.
—William, Deep River,

Because the internet like all other commutation should be open and free to anyone that wants to uses it. We as a people have the right of free speech and passing this bill will remove this. Plus allowing this bill to pass would be unethical and would allow ISP to do as they wish without someone governing them. Do not allow this bill to pass
—Nikolas Vujic, London,

Net Neutrality is one of the core principles of the internet. It enables incredible innovation, and ease for new businesses to grow and begin.
—Rowan M, Richmond, VA

Dear FCC, Protect Net Neutrality! Reclassify ISPs as common carriers and do not allow discrimination online.
—Natalie Braun, Valatie, NY

too allow the internet provides to split the net service into two different lines is completly pointless, and it WILL create another class distinction in the society, adn that is never a good thing and it will lead to more bad things. so just dont. thanks.
—André Eriksson, Urshult,

Net neutrality is something that we need to uphold and maintain. As a student, I would not be able to pay for high tiered pricing and would suffer academically due to this horrible proposed rule. The internet is a highway of information; you can't have different speed limits for different drivers. There must be one level, and that's it!
—Alejandra Garcia, Austin, TX

The proposal is atrocious. ISPs need to remain common carriers. Do the right thing, not the selfish thing.
—Austin Harper, Moreno Valley, CA

Please keep ISP 's as common carriers.
—Macy Neblett, Lumberton, NC

Because internet is a UTILITY, like gas, electric, and water. No one deserves a "slow dirt road," especially when other countries HAVE ALREADY FIGURED THIS OUT. If there wasn't so much legal corruption, we would not even be having this conversation.
—Katie Jones, Grand Rapids, MI

Please protect our right to neutral internet access. The Common Carrier is viable & workable.
—Jon Edgar, Ballwin, MO

Net Neutrality is one of the most important issues concerning Young Adults of this and later generations because there is little to no competition when it comes to ISPs, so when they can and WILL play foul and we have no way to fight back against it, we'll be paying the consequences when the somebody's speech is considered worth less than others, and they are handicapped as a result. PRESERVE NET NEUTRALITY!
—Jon LeNeveu, Cincinnati, OH

The internet is one of the great equalizers, and allows every one to have a voice, be heard and attempt something wonderful. By getting rid of net neutrality you allow those who already have the means to monopolize attention, business etc. This goes against what we as Americans stand for.
—Jordan Kearns, Kirkland, WA

Because an open internet is invaluable for the spread of information and creativity.
—Ryland Swearinger, Urbandale, IA

Splitting up the internet would be discriminatory, harsh and unjust. Leave it alone. Net neutrality was the premise and it works fine for all. Do not let corporations manipulate the status of this, too.
—Christina Hammermeister, Munster, IN

Net Neutrality is central to a free society and a well informed populace. To remove it would be catastrophic for learning and the free flow of information among people not only in this nation but across the globe. People have a right to access information without being subjected to unnecessary barriers that only benefit telecom companies and not the customers they serve using the infrastructure subsidized by the very taxpayers that they are trying to restrict access to. Please do not kill net neutrality. The availability of free information depends on it and with it, our ability to stay informed and enlightened people.
—Andrew Saldana, Portland, OR

Please, do the right thing and reclassify ISPs as common carriers. It's the best (if not the only) way to assure that all Americans get fair access to the Internet. Respectfully, John I. Clark Mayor Town of Ridgway, CO 81432
—John I. Clark, Ridgway, CO

I already sent you a letter regarding my concerns about Net Neutrality. Please, for the sake of the creators, customers, and consumers of internet content, preserve the internet and don't let a two tiered system be implemented.
—Kyle Holt, Berkeley, CA

Internet access should be a right, as it is so important to everything from education to every day life. Please do not end Net Neutrality, it is simply discrimination. It helps corporations use knowledge as a weapon, instead of allowing it to empower the population.
—Laurel Wiley, Fort Collins, CO

The internet was built by a community of all different backgrounds, religions, ethnicities, and cultures. While those freedoms can sometimes be problematic, it is was has allowed for the internet to truly flourish as it has, truly encapsulating the things that I believe America was founded upon; that, with hard work and a bit of ingenuity, anyone can make it big. Any proposal that threatens a free and open internet, in my opinion, goes against these sacred values, moving our Great country ever closer to an outdated caste system. I sincerely hope you will support the future, not only of the internet, but of the people who might one day be able to contribute something of value to society through a free and open internet.
—Jared Kane Corbett, Tallahassee, FL

Net Neutrality is important to me specifically because I am allowed free access to everything the Internet provides, rather than a route created by paywalls and those who can afford the most bandwidth. it is important that every voice on the internet remain audible, even if they may not have money behind their microphone.
—Emma Guzman, Escondido, CA

Net Neutrality is vital for the internet and the communities it has built to thrive. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers!
—Hannah Musselwhite, Toronto,

Because losing net neutrality would be such a horrible let down from the one chance there is for people not involved in organised media to have a voice. Don't taint the internet's fundamentals.
—Amy Fleming, London,

ISPs should be classified as common carriers!
—Ruben Patlan Jr, Edinburg, TX

Commissioners, Please, Give us an internet that is the same for every person and every corporation -- after all, the corporations are people too! No corporation should have any more control over the internet than I do! Without Net Neutrality, ISPs like AT&T, Comcast, Time Warner Cable and Verizon will be able to block content and speech they don’t like, reject apps that compete with their own offerings, and prioritize Web traffic (reserving the fastest loading speeds for the highest bidders and sticking everyone else with the slowest). The tools ISPs use to block and control our communications aren’t different from the ones the NSA uses to watch us. Whether it’s a government or a corporation wielding these tools or the two working together, this behavior breaks the Internet as we know it and makes it less open and secure.
—Frank Shulse, Columbia, MO

The very core structure of the internet requires all content to be treated equally. Redefine ISPS as Common Carriers and keep the net neutral. For all intents and purposes the internet is a public utility at this point in history the same as municipal water, sewer, power, and phone.
—Brandon Dillard, Simpsonville, SC

My daughters deserve a world where they can express and ingest ideas without filters based on money.
—Canada Barber, Spanaway, WA

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Net Neutrality is important, because it takes away the differs between people. Its unfair to the less fortunate if the have to pay for something they really can't afford to get information and knowledge that should be accessible for everyone.
—Eiril Linge, Oslo,

Greetings, Please maintain net neutrality, one speed for all, as it currently exists. Better yet, make it felony to create any two or more tiered speed/access internet and impose draconian fines and penalties, i.e. put them out of business and/or someone goes to jail, if a company creates a multi-tiered internet. Already we see what AT&T, Comcast and Verizon in dividing up markets throughout the country has minimize competition amongst themselves and higher rates for service. I would like the idea of reclassify ISPs as common carriers subject to much more regulation. Thank you, John Tyler
—John Tyler, Rolla, MO

Net neultrality is important to me because without it users may have fewer options and a less diverse Internet. And, a pay-to-play Internet worries me because ISPs could act as gatekeepers to their subscribers.
—Carl Lawhead, Springfield, VA

Dear FCC, I'm in favor of net neutrality. It's the one thing that can help bridge the digital divide between the digital "haves" and "have nots." By allowing Internet Service Providers to create two-tier systems of service, the digital divide will only expand, providing even fewer services to those who can afford it least and benefit from it the most. If the digital divide grows -- and it's already fairly significant -- you're placing low- and middle-income consumers at an even greater disadvantage for educational, communication, service and entertainment opportunities online. Not only that, by throwing out the rules on net neutrality, the FCC removes a level playing field for innovative companies to provide content to consumers and businesses. Without innovation, the FCC could stifle entrepreneurship, economic growth and creative freedom in the flourishing tech industry and hurt the American economy as a whole. I ask that you continue to hold fast to your rules instead of bowing down to pressure from lobbyists and large corporations who have some of the lowest ratings for customer service of ANY industry nationwide. Why reward companies with poor service standards with the opportunity to increase those poor standards? By standing up for consumers, you will help keep America's technological future bright and allow the "have nots" to access the information they and their families desperately need. Thank you for your consideration on this important topic.
—Lorena Ruggero, La Mesa, CA

Because we can't let the cable providers limit the amount of websites I want to view. It's just another reason for them to have a monopoly on the consumer and I don't want to see my options dwindle down even further as an American.
—Ryan Leisy, Shelbyville, KY

Please define ISP's as utilities. I think the term is common carriers.
—Carl Gismondi, San Deigo, CA

reclassify ISPs as common carriers!
—Ms. Barbara Russum, Chicago, IL

It stifles innovation and a free and equal marketplace. It is un-American to not have net nuetrality
—Jason Debaugh, portland, OR

The Internet is a place whee people all around the word are able to exchange ideas, goods, and information freely. Stifling it is the same as stifling the right to free speech, stop trying to interfere and regulate the Internet
—Gage Ferreyra, Paso Robles, CA

Net Neutrality is important for internet based businesses and the only people benefiting are broadband providers who are large money making corporations
—Andrew Clinton, Donegal town,

Please keep ISPs as common carriers. This is extremely important.
—Jesse Powell, Stratford,

This policy is discriminatory. Net neutrality should be preserved.
—Sydney, st peter, MN

The internet is as vital as electricity. It should be treated like a public utility -- a Title II entity. I have exactly one choice for broadband, and I live in a tech-centric city! The country's ability to compete depends on internet and should not be a market where corporate profit takes precedence over the public good. Don't allow providers to charge for faster delivery.
—Amy Hurlow, Seattle, WA

As a teacher, I have found so many resources shared by other teachers to make my classroom so much better for my students.
—Karin Abel, Burnaby,

I teach college classes using a Skype type technology. If net neutrality is broken, many of my students, who are trying to improve themselves and may not be able to afford a high speed connection, will not be able to attend my classes using this type of technology. This method allows students to continue to work, take care of children, and deal with other family issues while attending school. Please, treat internet providers just like the telephone companies, allowing more competition that would increase speed while decreasing costs.
—Tamara VandenBerg, Holland, MI

please keep isp's as common carriers
—Roddy, Pflugerville, TX

please keep isp's as common carriers
—Niki, East Bernstadt, KY

please keep isp's as common carriers
—Robyn, Acworth, GA

As a creative person, I like making art and sharing my views and my beauties with anyone who will listen. That is one of the best principles behind the internet - you can find people you'd never meet in real life, be exposed to material that changes you forever...It's a constantly evolving informational hub, and if we don't have net neutrality then we are stopping the evolutionary process. New people won't be able to reach the forefront of the internet, because the download speeds imposed on them by ISPs mean that traffic to them will be reduced. The internet doesn't work without change, and you're proposing to facilitate a system that impedes change. Also, ISPs are rich and powerful enough already. Christ. They probably have enough money in their sofa cushions to satisfy Scrooge McDuck. Reclassifying ISPs as common carriers would be the best thing to do for the good of the internet and its users as a whole. Please, if you're going to turn to utilitarianism for anything, do it for this.
—Dani C, Warwick,

Entrepreneurship. Art. Knowledge. Communication. Innovation. Community. News. Commerce. Entertainment. Health. Navigation. Freedom.
—Liz Hunt, Seattle, WA

The ability to connect to each other through the Internet has become a critical part of how our society functions in the 21st century. Look past the entertainment, but schools are using it to teach a wider student body, hospitals are using it to better serve their patients, families are using it to communicate with each other across great distances. Creating a tiered system is not the issue, but who controls it can become a big problem. As a common carrier, or better still, a public utility, there would at least be checks to prevent misuse, misuse that would lead to isolating the people who depend on this technology just as anyone else, but won't have the ability to access it. This will ultimately hurt everyone.
—Karume Deco, Los Angeles, CA

Net Neutrality is important to me because it gives everyone the ability to offer the unique talents for everyone else to view on a level playing field where anyone can make it big.
—Bradley Gullikson, Burnsville, MN

I would NOT want to pay extra just to have a internet connection with good speed! Keep the playing field even on the internet please!!!!
—Joe Williams, Dallas, TX

I am an independent artist and storyteller who relies on the internet to show my work and communicate with my fans. I already have to pay an ISP to do this, and now you want me to pay an ISP a second time to remain competetive as a content creator. Already Comcast has a monopoly on high speed in my area, charging ever more exorbitant fees for ever shoddier service. This alone shouldn't be legal; how can you consider allowing them to double dip on the content provider side as well? The internet is the backbone of our new economy and ISPs have no right to be the gatekeepers who decide who gets to participate and who doesn't. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers and end this nonsense.
—Naomi Craig, Brattleboro, VT

Net neutrality is important. It provides equal treatment of all, and allows ALL of us - no matter how rich, how poor, a heavy or light user - to easily communicate and conduct business without interference from a third party. If it ain't broke. Don't fix it!
—Leslie Ruby, Middletown, MD

I believe that Internet Service Providers, like AT&T and Time Warner, should be classified as Title II Common Carriers and treated like Utilities. This would effectively implement Net Neutrality.
—Gerre Gannaway, Austin, TX

Please designate ISP s as title III common carriers. Our internet providers already act with impunity regarding pricing and customer service. I don't want to pay twice for access and content. Do the right thing for all of us.
—David Dunn, Panama City beach, FL

Pleas keep ISP's as common carriers
—Manuel Rubio, North Las Vegas, NV

Maintain net neutrality; internet access is a utility for us to decide how to use. Please classify ISP's as common carriers.
—Ron Ipson, Denver, CO

Don't let the cable companies make the rules, the people have spoken and we want Net Neutrality
—Jared Zumwalt, Peoria, AZ

I like the way the internet is. Please don't send the internet into a black hole of death. Thanks.
—Dustin Klaich, DeKalb, IL

please keep isp's as common carriers. internet content should be accessible to everyone on an even playing field. there should not be better service to the rich folks and crappy service to less well off people. a website should not have to be run by a large corporation for its site to load quickly either. the internet is for everyone, equally.
—D Butler, Montgomery, NY

This is the only opportunity to stop unethical corporations from greed and will help to foster growth on small business owners to help our economy grow. The internet must remain free and available to all that wish to use it.
—Lise koegler, corona del mar, CA

Net neutrality is something that the public will have, one way or another. From the beginning of human history, certain members of our species have been trying to charge the rest of our species money for just about everything under the sun. There has never been a single instance where some enterprising soul couldn't find a way around the price tag. You can try to regulate the internet to make a profit, but you simply can't stop the rest of society from either finding a way around your greed or simply coming up with something better that costs less. So do yourself a favor and quit while you are ahead.
—Thomas Sorensen, Carson City, NV

Please keep ISPs as common carriers. An internet for all is essential for business, innovation, education and human growth. Net Neutrality ensures that.
—Adi Tantimedh, New York, NY

I am an independent artist who respects Net Neutrality. My success hinges precisely because of the equal opportunity that the current internet system provides. Please, respect the net neutrality, give everyone an opportunity!
—Dalibor Dejanovic, East York,

Please keep ISPs as common carriers.
—Adam Eriksson-Skott, Skelleftehamn,

ISPs provide an internet connection, they do not provide the content that is on the internet. Therefore, it is unfair for them to pick and choose what type of internet connection for them to provide based on the content that is not provided by them. On that note, this would actually unfairly deprive the companies and businesses of customers on varying levels.
—Margaret Becker, Brooklyn, NY

I am Koven J. Smith, consultant for museums and former Director of Technology at the Denver Art Museum and manager of digital initiatives at the Metropolitan Museum of Art and the Indianapolis Museum of Art. As someone who has experienced firsthand the direct benefits that an open internet conveys on resource-poor institutions like museums, I implore you to re-consider this destructive course of action. Much of the discussion around the proposed FCC regulations has focused on the deleterious impact they would have on startup businesses and other emerging profit-based entities, but the effects of the proposed regulations on the museum community are potentially even more devastating. Galleries, libraries, archives, and museums collectively form the cultural backbone of the United States. Without them, a significant portion of the United States' cultural memory would cease to exist. In fighting with for-profit media and entertainment companies for attention and dollars, cultural institutions have but one competitive advantage: the richness of the content they produce. The proposed regulations, which would almost certainly ensure that all but the largest cultural institutions remain in the internet "slow lane," would effectively remove that competitive advantage. Companies and institutions that are able to pay to give their content preferred access to ISP subscribers will win. Galleries, libraries, archives, and museums will lose. This will have the unfortunate effect of gradually destroying these cultural institutions. The ability of an institution to generate attention via online channels and the financial health of that institution are tightly coupled. The proposed regulations would not only affect cultural institutions' online presences, they would, over time, lead to closure after closure. Please reconsider the proposed regulations, and keep the internet open. Thank you. This would amount to a slow death for the United States' cultural institutions. Unable to compete financially These organizations rely on the open internet in order to stay competitive with entertainment and media companies that increasingly compete for the same dollars and attention. The proposed regulations would all but guarantee these institutions would remain in the internet "slow lane" in perpetuity. Over time,
—Koven J. Smith, Denver, CO

Allowing corporations to create a tiered internet is corrupt and destructive. Leave the internet open, reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—James Greenwood, burnley,

Please keep Net Neutrality in its place. Ending Net Neutrality is ultimately bad for business and will ruin the online economy. It's not fair for people to pay more for faster internet. Those people who find out that they have to pay extra aren't going to pay more for the faster internet; they'll drop the service completely, hurting the companies that gave them access in the first place. The internet is fine as it is. Let's keep it that way.
—Claude Alaras, Rancho Cucamonga, CA

Net neutrality is important protects equal rights to communicate freely online. It is a right and should not be a privilege on a tiered payment system like cable. It must be protected so that everyone had access to information and the abililty collaboration online.
—Mandy Bottomlee, MILWAUKEE, WI

Net neutrality is very important for it allows the free expression of ideas and information. Such a resource method is best because of the law of perverse intention. For example your Chairman is a lobbyist and supported by cable corporations who have a monopoly over Internet Access. In addition a couple of years ago SOPA was revoked. But every single senator and representative, except Ron Paul, explicilate stated that they don't know anything about computers and technology. You as the FCC are probably the least capable people to create laws to regulate the internet. Not only due to self acknowledge lack of knowledge, general lobby cronyism, the increase of laws tangling the legal system. But the Internet is regulated by technology and mathematics. Tampering with this system is like "New Math" sounds good on paper. Garbage in execution.
—David Gorski, Chicago, IL

Reclassify internet service providers as common carriers; they are given access to land to provide a service for a profit and should also be held to providing public service.
—Ronald Ipson, Denver, CO

The internet must remain equal for all websites. Otherwise, innovation will be suppressed.
—John McGill, Crestline, CA

Please keep ISP's as common carriers!
—Lilo Lentz, Brabrand,

I manage my business through the internet. I do not serve content, I just manage non-internet operations online. A neutral internet has been key in allowing small businesses like mine to operate at least semi-competitively with the big guys. Don't let a few of the big guys get even bigger, at my expense.
—Debby Beatty, Las Cruces, NM

Because I thought monopolies were illegal I this country.
—Nicholas Bogue, Spicewood, TX

The internet is already expensive enough with advertisements taking up 50% of sites. We do not need to be told what suppliers get special treatment, anybody and everybody should be welcome online as they are now.
—Mike B, stratford, CT

We have to many no neutral things around controlled by those who should not. The internet is the last really free space.
—David Erosa, Tomares,

The Internet should be for everyone. It would not be fair AT ALL, if those rules were allowed to become in place. Internet service providers are providing me the internet and all of the internet and no substitutes will be excepted.
—Kayla Thompson, grand rapids, MI

In order to compete as an artist online against big corporations we NEED net neutrality! The proposed rules would hurt and discriminate against those of us who don't have the money for extra fees. Some of us are disabled artists and rely heavily on net neutrality! PLEASE reclassify ISPs as common carriers. PLEASE do not implement these proposed rules! Thank you!
—Celia Peyton, Rio Rancho, NM

please keep isp's as common carriers
—Jennifer Roberts, BREMERTON, WA

Discrimination isn't cool in the real world and it isn't cool here too
—Jack Lanigan, Wellingborough,

The internet is very much like a transit system - it's an infrastructure that people use to access multiple facets of their lives: employment, education, entertainment, and social interaction. If you allow these companies to cherry pick their clients and/or manner of service to specific clients, then you'll be telling the American public (loud and clear) that the "pursuit of happiness" is something that can, and SHOULD, be sorted and monetized by those in power. That doesn't sound like anything that should be condoned by a government "of the People, by the People, and for the People."
—Jo Liegh Evans, Henderson, NV

The Internet is our society's most important tool for Freedom of Speech and Expression. It is one of the last remaining truly level platforms. Netflix can win Emmy's and a guy can raise $50k to make a potato salad! Keep the potato salad funding alive!
—Matthew Chapman, Brooklyn, NY

The Internet is one of the last remaining "places" in civilization in which words and ideas mean more than money and titles. Protect Net Neutrality so every idea has equal chance to be heard. Let's keep the Internet doing what it was invented for: allowing exchanging and sharing of ideas and information for all.
—Sean M Cogan, Fort Wayne, IN

Dear FCC, I'm throwing in my comments at this time. I've seen quite a bit about this topic on the internet. I admit that on the surface it doesn't seem like such a bad idea. You make large companies pay for premium speeds. My problem is that it seems to be an arbitrary way for some big corporations to increase their profits without much effort. All they have to do is convince the government that this is a nessasary change to effect progress. But it's not really about progress. They are not pushing innovation. There's no new invention or product. They want to taking an existing product, call it something different, and charge a bundle to do so. The internet is a wonderful gift to the populace. It levels the playing field. It gives all people the chance to reach out to others and it's the masses that determine the value not companies. Thank you for taking the time to read people's comments and concerns. I hope you take it under consideration. Jennifer Eichelberger
—Jennifer Eichelberger, Pleasant Grove, UT

reclassify ISPs as common carriers
—Claire, Portland, OR

Net Neutrality is important to me because every person should have equal, and EASED access to information and resources.
—Chelsea, Waterford, MI

Net Neutrality should mean that "fast lanes" don't exist, otherwise paying for speed will become the status quo, and we cannot allow that because it would simply grow oligopoly's, like the internet providers, into larger profit seeking corporations while those would couldn't afford it suffered from lack of fair service. Please do not ruin the internet! You'll force jobs and people to places like Europe where net neutrality is already law.
—Jonathan R Perkins, Chicago, IL

The world is changing rapidly, in no small measure due to the power, ubiquity and openness of the internet. At this historically significant period in time, we ought to be moving towards increasing its availability rather than limiting it. To set up any possibility of better access for the wealthy and decrease access for the rest of humanity is short-sighted at best. We all need to secure its benefits, not just the few. I urge you to reclassify ISPs as common carriers and NOT to establish a two (or more) tiered system that favors those who can afford the additional costs. Thank you.
—Mr. Alan Teller, Evanston, IL

You need to do what is best for the common good of all people. (Not Supreme Court, businesses are people, people). Real human beings. Keep it fair for all.
—Jerome Grotthuss, Kenosha, WI

As a network admin, I know as sure as I am sitting here if you guys vote to give "business" faster Internet speeds because they can afford a premium price, ALL personal Internet browsing and purchasing is going to switch from home to business. This will only further reduce actual WORK for wages. On another note, it's the home consumers who spent retail dollars online that have brought a big piece of the GNP pie back to the table. Cut their speed or raise their access costs at your own risk.
—Melissa Allison, Boulder Creek, CA

Everyone should be able to access the same content. Children require internet access for education, it is the way families and friends who are miles apart stay connected, and how most of us work/live/play. Keep net neutrality!
—Shannon McCulloch, Norman, OK

Net Neutrality supports small businesses. Being able to build a low-cost website that loads just as fast as any other website encourages competition between online businesses, which is good for new, small businesses and the business world in general. Please don't let the cable companies screw everything up by selectively slowing down parts of the internet for companies that are little and can't afford to fork a ton more money over.
—Hillary Carter, Gainesville, FL

Please protect Net Neutrality and reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Carmen Jackson, Bellingham, WA

Please keep isp's as common carriers.
—Megan Morrison, Renton, WA

It ia absurd that the FCC is allowing companies to discriminate against their own customers. As our world becomes increasingly more digital, it is so important to maintain freedoms digitally that we, as citizens of the United States, enjoy in every other facet of our lives. Please rethink these actiona as they have far-reaching consequences in our society. Please don't create a situation that will only divide socio-economic spheres more than already is present in our nation.
—Mary Hinson, Garland, TX

Please vote no to net neutrality This country gives too much power to the giant media companies already
—William Watson, New Market, MD

Please do not create fast lanes and slow lanes it will prohibit growth in the online startup business I am in. Thank you
—John Gutierres, Mount Pleasant, TX

You need to classify ISPs as common carriers. The last thing we need in our recovering economy is this money = power struggles.
—Scott N Lehner, Madison, WI

Net Neutrality is discrimination of anyone without deep pockets to pay to not be in a slow lane and infringes on the very nature of what makes the internet great. I am disturbed by the utter lack of equality the FCC is interested in implementing and goes against the very core of the American spirit. Those in favor should be ashamed of themselves that they are willing to stifle the equality the internet is so vital for as well as the innovation it has the potential to have.
—Hunter Bridwell, Grand Rapids, MI

I cant imagine a world where writers cant tell the world what they think, where mucisian dont have the means to get listen to, or where game creators cant make someones day easier... Well, actually i lyied, because that was the world before, when internet was just a crazy dream, something impossible. I think i dont need to explain this anymore, net neutrality makes real the craziest dream humanity have ever dream of, globalization, long distance interactivity, and way of making your dreams come to life.
—Agustin Nicolas D'Alessandro Torres, Mendoza,

Net Neutrality is the First Amendment of the Internet. Monetizing the flow of information that the internet provides will do incredible damage to everyone! Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Kallyn Hunter, Fort Collins, CO

I strongly feel that the FCC needs to reclassify ISPs as common carriers. My livelihood depends on my ability to distribute content to my clients and listeners, and if the rules are changed to the degree in which the FCC currently proposes it would mean that I could not compete and would thus need to find a new career.
—Andreas Kotsamanidis, Brooklyn, NY

The Internet is the greatest information/ communication tool ever devised. It is a Public Trust, created for the Public with taxpayers' money. It should not be tirned over to large corporations for private gain.
—Kevin McCann, South Windsor, CT

Allowing corporations to create a tiered internet is corrupt and destructive. Leave the internet open, reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Emily Davis, Bloomington, IN

The internet should be a free and open resource for all. Information needs to be democratized.
—Carlos Manriquez, Eau Claire, WI

net neutrality is important to me ,as I am poor but hard working. I dont think our cable providers should make more profit from something that should remain public, I believe the American public demands NET NEUTRALITY listen , and dont sell us out !
—Mark Vanatter, Jamestown, NY

I am already fighting with Time Warner Cable over the poor service they provide. Things will only get worse if the FCC approves these rules. Please save Net Neutrality. Thank you.
—Susan Johnston, Cape Elizabeth, ME

The big internet service providers have enough of a monopoly, we don't need them disrupting the freedom of the internet itself.
—Jon Adams, New York, NY

Dear FCC, Don't be stupid and kneel to tyrannical cable companies on this! The Courts are foolish and not executing the will of the people which is to have a internet at a fair price and not a tool to be used for extortion. Appeal this ruling and be one of the few government organizations that works for the people! DO NOT BE A DINGO!
—Jeremy Holloway, Reston, VA

Net Neutrality is essential to to maintaining freedom of expression. It is key to the maintenance of a democratic society. When the wealthy speak so loudly (with these proposed internet fast lanes) the rest of us won't be heard. Please maintain Net-Neutrality. It's a critical part of our democracy.
—Steve Vaughan, Urbana, IL

Dear FCC, Please throw out your new rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers!
—John Adams, Lompoc, CA

Please reclassify Internet service providers as common carriers. Your proposals are not fair. Most can't pay the higher costs.
—Alan Keefe, Bryan, TX

The internet is now the telephone of this century and should be regulated in order to ensure that all participants can obtain the experience they want without having to pay additional tolls. Classification as a common carrier is simple, predictable and has the added benefit of being functionally true from the consumer viewpoint. Finally, the ability of an ISP to impose its values on a captive population of customers through use of tolls to obtain content is unacceptable in what up to now has been a free society.
—Michael Kaufman, Dallas, TX

We all deserve the freedom that internet brings... It's so important to education and information for all. So many factors that have made our lives better since the invention of the internet. Please don't take away that right in the name of greed. Please don't choose who should have the freedom of ready information and who shouldn't. The internet brings people together in a way that letters and phones never could. Some people think that it widens the gap between us... I think that it has closed many gaps. Please keep the internet available for all!
—Jessica Hazel, Denver, CO

Please keep ISPs as common carriers
—Luka Arden, Cambridge,

Dear FCC, I am pro-Net Neutrality. I do not want my internet to be governed by a cast system. Look at how well that is working for India. Cast system anyone?
—Don, NORTH MIAMI BEACH, FL

The internet has traditionally (albeit a short tradition) been a forum in which all voices are given opportunity be heard, for better or worse. Seems like a slippery slope when some are given microphones and others are given duct tape to put over their mouths.
—Cheryl R, Clermont, FL

Without net neutrality ISP's will become even bigger monopolies and that is bad for fair competition and innovation. I live on a fixed income and can barely afford ISP rates now but at least now I get just as much speed and access as people that can pay more. These new rules would give ISP's too much power. It's bad enough I live in an area were I only have 1 choice for highspeed wired internet. Since AT&T does not feel our area is worth the cost of extending their highspeed internet I am left with only TWC, I can't get FIOS or any other cable provider because my area only has AT&T phone service and TWC cable. How is that fair competition? I understand these companies want to make money, but they should have to do it like every other good company, by providing a service people are willing to pay for and not by forcing more money out of us for less service. If you are going to create such an unfair advantage for these ISP's then at the very least make them share their network infrastructure with every other ISP so that as consumers we can choose any ISP no matter where we live. I should have access to Verzion or Charter or any other ISP so that I can choose the best deal. AT&T offers Uverse less than 1 mile from my home yet they can't even offer me DSL here. AT&T has no incentive to spend the money to get me highspeed internet because this area is small and low income and they have no fear of losing me to a competitor because they know Verzion doesn't service my area. This is crazy and yet now these ISP's want even more power? Let the net be neutral!
—Kyle Wallington, Corona, CA

The internet should be free.
—Matthew Long, Lowestoft,

I do not trust AT&T, Comcast, Verizon et all... with the power to select which websites get the most traffic. This is pretty much what your proposal will do. They will be incentivized to strategically slow access to the online content they deem to be inconvenient, be it politically or financially. This will also greatly inhibit innovation at the ground level. If someone creates a new application that directly competes with an already established application (Facebook just immediately to mind) their service will necessarily be slower than the established giants because they cannot afford the rate hikes for faster service. These new rules for the internet in the US do absolutely nothing worth doing and accomplish plenty that ought to be avoided. Do not do it.
—Evan Johnsen, Santa Rosa, CA

No more money into the pockets of internet providers. They should all provide the same service to everyone without special perks to those that can afford it. Please keep net neutrality.
—Valorie Stockstill, Phillipsburg, KS

Because Fuck Time Warner, thats why.
—Sam Mogil, New York, NY

I can't honestly believe that the FCC is even considering putting an end to net neutrality. Please, please, do the right thing and keep the internet a level playing field for everyone. Thank you!
—Steve Decker, Provo, UT

I am absolutely outraged. As a Founder of my own Internet business, I am very angry at the prospect that priority would be given to others. Limiting the speeds of my clients will greatly affect our business, and cause various issues. This movement is selfish, unjust and absolutely not your decision to make. There is no one owner of the Internet. Back down, and learn to accept that you cannot control everything. "God bless America"? If I was religious, I'd highly doubt that. Check yourselves.
—Ethan Gates, London,

Please reassign ISPs as common carriers. This is maddening.
—Jennifer Laster, Pasadena, CA

Dear FCC, I'm in law school and I'm suspicious of the idea that regulations that prevent ISPs from imposing slow lanes will be any different than regulations that allow them to sell access to fast ones. All content provision online should be neutral. As I understand it, the simplest regulatory framework to achieve that is to treat ISPs as utilities. What they provide (communication) shouldn't be something they can charge people of different browsing tendencies (or different politics!) differently for. Thanks & regards
—Kelley Meck, Portland, OR

Equal Internet speeds are vital to a myriad of different businesses around the country and the world. Why should I or anyone I know be subjected to slower speeds because we're not among the wealthy segment of the population? We need Net Neutrality to remain and not be gutted by your proposed changes.
—Tina Stitzer, Pembroke Pines, FL

For safety, not for me. Think about it this way: So many disabled stuck indoors for the most part or can ONLY use the internet to interact. Now take that away from them. The ones that depend on it most may want to get whoever took it away from them, there are unstable people kept in line for the most part because they can see and talk to people. Take that life line away, a few may retaliate towards the public or go after officials. For those that barely make enough now, they may lose their internet. Then you lose people and paying customers. Also it will open a whole new pirating, someone somewhere will invent a 'free' or 'cheap' alternative then all the providers lose. It'll be pirating worse than music or television.
—Lynn, Picayune, MS

Net neutrality is important to me not only as a gamer, but as someone who understands that all classes use the internet. If you force people to pay more for an "upper-tier" internet, you're going to vastly limit people of lower/ middle class from using it for their own purposes. Net Neutrality is like a single highway, and everyone uses it regardless of how expensive their car is. Your plan is like forcing everyone with a cheaper car to use the circuitous dirt roads to get to their destination.
—Mike Waska, Hibbing, MN

Please leave the internet a balanced playing field where we all have equal access to all websites. Net neutrality is a good idea and has worked well. Don't make me pay twice for internet access.
—Amy Viveiros, Portland, OR

I find that Net Neutrality is an important part of a free and open internet. Without it a handful of companies will be able to control what I see and what I will be able to do on the internet. Losing Net Neutrality will also hurt start ups who would not be able to afford the fees necessary for anyone to use their services. Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers so that the internet is not ruled by a select few. Stop thinking about your own private pocket book and start protecting the ideas and innovations of the people you serve.
—Samantha Bowman, Harper, IA

please keep isp's as common carriers
—Matt Wolber, Hobart, IN

The internet has always been and will continue to be a huge part of my life. I use it to conduct my freelancing. With the already growing lack of choices in who provides the internet (and terrible customer service that comes with that), gimping the net even more by allowing these providers even more control will completely destroy the internet. If you pay for services, why should you have to pay more just to even use those services at a viable speed? The US is already severely behind the world in net speeds, why make it worse?
—Joel Finney, Dry Fork, VA

As a business owner, I am absolutely baffled by this proposal. It would stifle innovation, which is necessary for progress. Scrap these rules. Tell ISPs that if they want more money, they have to provide better service. This is how every other business in America operates. They aren't an exception! The government does not exist to bolster corporation's earnings. Protect Net Neutrality!
—Philip Beck, Milton, GA

Us below the top are already getting squeezed wherever possible (rent/mortgage, student loans, low paying jobs...) please keep the internet, our greatest venue for freedom of speech, open and neutral. Of course big business ISPs want this, they'll be able to charge us more and please their stockholders. ISPs should be classified as utilities.
—Nicholas Postorino, Seattle, WA

We already pay the most for one of the poorest quality internet service of any developed country in the world (except perhaps Austrailia). The fact that the FCC wants to provide a means for an even larger profit margin for these underperforming content providers is shameful. Internet service needs to be made a utility. ISPs need to be reclassified as common carriers.
—Dennis Niemoeller, Concord, CA

The plan to create a two-tiered Internet to provide a fast lane to service providers who would pay high fees for it and a slow(er) lane for everyone else is both unwise and destructive to our society. The Internet should be a place where ALL users are equal, not convenient only for the rich. Please reclassify internet service providers as common carriers. It is time the FCC started acting in the public interest rather than for the special interests.
—Ellen Anderman, Denver, CO

The end of net neutrality seems like a terribly anti-democratic idea that is both unAmerican and proves that you are working for corporations and their interests instead of the American people who you are supposed to serve.
—Brian Scala, Ridgefield, CT

Dear FCC, We need Net Neutrality to keep the cost down not only for the companies that are customers to Verizon and other ISPs, but also for the consumers of both ISPs and companies that provide streaming services. If everyone's prices go up we will continue to lag behind other countries who get higher speeds for lower costs. I am tired of mediocre internet speed for high prices as it is right now. Tiered internet would make my American internet experience that much more inferior to the 27 other countries already ahead of us in internet speed. We created the internet in the US yet we don't have the best speed, why? Now the worst idea ever (two lane speed discrimination) will put our internet experience in a much lower and separate class compared to other countries. Please don't help ruin my internet experience.
—Rey Velasquez, Los Angeles, CA

The internet needs to remain neutral. There should be no preference for company control, or government control. Controlling the internet is a violation of our American rights.
—Zane, Tempe, AZ

Net neutrality is important to me because without it there could be no innovation, which is necessary for progress. As a recent college graduate (aka an unemployed debtor), I am urging you not to kill Net Neutrality because of the detrimental effect it would have on the economy and therefore the job market. Tell ISPs that if they want more money, they have to provide better service. This is how every other business in America operates. They aren't an exception! If you give them this power, what's next? The government does not exist to bolster corporation's earnings. Keep the internet a level playing field; protect Net Neutrality.
—Meredith Beck, Milton, GA

Telephone and Internet circuits, whether copper or fiber, are often installed at the same demarcation point whether in a home or business. These carriers offer both services. How can one be differentiated from the other? ISPs should be classified at common carriers. Do not allow a handful of carriers to break Net Neutrality!
—Kathy Penick, San Francisco, CA

Please keep ISPs as common carriers.
—Dane, Littleton, CO

dear sirs & madams, i want the internet to remain free from interference from isp providers. i want the fcc to reclassify isps as common carriers. thank you. john krajkowski
—John Krajkowski, Stuart, FL

Please reconsider. This proposed plan of two lanes is going to open up monopolization in terms of what we can access. All it will do is cause problems for those who cannot afford the fast lanes and ultimately reduce productivity. It will just make one side very rich while the other side suffers even more.
—Abrian De Luna, Bronx, NY

I am a retired scientist Federal IT manager who has several websites providing objective, scientifically sound environmental information. I am pleased that educators from a number of different countries use my materials in their classrooms and with the feedback that I receive from students. I am a one person operation, make no money from my websites, and pay for my server time from my government pension. Yet, my sites have exactly that same standing on the Internet as those with far greater resources at their command. The fact that I, as an individual, can compete with the largest corporations on the basis of my content, not my resources, is the very essence of a free, open and neutral Internet. I, other individuals and small organizations, could not survive under a tiered scheme. I was introduced to internetworking by ARPANET and have watched the development and growth of the Internet with awe. The Internet was largely developed by volunteers, with openness and neutrality as the primary guiding principle. The Internet has not yet reached its full potential, but assuredly if it is to do so, this spirit of an open and neutral net must be preserved. In my opinion the best way of doing so is the reclassification Internet Service Providers are common carriers, and I urge you to do so.
—James M. Brown, Winchester, VA

I am Philip Leers, the project manager for digital initiatives at the Hammer Museum in Los Angeles, a UCLA institution. As someone who has experienced firsthand the direct benefits that an open internet conveys on resource-poor institutions like museums, I implore you to re-consider this destructive course of action. The proposed FCC regulations would have a devastating effect on the galleries, libraries, archives, and museums that collectively form the cultural backbone of the United States. Without them, a significant portion of the United States' cultural memory would cease to exist. In fighting with for-profit media and entertainment companies for attention and dollars, cultural institutions have but one competitive advantage: the richness of the content they produce. The proposed regulations, which would almost certainly ensure that all but the largest cultural institutions remain in the internet "slow lane," would effectively remove that competitive advantage. Companies and institutions that are able to pay to give their content preferred access to ISP subscribers will win. Galleries, libraries, archives, and museums will lose. This will have the unfortunate effect of gradually destroying these cultural institutions. The ability of an institution to generate attention via online channels and the financial health of that institution are tightly coupled. The proposed regulations would not only affect cultural institutions' online presences, they would, over time, lead to closure after closure. Please reconsider the proposed regulations, and keep the internet open. Thank you.
—Philip Leers, Los Angeles, CA

I think everyone reading these comments understands why net neutrality is important. The real question is weather or not you'll let corporate America have it's way because they're rich.
—Jason Halfacre, Easthampton, MA

Not interested Big Corporations getting their greedy way... we have too much of that ruining America these days. Let's keep ISPs as common carriers. Keep Net Neutrality!!
—Apryl Ashcraft, Austin, TX

Allowing 2 major monopolies to strong arm companies into paying more money for decent data transfer is ridiculous. The fact that the US has worse internet that most 3rd world countries is embarrassing. We are allowing Comcast and Time Warner to run a mob style operation is absurd.
—Jon, orlando, FL

Leave the internet open, please classify ISPs as common carriers. Net Neutrality is very discriminatory in itself let alone these additional rules - it sets itself up for much abuse do to the fact that a select few would control content and speed for such a vast clientele. Please leave control in the hand of the people. Go back to a free content web. Once you've experienced choice it's hard to go back.
—Tony Mederos, Glendale, CA

Please keep isps as common carriers
—K boulware, Irving, TX

This is America. The citizen's freedom to choose should not be compromised by greed. If my government cannot protect me from massive corporate abuses, it has not done it's job.
—Vivienne Fagrell, Mountain View, CA

Please keep net neutrality intact. I have no confidence that the large cable companies will continue to provide decent internet speeds for anyone but the highest corporate bidders.
—Benjamin Warner, Jamaica Plain, MA

The ISPs should be classified as utilities so the internet can remain the great source of free information that it has always been. Imagine if Iran or Saudi Arabia allowed certain websites preferential treatment over others: it could be dangerous to society! Oh wait, it already is! Don't let the U.S. suffer the same fate as Iran and Saudi Arabia.
—Alexzander Joseph L Wipper, Plymouth, MN

Net Neutrality is important because no one is supposed to own the internet. Not even filthy rich, greedy humans who've become consumed by their own health, living with Scrooge McDuck-syndrome. The internet is a public area, for use by the public. Much like a town square, it is a place where people gather to share stories, trade and be social in other ways. Charging for this is absurd. Net neutrality is important because the internet has become such a huge part of so many people's lives, surely including your own, that charging for it would be the direct opposite of progress.
—August Gaukstad, Oslo,

The Internet is a Public Good and as such should be equally available to users. The big corporations own enough, and control enough. Leave us the Internet.
—Demetria M. Shew, Shelton, WA

America is the land of the free, not the land of the "free if you can afford it." Net neutrality is important to me because I depend on open access to the internet in order to do my job. This proposal would mean the end to Net Neutrality. If you allow this to happen, what's next? It's also important to me because Net Neutrality is necessary for competition. Competition promotes innovation. We are a nation of innovators and that's what makes America great. Do you really want America to be average? I hope not. It's your job, as a government official, to protect the public...not enormous conglomerations that exist only to make as much money as possible while doing as little as possible. If you care about others at all, scrap these rules and do everything in your power to protect Net Neutrality.
—Elizabeth Beck, Milton, GA

Dear Chairman Wheeler: The internet is rapidly becoming the back-bone of all commerce in the U.S.; not just ecommerce but ALL commerce in general. From communications to research to productivity to marketing to sales, the internet is more than just entertainment and media. Rules that allow ISPs to create "faster" access from companies to customers affects more than just Netflix, Facebook, Google, or Spotify. It will affect IBM, General Motors, Boeing, GE, Walmart, etc., as well as small, local, "main street" businesses, as they will be forced to constantly negotiate their connection speeds to ensure that they can execute their businesses competitively and effectively. Under the proposed FCC rules, there is nothing preventing an ISP from setting a universal price for faster upload access that would be out of reach for 99% of all businesses in their service area, allowing only the biggest, well-established companies a serious competitive advantage with no recourse for a smaller business to pursue. While it may appear that allowing ISPs to charge for faster traffic is allowing an impartial marketplace to work, the infrastructure of the ISPs is not a fair, competitive landscape. Cities often contract with only one ISP to provide access to their citizens. Worse, the ISPs have over the last two decades clearly divided territories between themselves in order to not compete directly, thus assuring long-term, exclusive (and lucrative) contracts with local cities and counties. ISPs are more similar to utilities than they are to entertainment networks; the cost of entry for competition is very high in services like electricity, sewer, gas, and (until recently) telephony, and ISPs face the same high costs and logistical issues of building out physical networks to connect customers to their services. This, along with the de facto agreement between ISPs to not compete with each other, means there is no true, impartial marketplace promoting fair competition for internet services in most of the U.S. Access to, and content from the internet must remain free-flowing and unrestricted (but not unregulated) in order to maintain a competitive market in the U.S., not just for ISPs but for ALL businesses - established, new, or just starting up. Like access to electricity and sewer, the internet is now a necessity for doing business in the U.S. (I believe it is a necessity for all citizens in order to allow for the free-flow of information vital to our democracy). Allowing a non-competitive industry to control the flow of internet traffic without public oversight, and control it solely based on the need for the ISPs to generate more profits for shareholders, will lead to less competition, less innovation, and a loss of economic leadership by the U.S. Therefore Congress must be urged to categorize ISPs as utilities and allow the FCC to regulate them as they do the communications and network providers. The current proposal simply fails to keep the internet neutral and will lead to abuse, legal fights and court fees, and years of uncertainty and lost revenue for U.S. businesses. Please change the official FCC recommendation to classifying ISPs as common carriers needing regulation towards maintaining a neutral, open, and fairly priced internet for all citizens and businesses. Thank you for your time, Paul Tincknell
—Paul Tincknell, Healdsburg, CA

I think ISP's should be reclassified as common carriers. Without internet neutrality small businesses, especially freelancers, will not be able to do business on the internet. Since the internet was not created by internet service providers, there is no ethical or logical reason they should have authority to relegate anyone to second class service.
—Adrienne May, Port Chester, NY

Nearly everyone in today's modern world uses the internet to conduct their professional and private lives. It is a powerful tool that allows small buisnesses to grow, and entrepreneurs to flourish. As such, access to it should remain as equal as possible, and all content given equal treatment. Net Neutrality must be maintained. Reclassify ISPs as Common Carriers.
—Rhomni St. John, South Portland, ME

Dear FCC, Please keep isp's as common carriers! It's the right thing to do! Thank you.
—Susan Eisenberg, Beverly Hills, CA

Ending Net Neutrality is counter-productive to the benefits granted by the freedom of information in the Information Age.
—Dain Olsen, Warren, MN

ISPs should be reclassified as common carriers and net neutrality should remain intact.
—Catherine Newcomb, Minneapolis, MN

This is a classic case of big business versus the people - internet service itself is clearly a utility and should remain available without interruptions from providers. Even if they can't destroy the connections to sites they disagree with, they can still speed up connections to sites they do agree with, which is essentially the same thing. This is a movement by the people for the people. I know that you, representing those very people, will make the right decision.
—Jaden Hilgers, Wichita, KS

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.
—Jake Gano, Portland, OR

DO NOT ALLOW A TWO TIERED SYSTEM.
—Kris Salter, Canyon Country, CA

When you allow or endorse division between classes you admit to the world and the people that you represent that only the ones who are possesed of finacial superiority are worth your time and concern. Do not allow freedoms to be limited to only the wealthy.
—Brandon Chaddock, halifax,

Net neutrality is the only way to ensure that I have equal access to all the sources I want to read, hear, buy from and communicate with. The internet is a public space. Everyone should have the same window into that space; not a picture window for those with money and a peephole for those without. Internet Service Providers should be prohibited from establishing a tiered system of access, and rules established that guarantee a level playing field for source users of the internet. Kevin
—Kevin G Kachadourian, Oakland, CA

Well done, FCC. Well done in succeeding to piss off the entire internet. We will not allow you to enable internet providers like Comcast and Verizon to become cartels/monopolies and make the internet impenetrable to new start ups. Net Neutrality must be maintained, and if you enable things to be worse on the internet, the internet will undoubtedly make things worse for you.
—Peter Craine, Gettysburg, PA

Please keep innovation and competition alive. ConEdison doesn't decide how much electricity is delivered to my toaster depending on which brand I buy. Why should Verizon decide how much bandwidth they deliver depending on which websites I use? A two-tiered internet is bad for the public and bad for the economy.
—Peter Wise, Stockbridge, MA

Money should not rule the world. As it is we are paying exorbitant amounts for internet. Now you want a two tier level? That's just not fair!!
—Kathy Khalehpari, Beverly Hills, CA

Dear FFC, I'm a college student, aspiring writer and video maker, and overall lover of creative things. Net Neutrality allows me to easily put my story ideas online and get feedback from my peers regarding if I should write those stories or not. More than that, some of my projects for school require that I use lesser known sites and youtube, and make sure I have people view them. I need Net Neutrality so that my things can be viewed by people and I can have more people discover what it is I do. Without Net Neutrality, I can't reach people who may be interested in my work. Furthermore, Net Neutrality also allows me to find singers, artists, poets, and bloggers who aren't very well known, but are still amazing. Without Net Neutrality, I would be unable to view the content that some of these people have put out, and many people who have the chance of becoming incredibly popular, or already have due to what they produce, wouldn't have that chance if Net Neutrality was eliminated. The little guy would have to face even more struggles to make it big in a world where effort and talent from people who don't have access to fancy technology often is ignored in favor of things that are produced by bigger businesses, but are of a lesser quality. Thank you, J
—Joelle, stafford, VA

I am thoroughly disgusted by how disingenuous the FCC is being with Americans about Net Neutrality. How can you be an organization for the people where you consistently trust corporations to do right by people when history has proved over and over that they will take profits over people. Net Neutrality is necessary for all future generations. Do the right thing and don't give in to corporate interests for a change.
—LaToya Dixon, Greensboro, NC

The internet works just fine the way it is so back off. By limiting what I can and cannot see on the internet interferes with my freedom of speech, a basic right as an American.
—Jill Hartlage, Charlotte, 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. 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.
—Zack Reph, Monroeville, PA

Please, we want the internet to be a fair place where anybody, regardless of appearance, personality, or love interests. Nobody should have to be shut out and let their voice not be heard, because we all need to have somebody listen to us. This is not a fair policy and I am against it and wish you would please stop trying to make the internet an awful and boring place.
—Joey Schmidt, Rolling Meadows, IL

Preserve Net Neutrality. Do not act like another coin operated corporate corpse, like most of DC. Don't listen to corporate pureed corruption vomit. Instead, listen to the structured arguments of thoughtful, multi-dimensional people. The blind obsession with money over everything else is very, very stupid for biological organisms such as ourselves. Just say NO to MINDLESS monetary suicide of the human species, and start by preserving Net Neutrality. The first amendment requires freedom of speech, and you will be held accountable for any violation thereof.
—George Conrad Gourley, Denver, CO

I have access to one ISP and one ISP only. There is no competition in my service area. If my ISP decides that I need to be relegated to the slow lane because the stuff I like isn't making them enough money, I have absolutely no way to "vote with my feet." Please reclassify ISP's as common carriers so that they are not allowed to make profit-and-loss decisions by manipulating my access to the Net.
—Allyn Zelenka, Apple Valley, MN

Whats the point of living in a "free country" if there is no way to express our freedoms. The ending of net neutrality would be just another example of large cooperation's increasing their profits, at the expense of the everyday working person, and we see what that brought us in 2008 until present.
—James Allen, provo, UT

The internet is today's vital information infrastructure as much as the mail or the phone line has been in the past. It is absolutely necessary to preserve open and equitable access, to extend it to all, and to prevent ISP from placing tariffs on the services traveling the internet trunk and branch lines. Tariffs once placed a deadly weight on commerce before nation-states outlawed them, hindering economic development. It could happen again. Competition is no solution to providing customers with good access because there is so little competition. At my residence in urban, wealthy Southern California, I have only one provider of broadband available. I argue that the internet, as the successor to the telephone and mail, needs to be regulated under Section II.
—Jim Hess, Irvine, CA

The consequences of continuing down this path with only leave a few in power, and we have enough of that in real life. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Protect net neutrality.
—L Arenas, santiago,

Potato aim brooo. Fuk an bitch
—Senpai Noticeme, Long island,

The Internet is the last bastion of Democracy. You cannot allow private corporations to determine what users should be able to receive the most quickly. This is a serious challenge to the American ideals of free speech and equal opportunity.
—Shelley Schanfield, Ann Arbor, MI

Eliminating Net Neutrality forces those incapable of paying the extra fees to properly use a resource that has and should always be open to the common man. Students who already contend with extremely harsh work conditions will be forced to choose between their education and possibly some of the bare necessities. As we move into a digital age, let's not segregate the social classes any further.
—Daniel Berrios, Allentown, PA

I use the internet daily.
—Austin Tyler, roswell, GA

Dont fuck this up, States.
—Keegan, Waterloo,

Please preserve the economic equality inherent in the present structure of the internet!
—Nikolaus Hildebrand, SANTA CRUZ, CA

So goes the Internet goes this Country!
—Rich Bornfreund, Cape Coral, FL

Will simply allow the rich internet services to monopolise the internet and promote their service
—Calum Hanchett, Worcestor,

This could ruin people with jobs that require a fast Internet by making a simple 10 minute job last much longer then it should.
—Jacob, Mulberry, FL

Entertainment for a lot of people
—Henry Gomez, Yuba city, CA

Please, for the future of the internet, and what has been born because of it, such as eSports, Twitch, Netflix, and many other things, please do not allow the end of net neutrality.
—Dan Mazzo, Plantation, FL

Dear FCC, don'y mess up.
—Manav Kaushik, East Windsor, NJ

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Stop discrimination against consumers who cannot afford extra fees for quicker internet. Retain Net Neutrality.
—Tracy Chapman, Virginia Beach, VA

It is fair, equal and just. To pass this plan would only be done so for the greed of those in power. Do not let this go through. Thank you
—Emily Pillai, Fullerton, CA

If Net Neutrality happens. The entire world is gonna get hit by it, not just America.
—Ben Cree, Leicester,

With a two-tiered internet plan,Internet service providers (ISPs) will more than likely pressure large internet companies (like Google or Amazon) into paying large amounts of money for "faster" service. This deal will result in billions of dollars in revenue for ISPs who would then be able to strong arm any company for money if they wanted "faster" service. However, this process will also hurt any internet company that doesn't give in to such mafia tactics. The ISPs will purposefully hinder anyone who doesn't comply with their demands which will in turn result in those companies losing much of their current customers and traffic due to "slow connection". Not only that, but internet service providers could purposefully discriminate against companies they don't like and not allow them to have fast internet, essentially killing their business. This is why the FCC must reclassify ISPs as common carriers so that all internet is treated equally, with no room to discriminate or strong arm companies into paying ridiculous fees for internet that should be free. This is the only way to protect Net Neutrality. If there is no net neutrality, there is no internet. Net neutrality is the First Amendment of the Internet, the principle that ISPs treat all data equally. As an Internet user, net neutrality is vitally important to me. The FCC should use its Title II authority to protect it. Most Americans have only one choice for truly high speed Internet: their local cable company. This is a political failure, and it is an embarrassment. America deserves competition and choice. Without net neutrality, a bad situation gets even worse. These ISPs will now be able to manipulate our Internet experience by speeding up some services and slowing down others. That kills choice, diversity, and quality. It also causes tremendous economic harm. If ISPs can speed up favored services and slow others, new businesses will no longer be able to rely on a level playing field. When ISPs can slow your site and destroy your business at will, how can any startup attract investors? My friends, family, and I use the Internet for conversation and fun, but also for work and business. When you let ISPs mess with our Internet experience, you are attacking our social lives, our entertainment, and our economic well being. We won't stand for it. ISPs are opposing Title II so that they can destroy the FCC's net neutrality rules in court. This is the same trick they pulled last time. Please, let's not be fooled again. Title II is the strong, legally sound way to enforce net neutrality. Use it.
—Steven Lambert, Orem, UT

People with more money should not have extra privileges. My mom works a job that, if needed to work from home, requires Internet connection. The job, combined with my stepfather's, barely pays enough to support the family (three kids including me, my mom and stepdad, and my stepdad's mom as well as 3 cats). Not to mention all of the family members use the Internet for at least a half an hour a day.
—Acacia Torbert, Mesa, AZ

The Internet is completely rebuild able. Trying to censor it would be a waste of your time and money as a new "web" could be created in just hours. We will find a way around it. Porn is awesome. Youre also not getting a real name and address so fuck you pussies.
—FFC Like Dong, Twathead,

dont do this please i beg you
—Matt Gillan, beverly, MA

Some people need the internet to do their jobs! Whether it be at a office or at your own house. To make people pay extra just for them to be able to do their job at a consistent level is just stupid. We will not stand for this.
—Brandon C-Reyes, Plainville, CT

Your proposed "fast lane" idea is one of the most profoundly stupid ideas of our time. How do you expect small businesses to thrive and grow in a time where online exposure can mean life or death for a business? The fact that you have even written out this law shows that you no longer care about this country or the people that live in it. You only care about large corporations that offer the most money. Please re consider this.
—Jack Basnight, Manteo, NC

Why would you want to ruin the internet like this how about you leave us alone! Screw you and your plans!
—Nick Basti, pepperell, MA

The internet was never meant to be controlled. That's what makes it the most useful tool on the planet.
—Carl Zinkl, CROSS LANES, WV

Dear FCC, Please reconsider ending Net Neutrality. It is the only place where we can openly voice our opinions.
—Cody Swearingen, Caddo Mills, TX

The internet should be equal to all not the highest paying company
—Daniel Sanchez, Torrance, CA

FCC reclassify ISPs as common carriers, throw out your horrible rules. Your consumers will not stand for this if this is allowed.
—Nathan Cardenas, Rialto, CA

I'm am one against discrimination and if you think it's all right to allow certain providers to discriminate against its users, then that's just downright horrible. Net Neutrality needs to freaking stay. If this whole thing goes through, just imagine what other horrible things will be allowed.
—Jeridan Garcia, El Paso, TX

Please keep the internet free for all! It needs the open source that it is now because then every human being can have open access!
—Isabelle Rodriguez, Bellingham, WA

Because it lets us express freedom which is what America is known for!
—Mia Markova, Oklahoma City, OK

Breaking net neutrality destroys freedoms and outlets that allow people in a modern world need and have come to rely on. Destruction of a freedom is the destruction of the few freedoms we have left. Diminishing these freedoms is the same as cutting off the hand of artists, writers and composers alike.
—Joseph James Ferguson, Portland, OR

I would like to browse the sites I love as they were intended to be browsed by their creators.
—Laura, Widnes,

I understand you like to make sure things are safe for people that its under control but the internet is a place of freedom and any change you think you can make will only strike you down. Please refrain from choosing to fight a battle with an entity you still don't understand. Or if you do understand and I do not could you clarify in some sort of open discussion on what you view the internet as so I can understand better where you are coming from when you want to mess with it. Just in the end just reclassify ISPs as common carriers and stop this senseless favoritism of the business over the consumer.
—David Eling, Mishawaka, IN

The ability to freely browse the internet has had as much an impact on the world as anything. Taking the ability to be treated equally everywhere, especially the internet, devalues everything that the united states stands for.
—Gerald Louhhman, East Longmeadow, MA

Please don't give corporations more power over people.
—Kyle Slay, Smithfield, VA

Please allow net neutrality. Internet access cost enough already. Don't allow greedy corporations more control.
—Donna Cockrell, Jeffersonville, KY

This is terrible. Companies will use this as a way to discriminate and capitalize on the lower tier.
—Laney Centineo, Denham Springs, LA

Although the internet is provided by private companies, it is part of the FREE MARKET and should allow equal opportunities for companies and webpages to compete. Allowing providers to allow bidding for bandwidth speeds alter the playing ground and allows for an uneven advantage for those with the most money. It is decidedly anti-American.
—Amanda Price, Venice, CA

Your proposed internet rules are awful and should not be put in effect, do not treat people that use the internet as your money bags.
—Luis, Barranquitas, PR

The Internet is open, and should always stay open to everyone in the whole. To have a tiered system is unconstitutional. Think of those who can't afford to pay the second tier, likely these are people who cannot pay for most other amenities, why should both classes suffer? There could be times of crisis when information online is needed the most and they can't access it because of a slower internet, and if you think about it regionally, areas that have the low income won't be able to pay for the higher internet, meaning everyone in that area will be using an incredibly slow internet system that could just stop working due to all the people trying to get online. The creator of the web has status that the internet is meant to be open for everyone to use. It should not be controlled in this manner.
—Peter, Baltimore, MD

Please protect our future as independent creators.
—Chris, LAKE LOTAWANA, MO

Don't kill the internet. ISP's don't know what they're doing, they're run by greedy 50 year old idiots who barely understand what they sell.
—Kevin Mazalatis, Summerville, SC

The Internet is important to me because, as a designer and web-content creator, I need to know that there will not be barriers to entry for the new ideas and services that I hope to bring to the marketplace. If ISP subscribers have an easier time loading websites of existing companies than my new innovations or creations, there’s no way that I will have any hope of competing or succeeding.
—Arielle Oh, Los Angeles, CA

Net Neutrality is needed because we have to pay for too much crap nowadays anyway. Why add on to the amount of fees people have to pay towards? It's too much already.
—Noah, Russellton, PA

Get rid of this terrible idea. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Gabe, Fargo, ND

The internet should be a free place where one is allowed to go anywhere they want and be able to say what they want, as opposed to a system not unlike the one in place in Iran where the government censors much of what the citizens see. The internet should be a place of unlimited knowledge where you can learn about anything. Not a place to be censored so only certain things can be said and read
—Joseph Hammond, Pleasant Hill, CA

Education relies almost entirely on internet access now. How can you purport to envision a more creative populace at the same time that the opportunity for that is diminished?
—Wendy Fieser, Germantown, NY

As an IT security professional, I have a decent understanding of how the internet works. As a technophile, I know the possibilities that the Net could open up for future generations. The amount of innovation and prosperity that the future holds would be severely curtailed and likely disfigured if we don't protect net neutrality and designate ISPs as common carriers. Please consider the future, and protect net neutrality.
—Rose Howell, Clawson, MI

Please keep ISPs as common carriers
—Hayley Mintz, Malibu, CA

I have the free will to do anything on the internet. It doesn't restrict me of any rules in the internet.
—Ezzron, murrieta, CA

Please don't sacrifice the public's access to information and further degrade our economic wellbeing for the sake of increased profits for internet providers.
—Bryan Sudbury, Moab, UT

It's important because I'm an individual American who needs a branch of my government that's interested in my educational, work, research, and leisure activities, to protect me from larger and more powerful entities that have consistently proved themselves interested only in their own financial bottom lines.
—Michael J Worle, Fort Worth, TX

The richness of who we are, the breadth of our humanity is contained in our stories. And our stories should not be limited to only those who can pay to talk, sing, imagine, build and share their stories with others. That is what an open and neutral Internet does now with no "fast lanes" required. But what is required is the FCC must honor its sworn duty to serve the public interest. And to this end the FCC should reclassify the Internet as a public utility and prohibit corporations from fabricating a tiered system that restricts the stories we see, the voices we hear and the imaginative places our diverse communities can take us!
—Carlos Pareja, Brooklyn, NY

The stratification of accessibility to information is a slow, slippery slope into an even greater disparity among "classes" in our country. Please do not exacerbate this unfortunate by-product of our system; let's not commodify any further an American's ease of access to the 21st century.
—Janette Timm, Studio City, CA

Just leave the internet as it is. there is nothing wrong with it.
—Huib Koenen, Zuid-Scharwoude,

The internet is a human right and cannot be changed or altered to disrupt that right.
—Taylor Tootell, Saint Joseph, MO

It's like you guys aren't even trying to hide that this country's an oligarchy.
—Pahee Kustaa, St. Paul, MN

Dear God, no.
—Katie Diecker, Woodland Hills, CA

Because I like my fucking Internet how it is.
—Nicklaus, Thornville, OH

I already had someone telling me what I can and can't do... I'm an adult I can do what I want!
—Luke Peters, Bettendorf, IA

Classify ISPs as common carriers! Net Neutrality is good!
—Deepak Raikar, Daly City, CA

I have been a long term. If you are looking for a ransom the bus, and the rest of your choice of seats. This is a great time to get your hands on the phone. It was a little bit more about this product, which is a bit strange. This is an excellent opportunity to join us. We have a great deal of time. This will be a problem .If you let me know what you are looking for ransom to you by email. I am not a valid passport.
—We're at the moment which is about five., Melbourne, WI

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.
—Zachary, Badin, NC

A tiered internet is contrary to the needs of average Americans. You must listen to the people of this country. The wishes of a few companies does not outweigh the needs and the wishes of hundreds of thousands of Americans.
—Bryan Johnson, Portland, OR

These corporations don't need any more power. There are already enough fees placed on the middle and lower class people. We really don't need to pay these companies more, and this change would create another system where we are forced to come to terms with the fact that we can't afford as much as rich people can.
—Caitlin Smith, Lakewood, WA, WA

So everyone, no matter what income level, could access the internet for free education, information and entertainment.
—Elan, Mercer island, WA

No one has the right to monopolize the internet and they should NEVER have the right to do so! It should be equal to all to use, no matter how poor the individual is. Most schools and colleges use the internet for class homework. Theses students, no matter how poor, should be able to have the internet at home to do their homework on.
—Dee Williams, Hueytown, AL

We shouldn't give private individuals anymore power over such a large platform anymore. The statement that power corrupts is evident in history and now is no exception.
—Pete Flynn, Saint Petersburg, FL

Dear FCC, Net neutrality is vital to me. I live in the woods in a rural county in Georgia, and I don't have much in common with my neighbors. The neutrality of the net lets me engage in my weird hobbies like medieval Scandinavian history, even though not enough people are interested to pay for fast lane access. Please preserve the neutrality of the net.
—Doug Acker, Hartwell, GA

I don't want service providers to choose which Internet sites I can afford to access.
—Amy, Santa Maria, CA

please do not let the internet become another place where people with no money are discriminated against, we already have an uphill battle to climb every day and this would only make things harder for us
—Melissa Thomas, riverside, CA

Leave the internet alone please, I don't want it to turn into something like television where everything is dictated by whoever has the most money.
—Jahmssen, Calgary,

My life is pretty much based on the internet like with things to do, keeping up with my idols, and being able to talk to the people i care about most. This is hard enough already because my laptop is slow on pretty much everything. It sucks on my main social media site that i love, tumblr, and also any game i play to pass the time(i dony find sports or shopping or anything fun. I dont really have friends to do them with anyways.) The last thing i need is it to be even shittier. Besides, the job i want want when im older kind of requires nice internet. Im poorer than the depths of hell and i couldnt afford any extra costs if my life was on the line. Besides, social class descrimination isnt any better than racism and sexism. Some people might be poor for that reason too. To be honest, it kind of pisses me off this is even an idea to begn with. This county is turning into 'land of the free, oh, but only for the rich'. Basically, what im saying is i am 100% done tight now and these new rules can royally fuck off. Seriously, just reclassify ISPs as commom carries and make everyone happy oh my cod.
—Vala, Deltona, FL

Net neutrality is important because some people rely on it to make a living. Don't ruin a good thing please.
—Brent west, Parkersburg, WV

I'd rather the internet be run by people I trust than corporations made of money goaded out of the pockets of consumers.
—Pauline Christian, Redmond, WA

Net Neutrality is important to me because with it, I am absolutely garunteed the resources I need to complete a homework assignment or research necessary for a project. I don't need to worry if the access package I bought has what I need. Please FCC, keep the internet the way it is. Thank You.
—Raymond, Birmingham, MI

As an employee of a business on the web, I want to keep my job. If we must pay more just to reach our customers, the budget might shrink to the point I'm out on the street. Which means I'm dependent on the taxpayer. Not good for anyone.
—Graham Gibby, New Orleans, LA

The internet is no longer a luxury, it is a borderline necessity for consumers and working Americans. Eliminating Net Neautrality is a selfish act posed by the FCC and ISPs should be kept as the common carrier.
—J Miles Deckard, St. Johns, MI

I don't want to have to pay an exorbitant amount of money to worry slightly less about the possibility of ISPs dropping my internet speed based on arbitrary limits of usage. Also, it completely goes against the core of capitalism's free market that America prides itself on.
—Tim Berry, Reading, PA

Fuck you, if you do this im going to shove a modem up your asshole. That's your fucking reason to not piss off over half of the world.
—Anal Digsby, detroit, MI

Removing freedom of speech and making it neigh on impossible for new start up companies on the internet to strive is wrong.
—Joseph Hanlon, Abbotsford,

Well that's not really fair to the people who enjoy their time on the internet and now you're gonna make them pay even more for this if really don't expect any resistance or people coming to you complaining which is most of the country i may add well then you're sourly mistaken and with that i highly suggest that you back off from the internet and let it be.
—Joseph Marlatt, pottstown, PA

Inasmuch as the Internet is not broken, please do not try to fix it. Thank ypoy
—Steven Fey, Las Vegas, NV

I am an internet user. Net Neutrality is important to me because I want to know that I the content I'm viewing on the internet is openly sharable by everyone and not only by those who have the means to pay. Large companies already have too much power in this country, please reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Gabrielle Giese, Sutton, MA

Net neuteality is crucial!! Rethink your proposal
—Amy Lubbs, Longmont, CO

Please do not add a "fast lane" to the internet, that is inequality. Keep the internet equal!
—Sanjev, Oakland, CA

Bad regulation is very bad for the internet.
—Matt Lowry, Delmar, NY

Dear FCC, Please get rid of your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Silent Tweedle, Columbus, OH

This is a terrible idea. Please stop being greedy and trying to ring out every penny from the poor, when your already rich enough. The internet is for everyone, not just big companies.
—Brenda Lashmett, Redwood city, CA

Ending net neutrality would be bad for me, and most of the consuming public. Please be a regulatory agency that is for the people, not for the minority of people who will make huge profits on this.
—David, Williamsburg, VA

Please consider how Net Neurality can affect Freedom of Speech and do not the large corporations take over the net.
—Dennis Minick, San Francisdo, CA

Dear FCC: A tiered internet would greatly reduce the number of voices heard, the variety of news reporting, the check and balance on the government and the press that is so needed today. To take that away is to let those with more money control more of the story, hence creating an official story: one that independent voices would have a harder time getting heard in. I depend on those independent sources of information. It is hard for me to care about an America that doesn't embrace them, whether they are ones that introduce me to new music, or a DIY writer or artist, or a news story that doesn't make it to mainstream media, like the leaked contents of the TPP, a potentially world altering trade agreement that is being negotiated in secret and has barely been mentioned on mainstream media, or media analysis such as FAIR, which is one of the only online sources analyzing who appears as "experts," in the mainstream media. Or grassroots movements to make people aware of the science of climate change. That one in particular may have never made it into a mainstreamed, tiered internet into public consciousness at all without net neutrality. Right now, you have the flow of truth in your hands, and to trust it to the corporations to decide who gets the speed, and therefore, in the very near future, what the official story becomes, would be to repeat a scenario in which the outcome has been very well documented in mainstream media and politics: a dominant pro corporate truth. If you want to take a step further into an Orwellian world, this decision would certainly do that. Perhaps even more important is keeping internet commerce independent. Right now my family depends of money made from small independent web based businesses, as my wife is a web designer. If they have to pay more for access to the mainstream internet channels that everyone is on, it could potentially destroy one of our main revenue sources by making it harder for those people to survive introducing their products or services to new people. Look at the truth of inequality and realize that the concentration of wealth is making it harder and harder for the majority of people to have their voices heard, to be informed, to care about democracy at all. A free internet is essentially the last hope for such things. A tiered system will cast millions more into apathy, I promise you, since I know there are a lot of people who feel as I do. I doubt that is your intention. At some point granting freedom to corporations to do whatever they want means less freedom in the world overall. That is what this decsion to make a tiered internet would do: reduce the amount of freedom available to people. Please do not do this. Please do not accelerate America's apathy. Do the right thing. Keep the internet free. Imagine not knowing (or having the necessary information greatly delayed) about climate change because it's a story that threatens corporate interests, or corporate profits. That has already happened to some degree with current models of media ownership. Our survival might actually depend on this decision of yours. Do the right thing.
—David Simon-Baker, Granite Bay, CA

The internet should be a realm of free chaos, not contained by corporate bigwigs who want to get rich.
—Maya AP, Margate, FL

I will not stand for the 'End of Net Neutrality' as a citizen of the United States of America.
—Melissa L LaRoche, Los Angeles, CA

Don't mess with the internet
—Charles Wooldridge, Chandler, AZ

If this happens, then if Comcast doesn't like somebody, for example, they can just make it so that they never have a good experience online. Nobody wants that to happen to them. Do you? If you made your living off of online video games would you want the companies to be able to pick you to lose or win? Would you want all the people who aren't filthy rich to not get what they can barely afford?
—Hunter, Paint Lick, KY

Dear FCC, The internet is truly the great equalizer, the best-realized democratic vehicle ever created.To destroy internet neutrality is to destroy the democratic internet; it is to intentionally hamper the ability of internet users to share, collaborate, innovate, and speak freely across the common boundaries of time and space. Chairman Tom Wheeler's internet regulation proposal is a grave threat to the open architecture of the internet. I do not and will not support any violation of net neutrality. Regards, Jason Long
—Jason Long, Austin, TX

Dear FCC, Creating a two-tiered Internet is not only thoughtless but economically dangerous. It's practically akin to extortion, pay or your website will get slow speeds. This approach would stifle innovation and is just plain lazy. It could almost be called the Pseudo-Great Firewall of the United States of America, as this could potentially provide the means for the dissemination of propaganda. Come on US of A, you're meant to be a leader in technology, so lead the way and keep the net free.
—Stanley Yen, Melbourne,

Please do not neuter net neutrality!
—Ian D Sheldon, Ellicott City, MD

please do not approve T Wheeler's crazy plan to stratify the net into haves and have-nots. PLEASE KEEP THE NET NEUTRAL!
—Sophia Kuo, seattle, WA

Net Neutrality is important for the internet to thrive as a whole.
—Justin Cherry, Laguna Niguel, CA

I'm deeply invested in the concept of net neutrality and believe the internet should be equal for all users. I have concerns regarding the specific powers that would be granted to independent ISPs and am skeptical to say the least that this power will be used responsibly.
—Justin Pollard, North Hollywood, CA

Net neutrality is important to me because i am able to have fun with my friends over online games and that makes me happy and helps to escape everyday problems in life
—John Smith, Pittsburgh, PA

The world wide web is a shared collective of all human knowledge. Unfortunately, we must provide big corporations with money in order to scour the web. At this point, net neutrality makes this a decent business, more money for the economy, and everyone on the provider gets equal access to the net. However we remove this, and the freedom of content and accessibility gets wrenched from the people and put into the hands of the service providers. The likes of comcast has proven we cannot trust these companies to offer us neutral access with the likes of purposely slowing down speeds of netflix streaming access with the obvious intent to promote its own product. Please, don't let these companies get away with it!
—Austin, Clintonville, WI

The world is ruled by capitalism, and this encroaches on freedom. The internet must be freed.
—Mike, Braintree, MA

Companies should not be able to discriminate against content online that they feel threatened by. The Internet is not a place for corporate favoritism.
—Cosmo Wright, Grand Junction, CO

There's no point in tampering with something perfectly fine.
—Jon, Anderson, IN

Please keep access to all of the internet the way it is FREE. Thank you.
—Linda S Murray, Vallejo, CA

Net Neutrality is very important to the American people. We deserve to have freedom in regards to this. Allowing large corporations to control the information we have access to is a violation of our rights.
—Courtney Ridenour, Newark, OH

Net Neutrality is important to me because I want a future where startups will be able to compete with incumbent businesses, free speech can't be stifled, and my ISP monopolists aren't allowed to extort money to take sites out of the slow lane. The open Internet is a global commons of incalculable value. Please classify internet service as Title II common carrier to protect it today and for generations to come.
—Chris Malmo, Vancouver,

Dear FCC: The internet was created with taxpayer money. Therefore it needs to stay accessible to the people equally. As such, I am asking you to throw out your current rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers to maintain net neutrality. KEEP THE INTERNET FOR EVERYONE!!!!!
—Judith Pierre, Oakland, CA

please keep isp's as common carriers. allowing corporations to turn the open internet we have today into something more like todays cable television is destructive and corrupt.
—Erica Walch, plainview, NY

It's important because people deserve to have freedom of speech.
—Nicole Evans, Burnaby,

I think we should keep neutrality for the internet because my family works hard enough to pay the cost for it now
—Darris, cloumbus, OH

I already have dirt-poor internet as it is. HECK! THE USA HAS THE WORST INFRASTRUCTURE FOR INTERNET AND YOU WANNA MAKE A PRIVELAGE SYSTEM THAT WOULD JUST FURTHER COMPLICATE THINGS INSTEAD OF BENEFITING ANYONE EXCEPT BIG NAME COMPANIES? Please. Go shove your idea up where it belongs and learn to look at a consumer perspective. "In USA, everyone has the same opportunity- except if you're dirt poor." Anyways, on a serious note: this will just stunt the growth of the internet. Things like these is what causes great inventions to just become irrelevant (*cough* Nikola Tesla's electric tower).
—Mark Lai, Pinellas Park, FL

I'm an freelance illustrator, writer and producer which means I create content for every type of media - because of the nature of this job it also means a lot of my work is derivations of other intellectual property, in other words, fan art commission. This is how I make my living. I'm a human being. I am the type of person who would be affected by this move negatively. Please don't forget us, the 99%.
—Aaron Johnson, Van Nuys, CA

If you have any interest in supporting the people instead of companies then you will keep net neutrality.
—Ashley Scagnelli, West babylon, NY

Please support open Internet, and do not give control of the Internet to corporations. The free and open Internet is what sparked the dot.com boom in the 90's and led to so much innovation and economy growth in America. Handing over control of such an amazing national resource to corporations is a MAJOR mistake. Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers! Thank you.
—John Joiner, Richmond, CA

I don't want an ISP, especially when there is no effective competition for internet access, deciding what are preferred websitess and which are not. They shoud make their profits from selling access, not managing tradfic destinations. Please define ISPs as utilities, same as phone.
—Charles W Valentine, Olympia, WA

Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers. The only choice for internet service where I live is Comcast> If I want internet access I have to pay what they say for rates and even more if I want faster service. I have no other options and I live in Massachusettes only 35 miles from Boston.
—Victoria Williams, Gloucester, MA

We live on a boat and depend on internet for navigation as well as communication. Please do not complicate access to the internet. Our lives depend on it.
—Chris Wallace, Bellingham, WA

Comcast shouldn't be able to control the media, and thereby control the conversation. It isn't right.
—Laura Sharp, St Helens, OR

If information can't flow freely, none of us are free. Please keep our net neutral!
—Shoshana Marchand, northampton, MA

The internet is great THE WAY IT IS; please do not make it another site of wealth-based privilege, special favors, and inequality!
—Daniel, Astoria, NY

I believe strongly in "of the people, for the people, and by the people.". I believe in equality for all (the people) and the best way to achieve this is to change the designation of the Internet into the category of common carrier. Please! Listen to the people and do their bidding!
—Nancy Owens, Alameda, CA

Don't censor the internet, allow freedom of information and the sharing of knowledge. The internet does not belong to the corporate interests of the world, it belongs to us all.
—Tris, Melbourne,

The second we get rid Net Neutrality we get rid of the main reason the internet was made.
—Sean Schwartz, Austin, TX

A terrifying thought. The beginning of a disgusting road.
—Mark taylor, scottsdale, AZ

Please, don't destroy the net. It's bad enough every other market is ruined, can we not have at least ONE fair game left?
—Gary Smith, Fairmont, WV

Stop the attack on the last place we have real democracy!
—Guy Zahller, aptos, CA

Free Internet means access to the knowledge of others.
—Mike Bianchi, Dover, NH

The internet is a utility and should be a right of everyone, not some commodity to be owned by greedy businessmen who only want to turn the largest possible profit they can. Don't allow corporations to dictate and enforce their will, forsaking the American population. Stay true to your mission statements! Promoting competition, innovation and investment in broadband services and facilities Supporting the nation's economy by ensuring an appropriate competitive framework for the unfolding of the communications revolution
—Andrew Tallon, Boyertown, PA

Keep Net Neutrality and do not allow discrimination of online content and applications.
—Adolfo Mendia, Sylmar, CA

Keep the internet neutral for everyone!
—Katherine Beyer, Middletown, CT

There is no reason that any company, or single person, should be allowed to "be in control" of the internet. It is a global tool for communication and knowledge unmatched by any medium before it, and should be left an open, un-managed entity. To give any individual or group of individuals power to dictate what information can be shared is to completely negate it's purpose.
—Jeff, Amesbury, MA

I am against the proposed changes. Think who is asking for this change - no individuals are asking - just corporations. I feel that the FCC should represent CITIZENS and not corporations. Say NO to WheelerNET. NO NO NO NO NO NO NO NO.
—Brenda Fosmire, Golden, CO

Capitalism is corruption, our rights have been stripped from us by corporate entities, not being Neutral will give those companies the ability to block knowledge from the people, without free information, we will become less than sheep. We will become slaves.
—Christopher Clark, alto, NM

The US would really begin to feel like a police state without Net Neutrality.
—Chanci Herer-Tjernlund, Eugene, OR

please, honor america's need for access to a fair, neutral, opportunity-providing internet
—James M Farley, Louisville, KY

Please keep the internet free and open for all to use according to their rights and freedoms established in the constition of the US.
—Joe Johnson, Carson City, NV

Do not cripple forever the American ideal that everyone has an equal opportunity to raise themselves up and do better.
—kathe Mazur, Los Angeles, CA

No company should control our internet.
—Dylan McClanahan, Maryville, TN

What makes you think that this is good idea?
—Lawrence Short, Columbus, OH

Dear FCC, We already have to deal with so much unnecessary bullshit in our world and this is just so wrong on so many levels.
—Paizli Palmrose, Vermillion, SD

The internet is the commons....like the airwaves....equal access for everyone
—Alexander gernert, Waterford, NY

Net Neutrality is so important to me. I am a teacher and an artist. A free and accessible internet is crucial in being able to educate and inspire people. I constantly research online for information and post my theories and art online so that others may benefit from my work. Please do not change the internet as it exists today. Thank you.
—Ariel Goodman, Fresno, CA

Because everyone should have a voice, not just those that can pay for it.
—Alexandra Faubel, Denver, CO

To preserve a democracy, we absolutely need Net Neutrality. The internet must be accessible by all with no discrimination or preference. Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers, as a voting and concerned citizen, I urge you to do this for the sake of fairness, access, freedom, and equality.
—Melanie Schikore, Arlington Heights, IL

Please throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality
—Jason O'Neill, Yoakum, TX

Please please uphold net neutrality. It is essential to uphold freedom of information in the USA and without net neutrality our ability to share information as American citizens will be threatened. Net neutrality has been instrumental in enabling the rapid advancement of technology and business in the past two decades. Removing bet neutrality will some a huge blow to the continued growth of the tech industry. Net neutrality is the most important social issue of this era, and ending net neutrality would be a massive blow to our society.
—Sarah Gray, Berkley, CA

The internet is the future. It is a form of collective human learning and knowledge that is still in its infancy. To deny that to the masses at a quick and affordable rate right now would be akin to plungeing into a modern dark age.
—Louie K. Tsipouras, Dover, NJ

Corporations should not have the power to restrict the freedom of the internet directly or indirectly. I say this as a United States citizen who is tired of lobbyists buying the country out from under us, and as a Canadian resident worried about the growing centralization of power through corporate strangleholds.
—Patrick Weekes, Edmonton,

Because net neutrality is the correct answer...anything else is selling out the common good....period!!!
—Rainie Doore, Hollywood, FL

Net neutrality is critical to the flow of information around the world regardless of economic advantage. Doing anything to damage net neutrality would be morally and ethically reprehensible. Net neutrality is what the PEOPLE want. Profit before people is NO WAY TO RUN A GOVERNMENT.
—Eric P Ruiz, NEW YORK, NY

The web is the greatest tool we have to help creatively educate and elevate EVERYONE. Imagine, you have the power to move humanity forward, or make a few rich people richer. Your purpose as a government agency is to make our society the best it can be, not function as a tool for thoughtless greed built on inequality. Take the more noble path and let the US lead the way for the world. The path is so clear, I'm surprised you need to think about it!
—Sally Bortz, St Albans, VT

You are litterally going to destroy right to free speech if you get rid of net neutrality im sorry i thought this was america
—Kase Partin, Douglasville, GA

Please throw out your rules and classify ISP s as common carriers.
—Nils Osterberg, White Plains, NY

Net Neutrality is important because freedom is the right of everyone. Both those who browse the internet and those who use it for their business or promotion or simply to make their voice heard. No one has the right, and no one is in the right, to take that away.
—Bailey Poe, Fort Collins, CO

Keep the imternet for the people not for the benefit of the rich and the corporations.
—Emily Othus-Allred, Portland, OR

It is time for the FCC to drop the rules it has been considering and reclassify ISPs as common carriers.. This truly is the only way to protect real Net Neutrality.. and it is truly the only way to make sure that everyone has the ability to have access to the best possible internet. It is time to consider the American Public over these companies.. and the American Public is my kids, your kids, everyone.. Why cheat them?
—Marci Perry, Houston, TX

An unfair business practice which obviously gives the richest companies an advantage to bury their competition. You have become part of the problem to the free enterprise system. Your officers will, hopefully, be replaced as soon as possible!
—Robert Corrao, Brooklyn, NY

Can't you see that NOBODY wants you to mess with Net Neutrality except the people who already have all the money and control ? You (whoever you are, reading this) are a person too - you won't be working for the big fella forever, and you too will miss the internet when it's gone. Don't do this two-tiered internet. Don't mess with Net Neutrality. Don't always lick the money's arse. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Natalie Walshe, new york, NY

The internet was created on the basis of accessibility, it was made to give free range and use to all and by putting limitations on that you basically defeat its purpose entirely.
—Riley Whyte, Saskatoon,

Keep the internet out of the hands of power and money hungry cabal and keep it free and easy for ALL users equally.
—Jeanne Sansbury Bell, West Springfield, MA

FCC, throw out your discriminatory internet ideas. This is inherently unfair. Please.
—Joseph Strenk, Ocean city, NJ

Net neutrality is important for a variety of reasons. Why should the lower class of America be subject to a lower tier of Internet just because ISPs want to monetize the Internet unjustly? America is supposed to be the land of opportunity. A vast number of lower middle class people are taking the step to better themselves by getting a college degree. A lot of them take online classes. Why should they be penalized for bettering themselves and have a worse tier Internet than someone who can afford it? The Internet has slowly become a hub of day to day life. It should be a right to have access to Internet. Unjustly hiking prices just to make money makes that "right" something that is structured almost like a caste system. So please, throw out these rules and let us have net neutrality.
—Hailey Oden, New Market, VA

The internet is for everyone, not just corporations. It's a public utility in its common usage and should be considered legally as such. Net neutrality, now and forever!
—Matthew Kaftor, San Francisco, CA

The US has anti-monopoly laws for a reason: to prevent corporate abuse of consumers. Allowing the few powerful corporations who provide most of our net access to control access based on their interests erases a free internet for American citizens.
—Josh Levine, San Francisco, CA

Dear FCC, Just thought you should know if big corporations and government keeps screwing the people, the people will eventually rise up. I don't think you want to help cause another civil war. People are tired of getting cheated out of their hard earned money just so it can go to some rich person to help them get richer while the poor all end up on welfare and the middle class which drives our country disappears. If things keep going as they are now I hope I am dead in 20 years so I don't have to see how our once great country turns into a pile of sh** and chaos.
—Cman, Athens, OH

It's about what's fair to "everyone", not who can profit.
—Lansford Johnson, Mott, ND

The ability for major corporations to determine who gets to speak and who does not by priveleging some speech over others, based on who has more money to speak, is unacceptable in a democratic society that values a marketplace of ideas, diversity (not variety) of opinions, and a free exchange to allow the best, innovative ideas to rise to the top. Stop priveleging these money-making companies, which do not embody the values of most of us, over individuals, small groups and organizations. Please support true net neutrality in your decision-making, not a false neutrality proposed by commercial and stockholder interests.
—Kelly Berg, St. Cloud, MN

Net neutrality is one of the most important issues facing this country. Americans demand net neutrality!
—Amy Moss, TUALATIN, OR

The internet needs to be classified in the same way as other utilities. Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Net neutrality is important for the future of our democracy.
—Adrianne Bisges, Jefferson City, MO

As a small business owner, whose job is to help people in chronic pain, it is important that my clients can access my site with the same ease as something like comcast or verizon, which is purely for profit and does little that is positive for its community. Please throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Thank you.
—Nicole Naab-Levy, Seattle, WA

Dearest FCC, Love of my life, regulators of things like "decency" and such, defenders of free airwaves, at least in theory. Don't you think that Comcast has enough power already? No, clearly, you don't. But, let's be honest, have you listened to the audio of the Comcast customer service representative berating a customer attempting to cancel their subscription? That sort of arrogance is rampant from companies like Comcast. And AT&T. And Verizon. And all the big players who have been so strongly lobbying for changes to the way customers like me, and millions of other Americans, have access to the Internet. And, let's face it, these changes are great for the Comcasts and Verizons and AT&Ts of the world. They're not so great for John and Jane Doe. They're not so great for John Q. Public. And, frankly, they stink for Michael V. Shaw, Jr. Oh, that's me. Pleasure to make your acquaintance. So, here't the thing, FCC chums. I feel like we're friends, even though we just met. I mean, you protect me from Janet Jackson's nipple, well, after the fact, sure, but hey, better late than never, right? You made sure that Howard Stern or Don Imus got fined when they let slip with one of those terrible four letter words on the air. You keep sex off the airwaves, and thank goodness for that. I don't know what I would do if I were exposed to a bare breast on network television. Violence? Okay, so, you've sort of dropped the ball there, let's be honest. But, nobody expects you to be dead-on perfect with these things, right? I certainly don't. Still, seems to me that violence on television might be a little bit more detrimental to viewers than an exposed nipple (or, heck, even a full bare breast, perish the thought). But, as I said, no one is perfect. Speaking of not being perfect, let's get back to the purpose of this whole little note of mine, Net Neutrality. I put it in capital letters because it's that important. Like FCC. Important. You have a key role to play in regulating America's communications, keeping a check on our airwaves and such. But, approving Chairman Wheeler's plan, which will essentially end Net Neutrality (STILL in capital letters, still awfully important), only protects the Internet (another capital letter...important) on behalf of the rich. And, while I understand that the Supreme Court (capital letters, important, misguided, and plain terrible lately, don't you think? You do, admit it. You'd be right, after all) now thinks that Comcast and Verizon and AT&T are all PEOPLE (capital letters, as in "We the..."), one of the more ridiculous suppositions in the history of judicial prudence (or imprudence, really, in this case), the fact of the matter is that rich people and stinking rich corporations are the only ones who will benefit by Chairman Wheeler's proposal. The rest of us? The folks whose blood and sweat and toil are the backbone of this country? Well, frankly, we'll be screwed. We'll be placed into America's own high tech caste system. We'll be relegated to second or third class citizens of the world, gaining less speed and less access to the Internet all while the stinking rich of this country can and will do as they do with everything else, buy influence, buy power, buy speed. Heck, much as I'd like to believe that this letter will fall on receptive eyes, the truth is, these rules were custom made for the corporations (those swell "people") and if that doesn't stink to high heaven of the influence of money and power peddling, I don't know what does. So, I'm writing (not as respectfully as you might expect because, honestly, I fully believe that you're about to strike yet another blow against the little guy) this little love letter to implore you NOT (all capital letters, super important) to pass these heinous rules. Please don't give my ISP the ability to treat me as a subcitizen. Please keep the Internet free and accessible to rich and poor, old and young, people and Corporate People (wtf?). Please let the little guy win for a change. Remember rooting for the underdog? Remember David and Goliath? Remember USA hockey versus the Soviet Union? Remember way back when "We the People" stood for all of us (except, well, you know, women and minorities but not corporations either)? Net Neutrality, FCC. Because capital letters are important, freedom is the hallmark of this republic, and money gouging corporations have enough power as is. Apple pie, baseball, Net Neutrality. C'mon, FCC, think about it. It's as American as Net Neutrality. Makes your heart swell with pride, doesn't it? Thanks, bunches. Keep up the great work! Love, hugs, and kisses, -Michael V. Shaw, Jr. American (person)
—Michael Shaw, Richwood, NJ

Internet access should be as common as free speech. Do not limit it, else we all perish.
—Susan Ronning, Portland, OR

Net neutrality allows for an actual free market, as opposed to the environment conducive to monopoly that tiered service creates. Please classify ISPs as common carriers. The Internet serves much the same purpose today as the phone did in the, and it is no less essential. If phone-service providers are common carriers, why aren't ISPs?
—Shael Riley, Middletown, NY

The promise of the internet is the promise of America. Those with little means can attain success with wits and a hard working attitude. Tom Wheeler, allowing ISPs to tier internet service is a poor decision. It's a decision that will put you in the history books (or wikipedia entries) as the man who begat the stratification of the internet; crusher of promise and hope. Don't do this, please.
—Tusi Esera, Brooklyn, NY

Dear Mr. President and Mr. Wheeler, Please do not preside over the destruction of the most powerful force for free speech ever invented. In the short run, the changes being considered in the May 15 revision of the rule will benefit only the cable companies--companies that are notorious for abusing their near-monopoly powers. In the long run, the rule changes may undermine both free market function and free speech. Adopting these rules will deepen the cynicism of the younger generation toward the government of this country. The irony of the youth of this nation rallying to elect you as president (largely via internet), only to see you sell out their voices to Comcast, would be deeply crushing. This decisions may have larger long-term repercussions than almost any other decision in this administration. Please do not be the president that ruins the internet for future generations! Please reclassify ISPs as utilities and regulate them accordingly. Sincerely, Gail Patricelli
—Gail Patricelli, Davis, CA, CA

dont rob people of their right to a fast internet connection, stop feeding the rich and causing more poverty.
—Ryan Thompson, Upper Hutt, Wellington,

As an American citizen I am being Nickel and Dimed for absolutely everything! Why are you going to help promote the top 1%? The fasted existing speeds for the Internet should be universally free to all citizens of the world so that everybody can live better lives. I can barely afford it as it is. Do we really want to continue as the United Corporations of the 1%? There needs to be a redistribution of wealth as it is already. This is going to rub people the wrong way towards a breaking point. Maybe some people want that. However, I say RAISE UP a satellite and blanket the world with the fastest free Internet and lets promote peace and unity on top that! Sincerely, Henry Chambers ---------- ---- ---------- -- Throw out your rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Henry Chambers, Woodland, CA

I am a small business owner who deals with clients and gets paid almost entirely online. If my internet access was restricted, my business would be crippled, and I would most likely lose my livelihood. Classifying the internet as a utility would greatly benefit entrepreneurs and small businesses, providing a much-needed boost to our sagging economy. Please listen to what I and many other have to say, and let the internet be re-classified as a common carrier.
—Dave Mallon, Syracuse, NY

Removing net neutrality will cement into place the existing powerful internet giants and suffocate new life that could have evolved. Unable to compete with the depth of these giants' pocketbooks, these young sitelings will have their food source, humans, gobbled up by the giants due to their artificially-inflated speed. Thus, future generations of websites will have low genetic diversity, an ecosystem populated mostly by archaic, obsolete websites when it could have instead been flourishing with all sorts of new types of life, brand new websites, even websites we have never even dreamed of. An end to net neutrality will abort all these beautiful potential new internet life forms. All life is created equal. Net neutrality must stay.
—Christopher Kline, Conway, AR

The Internet is at a good place where it is now, there is no good reason to ruin that.
—Kristopher Horsey, Pottstown, PA

Please FCC do not let our internet service providers control the internet. If they have the ability to charge more and will. This will create discrimination against online content that can't afford their prices. You will be giving them the power to make or break new online companies. I appose this effort.
—Michael K Daly, Clarkston, MI

There are many progressive voices that rely on a neutral net. Letting corps create a 'fast lane' would allow these voices to be quieted, if not silenced!
—James DAngelo, Camp Hill, PA

Tom Wheeler is a joke. You (the FCC) need to throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. And get rid of Tom, he is a wolf in sheep’s clothing.
—Michael Parker, Idaho Falls, ID

Net neutrality is a must to have an educated, informed electorate in the 21st century. If carriers begin charging more for better access, costs will soon leave the middle class and those in poverty behind. Allowing companies to discriminate via a two tired system is wrong as it promotes inequality. The internet is about the only thing left that offers a chance for equality.
—Jody Norwood, Stone Mountain, GA

Net neutrality is important for small businesses and ensuring free speech is protected. Keep the internet neutral.
—Alex Bond, Union City, CA

Please, listen to the people and reclassify ISPs as common carriers. End these "legal monopolies", and stop their corporate greed. You don't fix something that works, you improve upon it. This will utterly destroy it if you allow it to pass. You have got to realize that this is corporate interests, not the people's interest. If you do not stop this you will forever be seen as a corporate shill. The people have spoken, and we want this stopped. If you truly stand for democracy then you will make these people in congress stand down. Please reserve the last bastion of true democracy. An open internet allows the world to connect and communicate. A closed net leads to a oligarchy controlled only by those with the most wealth.
—Steven Tyler Leach, Charleston, TN

Dear FCC, Allowing companies to choose who gets fast service and who doesn't, allows discrimination against online content and applications. This is not right. Throw out your rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers!
—Julia Meyer, Portland, OR

Keep Net Neutrality, my internet is slow enough. I want to see what I want to see and it's not up to my ISP!
—Kim D Gilliland, Gladwin, MI

Dear FCC, Honestly, how can the United States allow companies more rights than the average citizen? If I want to start a business and depend on the internet to expand that business, I need to be able to as much as multibillion dollar companies in order to have equal access to the internet? At that point, why not just name it for what it is? It's not a two-tiered internet plan, it's a business plutocracy.
—Ashleigh Hardoin, Kalamazoo, MI

Throw out the rules and reclassify ISP as common carriers!
—Judith Topolski, Chandler, AZ

No to a two tiered internet! AT&T, Comcast/Time Warner have a monopoly going on! Middle income/poor people can't afford this!! Do what is right for the majority of the people. Throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Marianne Cramer, Port Charlotte, FL

I am against your intention to discriminate against internet users by creating a two tiered internet system that would discriminate between users based on their willingness to cough up the cash to further enrich oligopolies like Verizon, AT&T, and Comcast. Throw out your biased rules and reclassify ISP's as common carriers.
—Guy Boggs, Vienna, WV

Net Neutrality is important for all users of the Internet. If fast lanes are allowed, then consumers will suffer. Do not let Comcast decide who gets decent speeds.
—Kimberly Zarkin, Salt Lake City, UT

Come on you have to know we all think your nothing but leeches for the 1%. You have in the past eliminated the "Fairness Doctrine" that made media tell the truth-Now the 4 major net works just display smoke and mirrors in their broadcasts. No real news. The internet is the last vestiges of TRUTH in America. Leave it alone. Of course you will get lucrative jobs is you allow the 1% control the media-"leeches".
—Howard B Boyer, GROVETOWN, GA

The Internet is a valuable resource for all humanity. It provides us with access to knowledge and greater connectivity with the rest of the world, through different web-pages and social media. It allows us to discover, explore, and create. It proves a valuable resource economically as well, with many businesses using the Internet to bring in more customers. This is all under threat, however. Without Net Neutrality, freedom of speech is limited. Companies can provide painfully slow access to whichever sites they decide, and people will not be able to express themselves or their beliefs as easily as before. Companies will also create an unfair playing field economically, by being able to provide slow access to competitors, and providing faster access to those who can afford to pay. Please do not let these providers ruin the Internet. It has done so much already, and has the potential to do so much more if left uninhibited.
—John Shields, Billerica, MA

Net Nuetrality is important to me because I am a cannabis activist that operates on a shoestring budget. In-person protests are effective, but gathering support, doing research ion the latest news and facts about the benefits of the plant and the cons about keeping it behind prohibition laws are best done online. If my ISP is bought off my anti-cannabis lobbyists, they can charge me extra fees just because my subject of interest and passion doesn't align with their beliefs. It's a lot like the Hobby Lobby case in that the corporation's beliefs become more important than the people the corporation serves. It's unjust to let a couple of kids rule the playground by their own rules, especially when those kids are money hungry bullies. Don't get rid of net neutrality. Serve the people by refusing to bow down to corporations just trying to make a buck.
—Jenny Cotton, Louisville, KY

Please prevent rampant discrimination online! I want my fast internet and no tiers for the spoiled, greedy monopolies. And while you're at it, please DO SOMETHING about the horrible and unfairly expensive cable "service" I get from Time Warner.
—Jamieson Scott, Wilmington, NC

ISPs need to be classified as common carriers. Much of today's communication, information and business is carried by Internet providers. Allowing an ISP to prioritize content will silences voices, stifle creativity and put small businesses behind the proverbial 8-ball in trying to compete with big business. Moreover, the companies urging the FCC to back away from true Net Neutrality are trying to have things both ways. Currently the enjoy many of the same protections held by common carriers: For example, they aren't liable for third party content transported across their networks. They can't have the ability to cherry-pick regulations, keeping advantages of common carrier designation and also claiming the advantages of being able to change prices and prioritize content.
—Russell Turner, Walled Lake, MI

Please don't take away my fast internet. My entire household is on disability, including an Army Veteran, and will not be able to pay for any extra speeds. We all rely on decent speeds for streaming on devices with things such as Netflix and TwitchTV. When any of us has anxiety about something, it helps to be able to look things up quickly to alleviate the horrible symptoms. Playing video games competitively on xbox helps my depression by giving me a healthy distraction. If I cannot have access to equal speeds, then I will not be able to enjoy my gaming experience due to losing. Not because my skills are lacking, but because my opponent is more fortunate to have enough money for faster speeds than I have. If I am not able to have a fair gaming experience, then I will slip into deeper depression and my quality of life will drop 10 fold. I know this because there was a period of 28 days I was without a gaming system. During that time I was admitted to the ER for mine and my family were concerned for my self harming tendencies. I know for a fact there are other people lile me that will have similar issues. Please keep the internet equal for everyone, I would hate for myself, or others like me, to go into hospitalized care.
—Lisa Toburen, Monroe, WA

So wealth castes are going to be uploaded to the internet? No. No way.
—Adam G, Rolla, MO

Please keep ISPs as common carriers.
—April Aldous, West Chester, PA

Net Neutrality is critical to American ideals in the 21st century. We pride ourselves on being the land of the free. The First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States expressly prohibits the abridgement of freedom of speech. Allowing Internet service providers to establish "tiers" of service is akin to requiring people to pay for their freedom of speech. We don't do that here in America. We need Net Neutrality! Keep ISPs as common carriers!
—Stacey Bumbalough-Sauer, PLYMOUTH, MN

The internet is an important tool for all peoples regardless of financial standing and to create these divides amongst the user is just wrong and something we can not stand for!
—Jennifer solis, San Francisco, CA

I would like to see ISPs reclassified as common carriers. Data should be treated equally, regardless of who sends it.
—Bryan McHale, Fraser, MI

The biggest part of this to me, is the ability to share information. Should the Internet become what Big Business wants it to be, it will have TOTAL domination over the sharing of information. They don't want this, which is why it is so important that you stand for the people you are supposed to protect, (which is NOT Big Business) and reclassify them to common carriers.
—Brian Baldwin, Orem, UT

Please don't allow Corporate interests kill the people's right to access an open internet.
—Enrique ivan almaguer, BEDFORD, TX

Do NOT let big business control the Internet!!!!!
—Susan Donaldson, Honolulu, HI

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. Add your comment: Tell the FCC to throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Barbara Mason, Ashland, OR

The average citizen of the USA deserves and needs Net Neutrality. The ISPs are common carriers and should be regulated as such. Do something constructive for the citizenship of the USA.
—Fred W. Crown, Bensalem, PA

We, the citizens of the world, have lost almost all of our access to independent news sources and independent marketers. Even here in the "Land of the Free". If this is allowed our last bastion of hope goes with it. We have been sold out to the highest bidder. Thank you for listening to my plea.
—Teresa Alouf, Winfield, WV

Because no website or corporation should have the right to have faster access at the cost of other websites and if it happens in America, it'll happen in the rest of the world.
—Isaac Kurok, Brisbane,

I urge you to prohibit throttling of Internet content and require ISPs to meet their obligations to the public interest. ISPs are granted or have been granted monopoly status in many jurisdictions to protect them from competition. They cannot now be allowed to use their monopoly positions to extract more fees from both consumers and content providers. Such a change in the American broadband sector will stifle innovation (new providers of content) and unfairly advantage established providers who can pay the additional fees. It will make American broadband worse. In short, I support net neutrality. Thank you.
—Robert Kirchhoff, Monument, CO

Yes to interznet neutrality, but this is a customer service problem within Comcast. I have the similar issue with customer service within Fios/Verizon. To make this perfectly clear, the bottom line is the service providers are the true villains here. Google. You. Me... Everybody! Wants the internet to be a public utility. It is a public utility and will remain so. Only the providers want it privatized. No one, but no one! Wants that! So they can nickle & dime us to their hearts content for every aspect of this incredible gift that is the free flow of information. A global library that hasn't existed since Alexandria. Pick up your arms & FIGHT!
—Anthony, Lynn, MA

You absolutely must preserve Net Neutrality because creating a tiered internet is corrupt and destructive. The internet is a common basic NEED & RIGHT of being a human being. Don't take that away. Do the smart thing. Do the right thing.
—Jason Avalos, Pembroke Pines, FL

Please keep the net equal for all players. Not just the ones with the most money. I can't compete against Goliath if he has all the resources.
—Nathan, Provo, UT

It will become necessary to address bandwidth issues as the internet continues to define how we will consume and disseminate information moving forward. This is not a decision that can be left solely to the content providers, the service providers, or indeed the end consumer. Everyone has a stake in the outcome of this decision.
—Ike Cynkar, Aberdeen, MD

Do not show preferential treatment to certain ISP's. Keep the internet open to speeds available to all.
—Jack Cavanaugh, Dayton, OH

Throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers!
—Jeff Sleziak, Groesbeck, TX

OK these guys (telecom companies) already OWN us. They have us U.S. citizans by the balls... I guess that's 'cuz they have YOU by the balls. C'mon do what you are paid to do by our tax dollars (the people who work just to get by... that's most of us by they way... not the rich guys who bend your ear who don't pay as much as they should but somehow ... hmmm... get more say.) These guys suck. Don't let them rule you and most especially don't let them rule us. Do what's right
—Elaine O'Brien, Amherst, MA

This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality.
—Mario Garcia, santa ana, CA

I feel that neither the large national internet providers nor the government control the internet market in terms of controlling competition or access for the public. I feel that the market rate should not be set by the internet providers nor controlled by the beurocrats in Washington so that market prices and speed access would only be controlled by fair market competition and john q publics willingness to pay a fair price for the product and services they recieve. If this bill were to pass, my small company and many others like it would fall to large corporations at the hands of the government that is supposed to protect us. I run a marketing company for many local businesses in the Kansas City area. Many of my clients being local restaurants, would be run out of business by larger companies that could pay higher prices. This act by the FCC would stifle Americas small businesses (as if they weren't already losing to large corporations). I and my customers would be run out of business and, like the many others affected, would add to the unemployment rates that were just beginning to go down. Please do not do this to our country. It would be the end to all small business and startup companies for good.
—Rick Peterson, Overland Park, KS

If they do the tier internet I can't afford the more expansive tier
—Scott, Groton, CT

We need to keep net neutrality. So much is being taken away from everyone. We can't lose our greatest advantage of communication and the rapid ability to find and collect information. Corporations have enough money.
—David C. Mates, Dickson city, PA

Freedom of information. Freedom to learn new things. Mind opening information.
—Cynthia Ramsey, Stuart, FL

Net Neutrality is important because it allows us the freedoms we are promised in this country. Anybody here can go and do as they please to satisfy their dreams, goals, and desires in whatever way they choose without being blocked from one thing or another because of money. The internet is the center on inovation at this time and by making it harder to access that will be lost. Hopefully those of you who read this can understand that.
—William Matlock, Jersey City, NJ

Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers. internet is becoming as important and vital as other utilities and should start being treated as such.
—erick j Tuttle, oxnard, CA

Paying for internet is already too expensive, there does not need to be a reason, or a way, for companies to milk more out of us.
—Alyssa, Clermont, FL

Your proposed internet rules are outrageous, and the proposal must be thrown out immediately. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Tom Wheeler should be removed from his office, it is ridiculous he was appointed.
—George Metzger, Columbus, OH

Simple, unfettered access is a right, and big corporations are trying to use their huge $$ influence to change the game, increase friction (costs), and prevent everyone from playing on a equal footing. And the out of touch, bickering congress has zero clue on tech, it's meaning, it's impact or it's importance. Enough!
—Mark Montgomery, pegram, TN

As a means of preserving democratic access to this public sphere, please protect the principle of Net Neutrality from large profit-making interests. An additional consideration should be the importance of Net Neutrality to small businesses and start-up companies. Positive economic development can continue to occur if the above stated principle if protected and secured by the FCC. Thank you for your work on this.
—William Isom, Knoxville, TN

This is your one chance to do things right, to show us you're listening.
—Jeremy Nichols, Yakima, WA

The companies that can afford fast lanes only got to where they are today due to net neutrality. Please continue net neutrality. Thank you, Roger
—Roger Bye, San Carlos, CA

The internet is important to me because it is one of the last places in our society that is left untouched by big corporations. The government has a lack of understanding for most of the common man's needs. Please vote to keep our internet free.
—Caroline Blyskal, Baltimore, MD

I'm not sure if you guys have seen the reaction of people when you mess with their internet. Be warned, people will react like they have before and to a greater effect if this passes.
—Jaycee, St. Helena, CA

"The land of the free" As cliche as it sounds, America is a free country. A platform that prodes itself on freedom (the internet) should not be heavily regulated and monetized more than it already is. Such legislation would suffocate economic growth and the ability to build businesses
—John Paul, Wesltake, OH

Keep the internet neutral! The people's creativity has just begun.
—Noel Wier, Niwot, CO

Please don't destroy the internet (arguably our most important infrastructure) by gutting net neutrality. Do what's right, do what you're supposed to. Protect the American people. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Patrick Boldish, Medford, OR

Please block this measure. This will be in the end of freedom to use the web without paying outrageous fees.. that we already pay to the cable providers. This is just another greedy grab on their part.
—Lesia Latanation, madison, TN

ISP's should be common carriers
—Melissa Polster, Sandstone, MN

One-to-many forms of communication (radio, television, etc) are easy to monetize. Many-to-many forms of communication are difficult to monetize and result in forms of speech that make us uncomfortable, but is nonetheless important. Keeping the internet neutral allows for free speech, fair use, and innovation.
—Joshua Kaspar, St. Augustine, FL

Consumers do not have a wide selection of providers. Many only have a single provider where they live. This lack of selection prevents a consumer from canceling service due to an undesired fee.
—Trey Howard, Milford, OH

The internet should be free and open. Please do not allow fast lanes from big companies to corrupt you. Your job is to do the will of the people not special interests.
—Jay Gleaton, Atlanta, GA

net neutrality is essential for the freedom and for reliable information for people of all socio-economic levels
—Mary Ann Hogan, Denver, CO

Do not let big business and the internet giants control the internet
—Todd Eastman, Toms River, NJ

Stop bending over for corporate greed and do the right thing! Protect Net Neutrality!!!!!
—Orlando Camacho, Floral Park, NY

Keep the Internet open please.
—Sarah Ritchie, Troy, OH

The internet is the greatest thing since the American constitution to give people freedom and dignity. Do not let it become controlled by Wheeler's plan for fast lanes on the internet.
—Naomi Nissen, brooklyn, NY

The cable companies are already verging on monopoly, the FCC should be protecting the interests of the citizens and not the interests of the cable companies. I've lived in five states and in each one there was only one option for cable (there was satellite, but I lived in apartments that didn't allow) and I was forced to chose cable if I wanted to watch television. It's also next to impossible to access the major broadcasting companies now without purchasing cable due to the digital conversion. I understand that cable is entertainment and is a luxury, but allowing cable companies to monopolize the market is wrong.
—Virginia Joiner, DeLand, FL

Net neutrality is important to me because it allows people like me to create content and reach as many people as the big guys. Please don't take that away by forcing a pay to play. We know that is corrupt and your idea of how to run the internet will only kill the thing that has helped our economy all along. Stop messing with something that isn't broken please and be honest. No more corruption and no more allowing corporations to profit on the back of the small guy. STOP!
—John Logsdon, Brooklyn, NY

The Internet providers should be governed as utilites, like power and such. If they are allowed to continue as is, only those with lots of funds will be able to enjoy the many benifits of a free and open internet. Please maintain net neutrality! Thank you.
—Dee Gaylord, Lebanon, OR

Equal quality and access to information should apply to all.
—Jessica Woodruff, TERRE HAUTE, IN

Net neutrality is a necessity! The web is the only forum we the people have for researching and finding truth in current events. If you take this away, it will give the fascist global regime even more power over what we are able to see. There are already so many reasons to be ashamed of our political so called leaders, don't give us yet another!
—Angel Caisse, Springboro, OH

Net Neutrality is important to me because, in the greatest capitalistic society in the world, the consumer should not be at the mercy of the big corporation.
—Daniel Newman, NORRISTOWN, PA

Without Net Neutrality we're heading for a monopoly of epic proportion. Stop dividing the classes between big business and small business owners, our the original American dream is gonna go down the toilet.
—Sari Gagnon, Plainville, CT

if you can't help, leave the internet alone. it's really very simple. can the government agency, FCC, find something else to do ? can the agency, FCC, not leave anything alone ? please, the people of the world need SOMETHING, in this case the internet, to call their own. just because the FCC has the power to regulate the internet, doesn't mean it has the right or compelling reason to do so.
—Ken Addington, Eureka Springs, AR

This MUST not be. 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
—Brent L Moe, BISMARCK, ND

Dear FCC, Net Neutrality is important to me because I work with low income individuals and people who have been traditionally marginalized. We need to be creating a system where all content is treated equally, not just people/corporations who have the money to pay for a higher speed or content that the delivery service agrees with. If you allow for certain corporations to pay to deliver their services, it will stifle competition and make it more difficult for new technologies to emerge.
—Bonnie Schumacher, Roseville, MN

FCC, throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Net Nuetrality should be protected!
—Tiffany Allen, Pearland, TX

I fear that ISP's censor or throttle websites to competitor or grass roots messages that are not in the interest of a corporation. A functional society does not exist when access to public information is distorted by any means.
—Ms. Heather Price, Houston, TX

Stop giving Big Business all the rights! The middle class is what keeps this country going & immigrants and the poor are what makes this country great! All of the greedy, greedy 1 per centers should be ashamed of themselves & their money grubbing. Pay your fair share & use the same Internet as the rest of us. YOU DON'T DESERVE SPECIAL PRIVILEGES!!!
—Leah Burke, Birmingham, AL

why is this allowed to keep happening almost my god
—Kelli Oconnor, haymarket, VA

Our world has been remarkably transformed by the power of the internet. New business models and new industries have emerged. Old industries have been transformed and elevated. American consumers and businesses have benefitted to an almost unimaginable extent. The internet has offered freedom and opportunity, revolutionizing so many aspects of how we live . . . and it's just getting started. However, if large corporations are allowed to "clamp down" on those freedoms and restrict those opportunities for no other reason than greed, i.e., the predatory exertion of market power, it will be nothing less than a national disgrace. There is no legitimate argument to allow major corporations to control the internet, thereby suppressing innovation and competition to the great detriment of all Americans. Please don't let that happen. Despite the very real pressures our current political environment puts on you, please don't let that happen.
—Jonathan D. Foxman, Bryn Mawr, PA

If you were to get rid of Net Neutrality, that would mean families like mine would have terrible quality internet. We can hardly afford anything good right now. Enforcing new rules would take away what we already have.
—John Miles, Port Haywood, VA

I will vote against congress members who do not support net neutrality, it is in the country's best interest
—Faith, Wyandotte, MI

This is absurd. Coming from a poor family and being an avid gamer and internet user, this totally flips my life around. Can't lower to middle class people have any privileges?
—Amanda G, Woodbury Heights, NJ

Net Neutrality needs to be protected. Those with more money should not be able to grab faster speeds and leave the rest of us in their dust. Fast internet should be available to all.
—Kathleen Brown, Cissna Park, IL

Keep the internet as it is! Keep Net Neutrality and reclassify ISPs as common carriers!
—Mike Motz, Georgetown,

A system where an ISP can throttle the internet speeds of their customers indiscriminately discourages small businesses from using the internet to sell their goods and services. The internet as it is allows anyone to quickly and easily spread word of their business and thus make a living. If an ISP gains the authority to change the internet speeds of their customers or to certain websites, the results would allow large, well-known companies to gain a far greater advantage over smaller ones, which could eventually lead to a monopoly. In short(TL;DR), a lack of net neutrality discourages the competition the this nation's economy was built upon.
—Derik Brockopp, Valley City, ND

I'm a researcher. I'm also a scholar. The Internet is my Library of Congress and Alexandria all rolled into one. I need access to information, documents, and materials that are available online without having to drive to a physical library to find them. As it is, having access to all this information at one's fingertips is good for the environment, and saves money at the same time. I don't think you want to deprive people of their access to the materials they need for self-education and improvement. I wouldn't want to deprive anyone of the tools needed for advancement in their field or job either. I hope you will keep the internet free, democratic and neutral. We need EDUCATION not INDOCTRINATION online. We need CHOICE, and FREE SPEECH. We need free and fair access to the world wide web. Thank you, Jocanda Baldo
—Jocanda Baldo, Flagstaff, AZ

The internet is a free and mostly great place, it shouldn't be owned by anyone
—M D, West Palm Beach, FL

Reliable access to internet is vital for employment, communication, etc. It's not just a luxury anymore.
—Micky, Orlando, FL

With the Internet, individuals have been able to step-up when corporations fail us. As a tool for content gathering, we now have more equality of information. Freedom and self regulation has been able to maintain order of what is now a necessity for many. Right now I'm on a website that my ISP doesn't want me on, and without your help I'm afraid where it will force me to be.
—Jason Thweny, Plymouth, MI

Please do not ignore the people on the issue of Net Neutrality! This could conceivably affect American commerce; and even World commerce by limiting access to nascent startup companies willing to provide new or more enhanced services to Americans. Would Facebook, or Instagram, or Twitter have done well if Net Neutrality had *not* been in place? I somehow think not. If our cable/internet providers have total control of our markets, do you truly believe that they will *not* try to *steer* our choices to companies they have alliances with, instead of newer less connected companies that have superior services? *Please* listen to us, we want the American economy to succeed as much as you do!
—Edward K. Sanford, Westerly, RI

The internet is very important to me! Especially as a student, and artist, and a friend. As a student, I can find so much information that can contribute to my education. Online college classes! Heck, even online high school classes. Isn't that great? It's pretty great. I mentioned I was an artist, right? Well, I get my name out there using... the internet! That's right, I post my comics and other art on the internet. A lot of people do, too. It's an awesome community. Then there's my friends. Who live far away from me. Some even live in other countries. The internet is so important to me, because I can talk to my friends from across the sea, or even only a couple miles away.I roleplay on the internet. I store my writing on the internet. The internet is a part of my life, and millions of other lives too. Let us have out internet. Not everything is about money -- and the internet is about unity and freedom.
—Sophia, Provo, UT

I believe internet service providers (ISPs) should be redefined as common carriers. It's not fair to have a two-tier system with those who pay more receiving faster internet service. Everyone should have a right to use the internet.
—Melissa McMillion, Pinole, CA

As a citizen of what is often called "the greatest country in the world", I feel that allowing the natural monopoly of internet providers to continue to operate in their current fashion sets this country back. Canada, our neighbor to the north, has a policy in place that allows third party internet providers to use fiber and cooper lines owned by the big cable and phone companies that provides for real competition and lower prices. There is no reason that that policy of common carrier status cannot be enacted down here. Consumers need choice in order for a free market to thrive. Where I live, the only choice for high speed internet is the cable company. The phone company DSL will not provide speeds above 3 mbps due to my living on the edge of town. This is not an even playing field. With common carrier designation, consumers can choose from a multitude of providers competing on price and speed, and internet access can be made more affordable to all. I ask that you back out of the current proposal and classify ISPs as common carriers. Thank you.
—James Godowic, DeKalb, IL

That is the stupidest idea i have ever seen that means the richer get richer while the poor get poorer.
—Matthew Bush, lakeland, FL

Mr. Tom Wheeler, Pardon my speech, I am not a man of many words, especially eloquent ones. So, here goes. Dear guys in politics that make decisions about things, Don't mess it up dude. The internet as a tool, is the greatest advancement in human history. Knowledge at ones fingertips. For the generations to come, it is very important that you do not shackle it. Don't allow any individual's or companies greed driven desire for profit, disturb a calm stream. It ain't broke, so don't "fix" it. -Go America!
—George Ojomo, Philadelphia, PA

I fully support net neutrality. ISP's make enough money...they should not be able to charge us more for what we get. It's bad enough that in some places, there is only one option for internet. Comcast charges way more than they should because they are the only option. ISP's should be classified as common carriers.
—Janice Woodward, Sterling, VA

I am so sick and tired of having big companies shove there agenda down my throat, in fact that's why I don't watch television anymore and now you are trying to take my internet away from me. I grew up with the internet being a free place from all the "rules" of modern society a place where you could be free and have fun and joke around, or do more serious work if that's what your into. The point is LEAVE MY INTERNET ALONE!!!
—Shawn Bowman, Montgomery, AL

Democracy was made possible by the printing press, information could flow from the many to the many. Broadcasting damaged this model, restricting the flow from the few to the many. A truly neutral internet allows a return to the many to many model; a model more consistent with true democracy.
—Michael Sansonia, New York, NY

I am in favor of STRONG net neutrality rules to protect the free and open internet, and encourage innovation. True innovation, true disruption nearly always comes from the smaller players, not large, established companies who can pay for an internet fast lane. The playing field should be level for all!
—David Hood, Portland, OR

Do not discriminate between fast and slow internet speeds with the amount of money that we should pay. It should be equal for all !
—Frankie Dee, Toms river, NJ

A tiered internet goes against the whole idea of globalization and interconnectivity. We need MORE connectivity as we head into the future, not less! Classify ISPs as common carriers.
—Miranda, Springfield, OR

Dear Sir / Madam, I am very opposed to the idea of ending Net Neutrality. All people need equal access to all sites available. I am a teacher working in a poor, rural school district, and see such huge gaps already with who can do what at home with internet access. Approving this new idea designed to disadvantage certain people even more makes no sense at all.
—Gary L Smith, Pocatello, ID

Tiered internet is not okay. I, for one, don't think it's right to limit access to things just because they're less popular or have less money to kick around. What about hobbyist culture? Folks may not be able to access home grown alternatives because the big corps bought priority access. Basically, I am kind of really angry about this and I really hope that someone in the FCC knows how much damage this will cause.
—Corwin Brence, Forest Grove, OR

I am a 21 year old with a big dream of starting a small business, I am an aspiring musician, game designer and entrepreneur. For myself and many others, it is essential that we have a free and open internet. If Net Neutrality is not upheld, my dream, along with those of many Americans, will be crushed. I urge you to reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Amazon, Facebook, Google, Esty, and many more are behind us. Those who understand Net Neutrality support it. To protect the free market, you must protect Net Neutrality.
—Jacob Herrington, Dubach, LA

Net neutrality maintains an open market in a virtual reality. Take that away and it will corporate hogs and crushed small internet businesses. There would be no online gaming, Facebook, MySpace, Twitter, etc. If you end net neutrality you are personally responsible for contributing to destruction of America's one remaing plane of freedom that is not corrupted and controlled by wealth and corporate interests.
—John Giles, toms river, NJ

This is against our right for Freedom of Speech, the Internet has problems but this isn't how to fix them. It will make it worse.
—Joe E. Crouch, New London, IA

The Internet is open and is not to be governed.
—Dustin, Elizabethtown, PA

Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers. I don't want isps making more money off throttling the internet.
—Mark Muhr, Des Plaines, IL

Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers! Life's not all about making an extra dollar!
—Rachel Pendergast, Orange, CT

without net neutrality everyone will suffer!
—david Atkins, ballwin, MO

The fifth estate is dead because of corporate control, your plans to destroy net neutrality will likely plunge us deeper into on oligarchy rather than a democracy. Don't sell our freedom!
—Clayton Deaver, Benicia, CA

This new plan proposed by Tom Wheeler is ridiculous, and would completely ruin the Net Neutrality that has been the way the internet has operated since the introduction of it.
—Alexander Darren Cordova, Vancouver, WA

Dear FCC. I'm very interested to see what happens if your proposal goes through. You might've noticed that people are angry. You might've noticed people are aware. "Democracy" kept you in your place last time. You're probably going to win this battle, guys. Like I said, i'm very interested to see what happens if/when you win. Funny thing about pyramids though. Once you get to the top, there's nowhere to go but down.
—Meagan Jennings, HAMILTON,

Keep the Net neutral. Don't set it up to be the haves versus the have nots.
—Mark Johnson, Las Vegas, NV

I am already upset about this even being a proposal. I will be even madder if it passes. It's already bad enough that i have to use a ISP monopoly structure that overcharges, and provides low quality service. Now I have to worry about whether or not I won't have peasant internet speeds? I am against this. I am agasint this monopoly of ISPs in our nation.
—Jp, Van Vleck, TX

My entire family uses the internet. We pay our ever-increasing bill to our internet provider but we cannot afford to pay more for content. As our kids get older their need for content changes. My kid's school is incorporating technology into its Curriculum which means we use more data! We live in a rural area so my kids skype to do projects together! The FCC needs to treat all data equally so that the people who can pay more get more. The internet should be open & free and citizen's access should not be based on the bill they are able to afford! Please maintain neutrality in the way data is managed by providers!!!!
—Judy Abbott, Delmar, NY

Bring back Net Neutrality. Americans deserve access to whatever internet sites they chose.unfettered by extra fees charged by internet providers. The IPS did not pay to construct the internet, the American Taxpayer did, and we need rules to protect the everyday American, not give financial boons to corporations. Thanks for your time and attention to this matter.
—Donna L Chandler, Pasadena, TX

Dear FCC: Please preserve Net Neutrality. I believe it is important for the citizens of this country to have equal access to the Internet. This is an issue that I believe in strongly and I intend to vote against any elected official who allows Net Neutrality to end. Thank you.
—Steve Bevilacqua, Venice, CA

I want the internet to remain as an open universal resource, not a piece of leverage used by companies to extract profits and competitive advantages
—Caleb Koch, Pike Road, AL

The American people are trusting politicians less and less as they give advantage after advantage to corporations at the expense of the human beings affected by their decisions. We ask you to serve the people that you swore to serve. Keep your promises. Be good humans.
—Kimberly Hinton, Port Townsend, WA

What gives you the right to destroy the rights of others?
—Heidi Jones, Stockbridge, GA

Please, do not void net neutrality by allowing a tiered system. It is obvious to me that a tiered system will stifle innovation. It will squelch communication. It will drive ideas and art, free speech and online communities into oblivion. All voices should be equal. The FCC's organic mandate is to regulate communications and electronic commerce "...so as to make available, so far as possible, to all the people of the United States a rapid, efficient, nationwide, and worldwide ...communication service with adequate facilities at reasonable charges, for the purpose of the national defense..." The internet was created by DARPA (Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency) because an "unbreakable" communications network was considered a strategic necessity. Yet, the FCC is considering giving control of this system to less than a handful of corporations? These corporations don't pay taxes. They have no interest in national defense, free speech or public welfare. Those concerns are supposed to be the job of regulators. The FCC, as a regulatory body of the United States of America, which has a mandate to facilitate rapid, accessible, and reasonably priced communications to *me* should not need to be told that this is a Bad Idea. A tiered system will benefit--at most--a handful of corporations. That same tiered system will harm every single taxpayer, innovator, and all other businesses. The proposed tiered system will harm the nation. The only way to maintain any sort of democratic republic is to have an educated, informed populace. Knowledge is power. Information is key. You ought to be ashamed of yourselves for even considering restricting the free flow of either. I pay attention and I vote.
—Ms. Lynda Fujino, Portland, OR

An open, fair, non discriminatory internet is essential to dissemination of content.
—Tod Weidner, Dayton, OH

Keep the Internet Neutral and available to all. No fast lanes, do not allow a 2 tiered internet, this could have devastating affect on Americans and availability to entrepreneurs, start ups, or cheap net availability.
—Christopher Luther, MILWAUKEE, WI

This represents freedom and creativity to me.
—Debra beavers, Calhoun, GA

Please keep the net free for individuals. Net neutrality is IMPORTANT!
—Robert Gantt, West Columbia, SC

Please dont hand the internet over to a corporation that already has a semi monopoly in most parts of the country
—Ryan Clevenger, gastonia, NC

I want to support equality for all. The internet has progress technology, art, science, at a speed never become possible. This is because everyone is able to communicate with one another to build ideas. This also promotes peace in the future, as cultures that are oppressed receive education that they never had access to. If you stunt the speed, you will stunt the progress.
—Sara Gold, flushing, NY

Dear FCC, I am a college student studying computer science and Chinese. Given my interests, it is imperative that the internet remain free and open to all users and that the legal use of the web continue to be unrestrained. I wish to develop games and communicate with my Chinese friends abroad. If I am to share my creations online, if I am to talk to my friends across the world, the internet's neutrality must not be compromised by large ISPs such as AT&T, Comcast, and Verizon. Please, reclassify broadband Internet access as a utility under communications law and protect the people's right to an fair and open internet.
—Richard Smith, Bellbrook, OH

As a technologist for 17 years, I strongly disagree with anything but clear and simple net neutrality. The thought of 1,000s of companies trying to negotiate with 1,000s of ISPs through a government regulated system sounds like a nightmare. Content providers already pay by paying for bandwidth, peering costs, multiple hosting locations, etc. Unfortunately most congress people do not understand it, I got a response from Orrin Hatch that was filled with false statements and outright lies. If there was true competition in 90+% of the US, then perhaps the rule as proposed would work, but there isn't. Perhaps what needs to be looked at is Federal legislation to open the ISP markets to all companies, and governments. Many Cities/States are forbidden from building their own networks and providing real choice. The only other viable option is to reclassify an ISP as a common carrier, just as telephone service was. With the US being way down the list of worldwide broadband availability, the current model has not worked.
—Mark Lythgoe, Heber City, UT

When I was in college, I played music at local venues and bars for my income. By utilizing a number of small (at the time) social startups, i was able to promote my music and land a gig at a popular local dive bar. I met my wife at that dive bar. We are having our first baby this year and she is the love of my live, and none of that wouldn't have happened with the total BS that ISPs are trying to push through as legit. Please say no to this blatant destruction of such a valued and significant resource. Have some integrity, do your job as a regulating committee and protect the American people.
—Michael Erker, Conifer, CO

Make the net open for everyone especially the ones who pay good money for everything that the internet provides which is essential & necessary.
—Will Sanchez, Hialeah, FL

Net neutrality is essential to allow every American the opportunity to choose what thay want to access over the internet. ISP's should not be allowed to dictate to their customers the content that they can access. There must not be discrimination on haves and have nots. ISPs should be reclassified as commom carriers and current rules should be thrown out. If not, than open up this industry to ISPs outside the US who are currently providing faster service at lower costs to their customers. This action is clearly in my opinion monopolistic on the part of domestic ISP providers.
—Walter Clark, Converse, TX

Allowing corporations to create a tiered internet is corrupt and destructive. Leave the internet open, reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Liam O'Brien, Los Angeles, CA

The Internet is important to me because, yes. But it's more important to a politician, someone voted to a position of power. Millions of people, voters, use the internet for social media exchange (twitter, facebook, imgur, reddit, youtube,etc) to get their information for news. This is how modern society functions and communicates. Giving businesses the power to restrict and limit who has access to these websites is only going to screw over whatever message a politician wants the millions of people who use these websites to receive. Net Neutrality insures voters, in today's online society, can actually be reached without barriers.
—Gabriel Zisk, pittsburgh, PA

Fast affordable internet for all (content providers as well as consumers) breeds innovation and benefits everyone! Keep it that way!
—Kevin Fargason, Houston, TX

Net Neutrality is extremely important to me.
—Oliver Kienzi, new york, NY

We need less separation of classes...not new places for classes and hierarchy to exist.
—SarahKate VanAuker, maybee, MI

Keep it real..... Support frredom of information.....
—Jimmy Junior, Nashville, TN

The internet should not be controlled by big corporations to the detriment of smaller purveyors. It should continue to be a platform that allows for equal exploration by the user.
—Shellie J Scott, Bronx, NY

The internet has changed the lives for people fortunate enough to experience it in a way that almost nothing else has. Never before have humans had access to almost all collective knowledge of humanity in such a way, and if that is allowed to change, it will be to make a world that cares even more about money and power than knowledge and human progress than we are already facing. Anyone who acts to destroy net neutrality is acting to make a worse world. Anything that restricts access to knowledge contributes to the decline of society. I want the freedom to download ebooks from my local library even though they can't bribe Comcast to obtain a reasonable download speed.
—Caryn Livingston, Houston, TX

Leave the internet open, please classify ISPs as common carriers.
—Paul Fey, Hollywood, CA

We need Net Neutrality so everyone has equal access to the Internet.
—Andrew Foster, Culloden, WV

To support fair access to a public utility regardless of ability to pay.
—Jks, Fanwiod, NJ

Internet service providers should be obligated to provide service to the best of their ability, regardless of the specific site. They should NOT be given the opportunity to pick which sites they want to slow down so they can squeeze more money out of us. The internet is an enormous hub of freedom to explore and learn, and should remain easily accessible and open to anyone unhindered.
—Daniel Pappalardo, Walnut Creek, CA

We pay enough for unreliable connections, we don't need our connection manipulated.
—Debbie Engle, Oak Park, CA

I want my children to have access to information without the ISP dictating how and when it will be available. This is economic discrimination on par with the racial discrimination of the Jim Crow laws. Corporations will only act in their own interests. If we give them the opportunity to control how much each person can pay for how much service, they will set rates that are advantageous to them regardless of the public good. This power will lead to those with money having access to knowledge at a increased rate give them a consistent advantage over the rest of the public. Since the internet was developed with public funds, and the ISPs receives federal funding, then they are providing a public service. We should protect that service to prevent the abuse of the public trust.
—Jesse Dean, New Orleans, LA

Dear FCC, The big internet companies are doing nothing but taking our Freedom of Speech away from us by trying to take over the internet and how we use it. By doing so, companies such as Comcast, Verizon, and others will block access to some of our favorite websites, and furthermore, they will take away our choice to do what we want to do on the internet. That's why I'm urging you to reject their ridiculous proposal, so that way we can enjoy the freedom of having an open internet for many years to come. Thank You! Steven J. Anderson
—Steven J. Anderson, Myerstown, PA

Net neutrality is very important because not everyone is able to afford to pay fees for faster internet. This in turn will segregate many of the internet users and make an online community almost none existent and simply inhibit people's ability to use the internet in the first place. It is not your place to control the internet, it I'd for everyone who wishes to use it.
—Michael, Brampton,

Net neutrality is important to me because I own a small business. Creating a two-tiered internet would put my business at a disadvantage because I don't have the resources to pay more for a faster online path to my door.
—Becky Birch, Marengo, IA

Please throw out the rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Net neutrality benefits everyone.
—Bernadette De Joya, Austin, TX

I am a retail buyer and rely on the internet daily to do research on products both for customers and for the store I work. Much of tgecresearch is on natural products. Net neutrality is imperative for my job as well as peace of mind. As a hobby I am a wildlife photographer. The amount of research I do on insects, wildflowers, birds, eco systems is an integral part of this hobby which I hope to turn into a profession. Net neutrality is the only way I can accomplish this.
—Jacquie Roecker, Naples, FL

Please keep ISPs as common carriers. There is no good reason to change the way the internet is now. Introducing faster speeds or "fast lanes" for those who can afford them is simply irresponsible. Some people rely on the internet for more than just fun and games -- for some it's a lifeline, or a connection to far away family or friends. Don't take that away.
—Kristen Meyers, Franklin, MA

I don't want my internet provider deciding what I can see and how fast - they should just give me internet!
—Nancy Wickus, Temecula, CA

I am going say this as a citizen who pays my taxes, and demands my freedom of press be not infringed. Reclassfity isps as common carriers. Net neutrality insures that freedom of press, and freedom of speech be respected as a human and consitutional right.
—Lukis Wayne Chenoweth, Lawrence, KS

Please do everything in your power for the citizens that trust your judgement to ensure Net Neutrality.
—Salvador Padilla, Chowchilla, CA

You need to keep the net free and equal
—Jason Thompson, Cincinnati, OH

What the fuck is wrong with you guys…don't even consider changing anything about the internet…It is beautiful as is...
—Mark Collins, Lawrence, KS

The FCC needs to reclassify broadband providers as common carriers under Title II of the Communications Act, and put in place rules that prevent special interests from privileging the flow of some data over others. This will only happen if American’s overwhelm the FCC with impassioned voices for net neutrality, THIS IS MY IMPASSIONED VOICE & VOTE!!! Pleas PLEASE PROTECT THIS PRECIOUS RESOURCE FOR OUR CHILDREN AND THEIR CHILDREN! They will KNOW what you have cost them if not!!! Urgently, Amanda Murray
—Book Worm, North palm beach, FL

First of all, lets define what I mean when I say "net neutrality". 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. Hmmm, so where do our political parties claim to stand on this issue? Well nobody seems to speak to it DIRECTLY.... BUT.... From the official website of the GOP, specifically: www.gop.com/our-party "Economy We believe in the power and opportunity of America's free-market economy. We believe in the importance of sensible business regulations that promote confidence in our economy among consumers, entrepreneurs and businesses alike. We oppose interventionist policies that put the federal government in control of industry and allow it to pick winners and losers in the marketplace." The end of net neutrality would end the purest form of a free-market economy in existence today. The freedom of ideas and opportunity the internet provides has allowed for a pure meritocracy where one competitor (i.e. Google) rises above all the competition and becomes a huge provider of jobs and contributor to our economy because it provided a better service than its competitors (specifically, but not limited to: Yahoo, Lykos, DogPile, Ask Jeeves). Stop government intervention in our economy that benefits a few large corporations at the cost of American innovation and free-market policies. From the democratic party website, specifically: http://www.democrats.org/democ ratic-national-platform "We know that the free market only works when there are rules of the road to ensure that competition is fair, open, and honest." Guess what, net neutrality is the most open, fair, and honest form of competition within the market. A true meritocracy. The GOP and Democratic parties agree. Shocking. Anyone under the age of 32-35 understands the importance, value, and need for true net neutrality. We are watching. We will know who stands for true free-market, meritocracy, capitalist policies. And we will know who would rather cater to big business lobbyists, rigging the game for profits and to stifle innovation and competition. This will affect the way we vote.
—John Kilfeather, New London, CT

Internet discrimination should not be allowed just so that the pockets of the internet service providers can become fuller. It is unacceptable that they decide the speed at which different pages load based on who pays them more. That would limit the amount of sites I could visit and damper my ability to communicate, shop, research information or even start my own business. Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers. If you do not, it would only prove that the FCC is just another agency in the bag working for the 1% and ALL citizens of this country.
—Altagracia De La Rosa, New York, NY

Dear FCC, Net neutrality, the principle that Internet service providers (ISPs) treat all data that travels over their networks equally, is important to me because without it IPSs could have too much power to determine my internet experience by providing only certain services that they deem. A pay-to-play Internet worries me because new, innovative services that can't afford expensive fees for better service. The Internet is important to me because, as a college computer science student, I need to know that there will not be barriers to entry for the new ideas and services that I hope to bring to the marketplace. If ISP subscribers have an easier time loading websites of existing companies than my new innovative product, there's no way that I or anyone else will be able to compete or succeed. There have been many ideas that had changed many people life's for the better. Sincerely,
—Ryan Gillespie, Rochelle, IL

ISPs should be regulated under Title II as a common carrier. We need Internet access now just as we have needed telephone services in the past. Let's recognize that the Internet should be a fundamental utility, accessible to all and open to innovation by all.
—Ernest Braganza, Abingdon, VA

Always has been always should be, and who are the FCC to say otherwise? No to the FCC's proposed internet rules that allow them and ISP's to make a shit load more money
—Chris McGill, KILMARNOCK,

Dear FCC: Net Neutrality is so important! As a person who grew up in poverty in an environment that did not value education, I remember when we got the internet at my house in 1992. My greatest realization was that now anyone, anywhere could learn about anything as long as they had internet access! It really is the "ultimate leveler of the playing field" in terms of education. The internet is also a powerful tool for building democracy and allowing equal voice for all. Please preserve the concept of internet neutrality. We should NOT allow this resource to be restricted or controlled by the few who can afford to do so.
—Corrina Gideon, Malaga, WA

Net neutrality is very important to maintaining the integrity of information and communication!
—Robbie Dunning, Northampton, MA

Do not kill net neutrality! Stop backing big business. We already pay enough for high speed internet and our service is limited and our cable infrastructure is sub standard at best.
—Carlos Knox, Los Angeles, CA

We can ill afford another monopoly on mobility. The Internet has given billions of people a chance in life they would never have had otherwise - fame, fortune, and chances to quite literally change the world without leaving home. We've seen billionaires and true celebrities rise up, as well as voices for humanitarian concerns and institutions like Kickstarter that give something approaching true democracy to the masses. Allowing Internet tollbooths will kill one of the best things to happen to the world in a long time. And, with a bunch of small hands in the pot, everyone makes more money - especially the larger players. It's not a zero sum game, production begets production and innovation spurs more of same on the Internet. Throw out your rules. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Keep money alive.
—Richard Howard, Springfield, MO

The open internet is a great example of the freedom that this country is based on. And the proposed selling of prioritized access is a horrific example of the precariousness of that freedom. You can clearly see the will of the people in this.
—Joseph Schap, Baltimore, MD

I wouldn't be able to afford it.
—Nancy Beiswinger, Toms River, NJ

Don't be evil, guys. Net neutrality is important to a fair marketplace.
—Rachel Altan, Beverly Hills, CA

to protect my future as an independent creator, and all the like who create.
—Tanya Kostuk, edmonton,

Please keep ISP as common carriers. Our nation was intended to be a democracy, not solely a capitalist country. Please do the right thing in this scenario: uphold Net Neutrality.
—Bunny Hanlon, Milford, MA

Net neutrality gives new businesses the potential to compete with huge companies that pay for faster and more accessible internet. Don't restrict innovation and the incredible, universal access that the internet has given us!
—Kelly Graham, Seattle, WA

Access for all is important for so many reasons, but particularly for economic inequality.
—Tess, milford, CT

Net neutrality is necessary. In order to keep the amount of people on the internet that we have we must not put these rules into effect. People will start to leave, and the internet is a wonderful place filled with knowledge and sociality. Restricting it is not what the people want
—Mike Knittel, Sanford, FL

The proposed rules grant companies 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.
—John Paolini, San Francisco, CA

This entire idea is garbage.
—Eric Dittman Jr., Napa, CA

Avenues of communication in our country (mail and phone) have been equally accessible and fair for all citizens and the companies they build. The internet is the format of communication in the future and other older formats are increasingly obsolete. This should be something that all American's have equal access to use in their daily lives and in building their livelihoods
—Dana King, Cottage Grove, WI

I do not think it is right or in the consumers interest to have one fast internet that some companies can charge access to. And a slow internet for others. The prices on cable are already outrageous and giving fast internet service will create a monopoly and inadequate competition. Cable companies need to be broken up. And it is not in the interest of the consumer to have a special internet highway for a few rich companies and cable providers. Wrong way to go. And I vote. Including a letter to Obama to replace Wheeler.
—Andrew Zwick, Evanston, IL

ISPs should not charge at both ends and be able leverage their power to determine what content we get. Keep the internet fair.
—Marc, New York, NY

Please be fair. So many have spoken up. Let our voices be heard. We are begging for Net Neutrality.
—Andrea Deangelo, austin, TX

Allowing corporations to determine internet accessibility is corrupt. Money should not influence access to information. Please keep isp's as common carriers.
—Allison Friedman, Stony Brook, NY

Keep corporations out of our internet! internet is one of the greatest liberties we have as Americans, don't allow it to be controlled by a bunch of money grubbing suits.
—Julio .A. de la cruz, Los Angeles, CA

Information should be free and freely accessed by the people. Corporations should not be allowed to control the flow of the information. Why should I have to pay twice for the information I get now. It's bad enough ISP(Internet service providers) in the U.S. fail to keep up with their counter parts around the world in terms of service, support, and speeds.
—Jason L. Shay, Conway, AR

Allowing Internet Service Providers (ISPs) and other supporting backbone services to charge for improved services undermines the "internet" as a whole and is clearly against the expressed wishes of the American citizens. I, as an independent voting citizen, expect the FCC to serve the interests of American citizens - protecting Net Neutrality is the FCCs JOB..... not allowing extortion for already paid for service. I am already paying for internet access.... I should receive those services that I am paying for.... the ISPs should not be allowed to DOWNGRADE my service if a source-material-provider doesn't pay them extra $$s.
—Edward Scott Channell, Los Angeles, CA

This benefits no one and harms all of us.
—Joy Wysong, Columbus, OH

We the people are speaking.
—Ann Finneran, Hurleyville, NY

The internet should be a tool for free learning, available for everyone, and everyone should have equal access in every way.
—Miss Rebecca Stine, Apple Valley, MN

To the FCC commissioners: I urge you to rule in favor of Net Neutrality so everyone can have equal Internet access, and corporations won't control which information is first class, and which is second. Thanks, Gus Teschke
—Gus Teschke, Ann Arbor, MI

Access to the internet should be open and free for everyone no matter their income, business size, location ... etc. Do not allow a two-tiered Internet !!!!!!!!!!!!!! I am self-employed and rely on the internet for my business. I also volunteer as the manager of an organic food coop. Both of these would be damaged with a two-tier internet system. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers!
—Alison Love Unzelman, Becker, MN

Net neutrality is the only thing that keeps the internet free. It is the most open form of expression in the world as of now and taking that away will leave a world of people with big ideas and ways to make get change without a platform to stand on.
—Justin Hulce, Poolesville, MD

The internet is an oasis of art, innovation, and everything in between. Humans flourish, ideas are born, and miracles are made every day. It is one of the few places where preferential treatment does not win. No one has the right to limit something that spans the entire globe. Especially not a single person, business, or entity.
—Eric Navarrete, Carrollton, TX

I believe that an organization should not be allowed to charge a premium to connect with me. I am already paying to connect to them.
—Gilbert Guzman, Charlotte, NC

Here it is again in case you missed it the first time. To all but Mr. Tom Wheeler who I feel is beyond reason and so the inevitable insult may herein ensue. However, if all I can hope for is a vote then please count mine for the regulation of isp's as telecom carriers. There are people who try to engage interest and persuade agreement on issues while employing tricks from the Book of Fallacies and do appear to be reasonable, as these practitioners of gobbledegook and sophistry generally go undetected due to the most sophisticated means known as mandatory public education (m.p.e). Undoing the ill effects of m.p.e. has been a lifelong object of my own efforts to be educated and the Internet has been an important tool for it. Sophistry and gobbledegook are well exemplified by Mr. Tom Wheeler's nonsense offering of allowing a finite pie to be divided unequally and telling those who receive smaller portions that they aren't. That some slices of pie are just like all the others that can be taken from the same pie in terms of flavor, and we are meant to extrapolate this equality of flavor to generally apply to all other abstracts of the whole. Indeed, if the pie was made of cherries even the smaller slices will have the flavor of cherries. This flavor is what Mr. Wheeler means when he states, “The proposed rule is built to ensure that everyone has access to an Internet that is sufficiently robust to enable consumers to access the content, services and applications they demand, as well as an Internet that offers innovators and edge providers the ability to offer new products and services.” Here the flavor is access, and this is qualified by the weasel-worded "sufficiently robust" which merely obfuscates further the abstract of size. Size doesn't matter in this world of abject sophistry and gobbledegook. Add to this the appearance of balance with his concern for innovators and edge providers, even though they may provide innovative ways to screw us out of a fair piece of pie. Wheeler also said, “If anyone acts to degrade the service for all for the benefit of a few, I intend to use every available power to stop it,” Here he appears to make a righteous stand against anyone acting to degrade the service which he has gone at length to prevent from being defined in terms of size, and therefore, he should use every available power to stop himself since the degradation of the Internet is intrinsic to the proposed rule.
—Mr. Dalin Hale, Temecula, CA

I Don't want the big communication companies to be able to restrict efficient and fast access to the Internet, according to their self serving criteria. Also, they could take control of our communication system, to make more money by knowing what I write, my devices, or my financial situation. This would ruin free access to a free Internet.
—Sharon A. Goretti, North Tonawanda, NY

I believe we need to fully protect Net Neutrality, and eliminate any possibility of Internet-speed discrimination. Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers and keep the Net Neutral. In this free society democracy the people deserve it.
—Robert Rusnak, Carlsbad, CA

Please keep ISPs as common carriers.
—Priscilla, Elizabeth, NJ

Please reconsider this inane plan. Everyone deserves access to fast, fair internet. Net Neutrality is important.
—Brittany Marczak, Tafton, PA

Please keep the internet neutral. I don't want there to be a hierarchical nature to the internet. It's unnecessary and will ultimately favor those with money, as does everything else in this country.
—Jennifer Bauer, Los Angeles, CA

I believe it is time to stop sitting idle on our hands, letting the smoke and mirror show continue to curtail innovation in the digital environment. The basis of actions as performed by Comcast equates to the sort of industry breaking actions as enacted by Enron in the heyday of the "rolling blackouts." We have a chance to reclassify Internet Service Providers as Common Carriers, limiting their ability to use their excessive girth to crush the internet as we know it. I believe the time is nigh to act, and if we miss this opportunity, we may never have this chance again. What is the function of politics if the voice of the many is squelched by the voice of the few?
—Jacqueline Marshall, Burlington, VT

My works depends, on browsing and reaserching a great deal of different subjects, and kind of information. A non neutral net, will erode severly my hability to reach different content in a effectively way. This will be, because probably some of my needs won't be the same that are considered important to allow me to fast get by my ISP provider. Please throw out This rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. I know that i'm not a citizen of teh USA, byt truth benn said, your country set the example that the majority of countries of the rest of the word wollows in this affairs. So please, don't set this precedent.
—Leonardo Lopera, Medellin,

Allowing the transfer of the open internet to corporate interests goes against what our country stands for. We need neutrality in our common carriers. The world needs us to demonstrate openness and transparency of operations. Keep net neutrality!
—Jay Radner, Woodside, NY

Everyone needs to have equal time, equal speed on the net. Otherwise the big companies will rule the web and the small companies, start-ups etc. will be limited. We as a country will lose out on creativity.
—Harry E. Idol, Dayton, OH

Net Neutrality is the last remaining line of defense against discrimination of online content and applications. It is imperative that Net Neutrality continues.
—Benjamin Levy-Wendt, Alameda, CA

Net neutrality is important to me as both an artist and a businessperson because the free internet offers open opportunities for enterprising people to achieve success. I don't want my content filtered.
—Zane Grace, Elk Grove, CA

Net Neutrality provides a modest counterweight to the negative effects of big money in media. Shoestring media operations have thrived under some modicum of Net Neutrality, bringing many of us a broader perspective on vital matters of public policy and the Arts. I urge you to keep the Internet immune from the influences of big money. Treat the Internet as a Public Utility.
—Jeffrey Burman, Winnetka, CA

We need to keep net neutrality. Disarming it would only give power to a few providers that have a monopoly on the service. Destroying net neutrality will destroy free speech, equality of sites, and and the free market. Companies like Google, Amazon and Netflix will suffer. The only people that will benefit from this horrible decision to allow "fast lanes" in internet access would be Time Warner, Comcast and other big cable providers. FCC, keep the internet free.
—Elias Hansen, Pullman, WA

Net neutrality is important to everyone in the world for many reasons information gathering for one is a major use of the internet businesses look at the business aspect but what about the sites for information alone? they're not gonna be able to afford the fast lane to allow a business/government or any other organization to limit the internet in any way you might as well be promoting communism the internet is not the governments creation nor big business and as such they have to right or claim to it or the limitation of it it's a free service open to the entire world and as such it should stay had big business created it I would think differently but since when should they have a claim to limit something they do not own and did not create? to pass this would be spitting in the consumers faces and to think that will go over well is just blatent ignorance.
—Bradley Davis, Carlisle, IA

Dear FCC, Keep the internet free and open. This is a demand, not a request. I am about fed up with Corporations ruining our freedoms and it is time to put a stop to it! Throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—William Morris, Murtle Creek, OR

Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers. The internet should not be run by large businesses and that is the most likely outcome if the proposed FCC rules are approved. The US needs net neutrality in order to compete with the rest of the world. Please act in favor of the common good and change how ISPs are classified and regulated.
—James Zambon, Brooklyn, NY

Screw you guys- we deserve the right to equal internet access.
—Claire Kooyman, longmont, CO

The whole purpose of the internet is to be free communication for the world and the user's are the same people that have built and funded it's infrastructure since its inception. Please do the right thing.... and do the right thing. Keep the net neutral.
—Gary Richter, Chantilly, VA

Don't let the rich control the internet.
—Joe Samp, NORTH AURORA, IL

I have satellite internet and it's already upsetting that my bandwidth is so severely limited compared to others that have access to high speed internet. Losing true net neutrality worries me because it will affect my access to an open internet even more.
—Tracy Tilley, Gassville, AR

Let's keep the internet as inexpensive for the consumers who drive economic growth and maintain net neutrality. Communication should be cheap, if not free, in order to promote political debate and access to information that our population requires to be able to self-govern. You don't promote this ability by making access to information more expensive. Two-tiered internet is a terrible idea. You're going to make everything more expensive for regular people at a time when the economy cannot afford another drag. In effect, you will be levying a tax on everybody who is not an internet provider.
—Michael Fuhlhage, Ferndale, MI

I don't understand why we are not the top on high speed internet in the world, why countries who are far from a super power, have superior internet service, and without all the political dealings. The infer structure and backbone of this country is all high speed internet based, from school, to the way we view our media, Net Neutrality would be a good first step, but much more work needs to be done. Too many congressmen allow the lobbyists to lobby in the best interest of the companies, our elected officials are not doing right by the people who elected them, we need to make it free and fast for the greatest country in the world.
—Gloria Caricchio, Westbrook, ME

I don't want some monolithic corporation I don't even use deciding what content should be giving preferential treatment! Stop this this plan at once! Please!
—Peter Munro, Alhambra, CA

Crap internet by bloated conglomerates who don't have to worry about competition because they've bought out entire markets is NOT okay. Internet is rapidly becoming a basic necessity. The US should NOT be so far behind the rest of the world.
—Jared Lows, Scottsdale, AZ

Giving corporations control over the content of the internet is like handing atom bombs to early humans. It's a bad idea and it will set our entire species back a fair way. Don't. Do. It.
—Dan Spitzer, Fort Collins, CO

What if my ISP opts to slow down my connection to the sites I need to conduct my research for my education? My student loans are already maxed, and I can not afford a more-expensive "fast lane" connection. What if my ISP is a "closely held" entity, and they opt to discriminate me as an LGBT individual, based on 'religious' grounds, and I am refused even the option of a faster connection?
—John-Paul J. Pelletier, Rochester, NY

Access to the Internet is a crucial part of our nation's infrastructure. ISPs should be regulated and monitored as utilities. If Con Ed delivered electricity as poorly as Time Warner provides connectivity, half of New York City would routinely be in flames. Annually, I would bet based on my own experience, most Americans probably waste at least 20 uncompensated hours calling their ISPs to report outages and beg for refunds, playing cat-and-mouse with companies that try to sneak their incompetence past frustrated customers. We are dependent on reliable Internet for virtually all of our professional, personal, and commercial communications. That the federal government has allowed the nation's Internet infrastructure to be treated as an entertainment industry is embarrassing -- and extraordinarily costly (when deals, sales, and file transfers fail because of service interruptions).
—John Frisch, New York, NY

These rules are absolutely unacceptable! I strenuously object to Chairman Wheeler's new rules! ISP's should be classified as common carriers and strictly regulated. It is your job to protect the public interest and keep internet service as a level playing field that treats all traffic equally and gives no special advantage to web sites owned by those who have more money. The internet is public infra-structure that was created using our tax dollars and belongs to the public. It cannot be a system for sale to the highest bidder.
—Mark Margrave, Omaha, NE

Our government is based on the idea and practice of equality for all men and women, that being said it is safe to say that everyone is unique and different both personality wise as well as financially. Because of our capitalist economy it is fact that not everyone is financially able to afford expensive items or services. Even so, discrimination against those who can't afford high speed internet at a higher value is wrong and contradictory to the words in our constitution. A two - tiered internet service would be devastating to those who can't afford high speed internet, but use it for educational needs, I as a student can relate to this as my own family's financial situation is strict as I can barely afford five dollars to go and drink or eat pizza with my friends. However, not only is it devastating for those who use it for educational purposes but also for those who use it for theor jobs and businesses. A self - employed person will have to loose money and a two-tiered internet service will restrict them on how much they profit off of their job, depending on how many people are dependent on them financially, e.g. wife, children, family. Furthermore small business will also be affected by the cost of a better quality internet service. Businesses will have to pay their employees less to accommodate the new price for internet or lay them of of work altogether. This act will further degrade our collapsing economy. In the long run a two-tiered internet service will be chaotic and have more consequences then benefits.
—Carla, Cliffside Park NJ 07010, NJ

Don't let the big ISP corporations weasel out of the REAL solution by offering lucrative-to-them solutions. The internet must be free! We cannot allow tiered privileged speeds to exist on the internet. Letting this happen seems innocuous at first, but dire unforeseen consequences will inevitably ensue. The ISP companies should instead be focusing on expanding the internet pipelines to make things faster, so we don't need to charge for tiered lanes of speed. Please FCC, consider this plea!
—John Bentley, Cramerton, NC

NN is important to me because it allows me to feel as though I still have some sort of freedom left in this nation where so many other rights have been trampled. The internet is a free place to view the things we love, gain knowledge on information we would never have had access to before, and to meet and interact with others all across the globe.
—Kristine Bowers, Dripping Springs, TX

This country was founded upon principles of equality, freedom of expression, and opportunity to which any citizen can avail themselves. As times and technology have changed, what hasn't changed is the principle under which communication takes place within our boundaries. Hence, the airwaves and electronic communication, whether transmitting audio, video, or both, have always been deemed as commonly held equally by all citizens. This cannot, and should not change. I trust the FCC will remember its duty to preserve the Constitution of this great nation, in the guise of the avenues of information and communication to which we all, without exception, and regardless of the vagaries of economic interference, possess as a citizenry, and by so doing, assure we maintain a society based upon openness, freedom, and equality. Net Neutrality assures Americans that this will not change. Thank you for your forward looking vision. Truly, the eyes and ears of America are upon you.
—Joshua Carson, Portland, OR

We've seen many times how this will eventually work out for consumers. We've already seen how lobbying and campaign contributions have ruined all the good things. Throw out this stupid measure and re-classify the ISPs as common carriers. We will not take the word of snake-oil peddlers on how good it will be for us when it has killed all it has come into contact with. The FCC should keep the their dirty away from our neutral internet, and Tom Wheeler can get fucked by a dingo.
—Mr. Aravinthan Rajaandra, Petaling Jaya,

Businesses should not have a say in what I say. The Internet was created as a way to link the world and promote communication and connection. It is therefore a great equalizer that enables users to express, communicate, and learn. Enabling businesses to be able to control the Internet in such a way as to limit the voices of certain people on certain websites will drastically dimish the creative and intellectual output of the Web and, in consequence, of mankind. Net neutrality is therefore vital to the very essence of 21st Century innovation.
—Olivier Bishop-Mercier, Essex, VT

I believe it's time to reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Bruce Reutlinger, Sherman Oaks, CA

Dear FCC I believe ISPs should be treated as common carriers, and that "net neutrality" as it is known, MUST be maintained. Nothing good will come of having so called: "Fast" connections competing against "Slower" connections. I believe that the service providers would become a form of monopoly "king makers", choosing winners and losers and manipulating information and markets. I believe that innovation will stagnate without neutrality.
—Kevin Park, Wood Village, OR

Please lave the internet as a neutral place!!!
—Christina Powell, Manassas, VA

The internet is and should continue to be a place of free experience and exploration, allowing for the most surprising and innovative networks, projects, distribution systems and channels of production. This is what a free internet has allowed for the past twenty years. To create a distinction between different lanes of speed in the internet is the equivalent to create a classist web, where those who can pay for faster services outrun all smaller users and producers on the web - not because they can but because law as allowed it.
—Pedro Neves Marques, New York, 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.
—David Prather, MIDLAND, TX

Please, secure the future of our internet by classifying ISP's as utilities, and guaranteeing neutrality!
—Don Ward, Largo, FL

The internet must remain open to all, on an equal basis-neutral. Fast lanes for the big corporations seriously hamper free speech. We must not allow discrimination on the internet.
—Julie Sullwold, Santa Barbara, CA

Protect Net Neutrality. There is no excuse for handing a government agency over to the highest bidder. It is not the job of the FCC to decide who will get better internet access and or service. We are interested in freedom not unnecessary unreasonable regulation leveled at anyone who can't get in bed with the government. Big government in bed with big business gives birth to tyranny. But, we are a nation "conceived in Liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal." Dismiss this garbage and protect our equality.
—Pamela Fraley, Homer, AK

Stop it. Seriously just stop. Just say no so we don't have to do this again. I'm not in the mood for you to tier the internet. You are all ridiculous.
—Kayla Zumbaum, Dallas, TX

Don't bow to the wishes of the cable companies! These rules threaten the chances of small time up-and-coming Internet entrepreneurs. It's like having this growing river town and then diverting the course of the river so it's closer to the city. The FCC's job is not to make business even easier for monopolistic cable providers. It's to maintain an ordered Internet space and protect the experience of those who enjoy and even work on that space. For the sake of all the Youtubes, Twitters, Twitches, Facebooks, Penny Arcades, web comics, web services, and web-thingsnoone'sthoughtofyet to come, please, keep the Internet free!
—David Hall, Stillwater, OK

Open access to internet content has become a necessity for people from all walks of life. From how to videos, to job applications the internet is used for many everyday tasks as well as entertainment. Please don't allow large corporations to determine what we can and cannot see on the web.
—Eliza Miller, Chico, CA

We deserve cheap, easy, fast access to information. This discriminates against those who cannot afford the best and in this economy, that is too many of us.
—Venus Savage, San Francisco, CA

Entry to free market is threatened, my Nation to innovate is diminished, and my hungry tamed.
—Michael Adami, Vestal, NY

The internet is the great equalizer of my generation. All people must have free and oven access to it. With all the money in politics this is the one avenue still open to those with no other way of expressing themselves . I implore you, please do not take away this most precious of resources, for your own future.
—Sarah Lyons, bronx, NY

Comcast, verizon, and other large service have never and will never deliver an open, quality service unless they are forced. If we let net neutrality be corrupt by these large ISPs how will startups compete and innovate in the next wave of internet services. Large ISPs must not be allowed to tax internet speeds and crush competition - particularly when these same companies are starting to build there own competing products.
—Nathan Totten, Bellevue, WA

As a mother and grandmother I want the open and equal access to the internet to remain so for the sake of all our children, and for future generations. It is absurd to approve a plan that could and would lead to rampant discrimination and abuse. Do the right thing! Keep our net neutrality safe!
—Devon Leonard, pahoa, HI

ISP's of today are Ma Bell's of the 70's, common carriers. They need to be classified as such.
—Kirk Kading, Tempe, AZ

Net Neutrality is important to me because it educates, and informs all types of people. Throw out old rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Tara C., Burbank, CA

Net Neutrality is essential to preserving the internet as an environment where everyone has a voice and where people can freely engage in business and culture.
—Joshua Lee, Brooklyn, NY

I'm a small company, and need the neutrality to keep Net costs competitive if I am to remain in business. If large corporate business models dictate the Net cost to consumers, the smaller companies will not flourish or even survive.
—Robert Skye, Penngrove, CA

DON'T GO THROUGH WITH THIS! Net neutrality needs to be a think!
—Max, Universal city, TX

Do not create an internet for the rich and an internet for the poor. This is a mistake and will stymie innovation.
—Tiffany Reisz, Portland, OR

Listen to the PEOPLE and not $$$!
—Mr. Washington, las vegas, NV

Net neutrality is the foundation of what made the internet what it is today. Please preserve the internet's role as a place for innovation.
—Kurt Weiske, San Carlos, CA

FCC: Reclassify ISPs as common carriers. The internet has become a vital, and increasingly the dominant, way for information exchange, which makes giving the ISPs the authority to manipulate connection speeds too dangerous. Litigation by injured parties is not the right way to hold them accountable. Treat them like the phone companies, since they are essentially providing an extended version of that service.
—Paul Friederich, DECATUR, GA

No one should have control or influence of any area of the internet as I now know it. Protect Net Neutrality.
—Joy Thomas, Murray, KY

Net neutrality is an essential part of free speech. I don't think there's anyway you can allow fast-lane discrimination without also allowing discrimination on the basis of content or, even if you can, that it won't be used as a foot in the door. Moreover, as political-campaign financing shows, giving an access edge to those with money has devastating effects on democracy and free speech i any event.
—Michael Goldstein, Oakland, CA

Dear Chairman Wheeler, I write to demand real protections for a free and open internet. The principle of net neutrality has been key to the growth of the internet. The FCC must take steps to uphold this bedrock principle by adopting strong net neutrality rules that will survive the inevitable court challenge. First and foremost, this means prohibiting fast lanes and slow lanes online. Allowing ISPs to break the internet into fast and slow lanes is a recipe for stagnation online. Instead of services succeeding based on the quality of their offering, the new test of success will be the ability to pay off ISPs to get into the lane that works. In order to successfully prevent this splitting of the internet, I call on you to classify internet access as a Title II telecommunications service. As the DC Circuit made clear, there is simply no way to effectively prohibit discrimination online without taking this step. Do not let 2014 become the last good year for the internet. I urge you to work quickly to adopt real, strong, net neutrality rules. Thank you, Olivia Vuong
—Olivia Vuong, Burke, VA

Keep Internet neutrality. Thank you.
—Chris Silva, manhasset, NY

Dear FCC, Please do NOT allow providers to discriminate against the free exchange of ideas with paid prioritization. Net neutrality is important to the Internet as we know it. 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, Mandy Bambenek Hopmann
—Mandy Hopmann, Mendota Heights, MN

Internet was created to be a neutral zone. Allowing providers to charge extra fees for fast internet is discrimination against those who cannot afford to pay. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers
—Breanne, Rohnert Park, CA

Net Neutrality guarantees all websites — start-ups, blogs, independent media, lolcats — an even playing field. It’s essentially the First Amendment of the Internet. It’s what has made it so revolutionary, and it gives all of us a voice. But the cable companies want to gut Net Neutrality to increase their profits. Without Net Neutrality, those corporations can kill websites by relegating them to slow lanes if they don’t pay fees — or if they just don’t like the content they contain. That threatens not only the Internet that we love, but the very foundations of a free society. Take action here, it's easy: http://battleforthenet.com Cable companies are spending millions of lobbying dollars in an attempt to drown out the overwhelming cry of the public who are demanding that the FCC protect the Internet. It is important that the voices of individual Americans, and not the well-financed, lobbying voices of the cable companies, are heard, really HEARD, by President Obama, FCC Chairman Wheeler and by all the elected officials in Congress.
—Jljanes@graphicdoesitcom janes, soquel, CA

I, such as so many living in this country, am a senior, I have worked all my life, I live on a fixed income. Just a few months ago, I was able to get hi speed Internet, before that I had dial up, which was sooo very pain staking, I could not see the videos or even the photos my children and grandchildren sent me. If you take away net neurtality and give in to the big companies, so they can make more money, it will leave us less fortune behind. My children live all across our beautiful country, and this is the only way I can enjoy them every day. I do not have any extras, like cable, never could afford cable and still can't but I can afford the 17.00 for the hi speed net, finally. In my budget , I could not go beyond that amount with my 33 med. I take a day. and my house and car payments plus house insurance and car insurance. I take the 17.00 out of my food money, and it seems to be working ok. but I could not afford it otherwise. After years of dial up and the tears and frustration of a very very slow connection, this is a delight, and I am so happy. I know there are many of us out there that are in the same boat as I. Please protect our internet. Thank you for taking the time to read this. and God Bless You.
—Elaine Hockstad, White Lake, MI

Please throw out your rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Nyssa Everhart, Mountlake Terrace, WA

Net neutrality is imperative to preserving the right to free speech. Our children's future is at stake here.
—Mary Mangus, Ann Arbor, MI

You should be able to figure it out... Think about yet another "freedom" in the hands of big business.
—Emily Cary, Portland, OR

Net neutrality is important in many ways. The most important reason, being that it keeps the internet on a level playing field for all websites and users to access. Capping the internet in terms of speed would destroy the most important medium of sharing information, expressing thoughts, ideas, and emotions. Furthermore Giving some companies faster internet speeds over others dimishes our capacity as a society to excercise our 1st ammendment right. Please do not ruin the internet. Thank You.
—Rigoberto Lua, aliso viejo, CA

I currently pay my ISP a monthly fee. That fee allows me unfettered access to the internet, as long as it is approximately 1.5 - 3 MBps download speed or less. This max speed for my $45/month already limits the amount of data I will consume, because of the quality of video at that rate, and the speed of page refresh. This is under the current rules which assume Net Neutrality. So - I already pay for that access and that data! Friends with cable pay more than twice as much for 100x the speed - so their ISP is already being paid for that speed and that access! The other factor: neutral content! I'm paying for access - the pipe to the entire Internet. To allow an ISP to pick and choose which part of the Internet I should see, and at what speed, is counter to the concept of 'freedom of information.' It is even more ridiculous that I pay taxes on my access, when that tax money should be protecting the taxpayer from scammers like Comcast and AT&T, rather than impeding their discrimination against particular content. FCC Chairman Wheeler, abandon your plan . Reclassify the ISPs as common carriers. They are utilities. They create nothing of themselves, are pretty near oligarchies, and are paid quite handsomely for their services already.
—Allegra Hakim, Rocklin, CA

Please keep the internet from being swallowed up into a market that is dominated by two major telecommunications corporations. Thank you.
—Amber Cornett, Knoxville, TN

I believe we need to keep net neutrality. No one should be able to tell others what they can and can't do online.
—Linda lemmerman, New Germany, MN

Dear FCC, Start doing your job and stop doing the bidding of a few corporate media giants. Your concerns should be for the public and not special interests. If not you to can be replaced.
—John Doughty, Oakland, CA

Throw out FCC rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Karla Fisher, Gaston, OR

Please keep net neutrality. It's we the people not we the corporations.
—Toni hill, Columbus, GA

Make it a Public Utility !!!
—Wm Graham Harper, Old Town, FL

Everyone should have the opportunity for better technology. Not just those that are deemed worthy of it.
—Randy Burghdoff, Lansing, MI

I think this is bad! Now that I've got the "at least five words" covered let me go on to say that the idea of my ISP being bribed by Netflix, YouTube, or any other big internet company to give their traffic priority over traffic from other companies, and especially the average non-corporate user like myself sounds like the end of the Internet as we've known it up to now. I'm a regular viewer & live streamer on Twitch.tv. Honestly this sounds like the end of services like Twitch & the ability of average ordinary persons like myself to stream live video with any kind of image quality, or decent frame rate. The idea that I could be dropping frames while streaming not because my bandwidth can't handle the bitrate, or Twitch's infrastructure is having some kind of issue, but because some corporation paid my ISP or Twitch's ISP to give their traffic priority over mine or Twitch's sounds like a nightmare to me. What's the point of paying for 30Mbit fibre optic internet if my ISP is going to give some corporation that paid them off priority over my traffic? It's akin to turning carpool lanes on the freeway into "preferred motorist" lanes & giving trucking companies & rich people the ability to buy access to those much faster lanes while the rest of us wait in bumper to bumper traffic watching them speed by. The Information Super-Highway would be restricted to big companies & people with deep pockets while the rest of us get stuck in the information traffic jam... Please don't do this! -Jesse C. Lott
—Jesse C. Lott, Sacramento, CA

If companies who can pay to deliver content & information faster dominate bandwith and provide less choice the internet will become a horrible deluge of commercials, disinformation and a poor facsimile of sub mediocre culture.
—Raoul Vehill, Denver, CO

Descrimenation: be it against race, gender, religion, age is outdated. We as a species should have moved beyond this. Please do not allow this blatant injustice to occur. Equality for all.
—L K. Green, Austin, TX

The end of net neutrality has grim implications for all of us that use the internet. I am so disgusted at seeing major corporations granted special privileges not available to the rest of us. It is utterly terrifying that the voices of the ISPs seem to speak much louder than that of the citizens. By doing away with net neutrality, you are infringing on the rights of every single internet using citizen in the country-an act that is all but criminal. It is time that the FCC, along with other government agencies re-learn their place in society and start actually caring about the average citizen
—James, Queensbury, NY

The internet should remain free for all…. it is the only free, uncontrolled source of information available to the general public.
—Jennifer Meffert, Coupeville, WA

Dear FCC, I would like the internet to remain free and for ISPs to be reclassified as common carriers. I already have no choice in cable provider (only Comcast in my neighborhood) and pay premium rates to this large corporation to be able to access the internet. To pay them and other corporations like them more money (through the fees they will pass on to their customers) makes no sense. A free market means that the best product succeeds because it is the best, and not because it has the most financial resources behind it. Sincerely, Ann Glang, PhD
—Ann Glang, Eugene, OR

The internet is the greatest human creation of all time, and it shouldn't be exploited by rich people to kick regular Joe in the teeth. Indie web developers of all kinds will struggle staying in business due to slower bandwidths, and once again the discrepancy between rich and poor is expanded. What the hell, FCC.
—Aksel Lem, Oslo,

Net neutrality is important to me because I believe in free speech and equality. What is the point of spreading broadband connections into every home if we aren't allowed to use it freely? A phone company can't dictate whom I can call and what I say, they just provide me with the line of communication. The ISP should be exactly the same. Big corporations should not be allowed to limit the way I choose to use the internet.
—Liisi, Kouvola,

How quickly I am able to access certain content should not be dependent on the ability of content providers to pay the fees that come with a two-tiered Internet.
—Cory Harris, Sun Valley, CA

Don't fuck us over, pretty please with a cherry on top.
—Nathan Todd, albuquerque, NM

Please make the internet a common carrier service. Knowledge > corporate profits Thank you
—Tom Larvey, Seattle, WA

I am writing in support of reclassification of internet service providers as common carriers, combined with a commitment to forbearance not to impose inappropriate aspects of Title II that would be available to the FCC after reclassification. Specifically that Title II authority be used only for the purpose of ensuring net neutrality but not otherwise touching on content. The internet, the golden goose of the modern economy, stands at a crossroads. It can be killed either by the manipulations of quasi-monopolistic internet service provides picking winners and losers at the expense of innovation, while also lowering the quality of service for average consumers. It can also be killed by overly aggressive application of the Title II authority the FCC would have under reclassification. The internet has thrived and been an engine of innovation for over twenty years now. Only a very foolish person would want to tamper with such an obvious success story. I strongly urge the FCC to reclassify internet service providers as common carriers but only to ensure the principle of net neutrality that has served us so incredibly well for the last 20 years. As a software entrepreneur myself, I dread the day when my website has to negotiate with Comcast, AT&T, and myriad other companies in order to gain access to my customers. As a small player (now!) with no leverage, these companies will be in a position to effectively shut me down. It will be the death of the innovation I am personally trying to bring to the world. Many thousands of other entrepreneurs and small businesses, the Google's of tomorrow, will similarly find themselves stifled. What the FCC choses to do now will have a large impact, on innovation, on the U.S. economy, and on individual consumers for decades to come. Please decide in favor of innovation and against the profiteering stagnation a few quasi-monopolies would have the commission embrace.
—James Durbin, Santa Cruz, CA

You must ban fast lanes and classify broadband service as a Title II common carriers!
—Sydney Harris, Pound Ridge, NY

Net neutrality is vital. Monopolies already exist that make it difficult to get reliable, quality service. My Time Warner Cable service went out last night and I had no option to speak to a real person, while the automated system hung up on me every time. If these monopolies are allowed to grow and continue, the internet will lose the very spirit of what it was started to do, share information with the masses. The internet is a powerful tool for education and growth. Don't stunt it by giving in to corporate pressure. Money isn't everything.
—Angela Trower, North Kansas City, MO

The proposed Internet rules need to be abandoned and ISPs need to be reclassified as common carriers. The proposed rules provide an Internet provider the ability to impose upon people's intellectual and educational rights, as well as free speech rights, and these rules should not be allowed to be put in place.
—Holly Hanshaw, Seattle, WA

Please, no two tiered internet.
—Helen Goche, Portland, OR

Net neutrality is important to me because I don't need one business deciding how I do business- be it buying things from Amazon, spreading the word about local commerce, or starting my own online store.
—Tyler Edwards, Rockford, IL

That is complete horse shit and will cause complete chaos plus it would put a strain on children's learning/ college students etc.
—Shelby, Mt. Pleasant, MI

Throw out your ules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers. KEEP THE NET FREE ITS ABOUT INFORMATION FREEDOM DO NOT ALLOW CONTROL OF IT BY COMPANIES!!!!!
—Matthew Holtman, Gladstone, MO

Please keep isp's as common carriers
—William Rodriguez, New Windsor, NY

Why is it important to me that we have an open internet? I'll tell you why. Me and a bunch of people are starting an organization called The Humankind Network, and our mission is to help individuals fulfill their potential by providing quality programs and services in a spirit of love and friendship. There is a very successful guy behind this organization as well and he is starting this organization for his son who is on the autism spectrum. Do you really want to take that away from us? I don't find it fair at all, we did nothing to anyone, and all we're trying to do is good. It would be a tragedy to lose access to such a good thing, and we're still trying to get up off the ground. I not only speak for the Humankind Network, but for all the other great organizations out there as well. So please, have a heart. You can check us out at http://deanslistacademy.org Thank you for reading and I hope that you will take what I have to say into consideration.
—Mike, West Warwick, RI

Net neutrality elimintes the possibility of ISP's having monopolies.
—Donald, Dover, DE

The wisdom of our founding fathers ensured our personal freedom from encroachmnent by the greedy as well as by goverment. Now you have the responsibility to protect our freedom to communicate and our privacy. We are not slaves to the few corporate giants that controll broadband. It is the same as the telecommunications dial up giants. Protect us..protect the gates from the gatekeepers. They will be corupted if you fail and the country and the world will be less for it. You will have harmed the people. Remember the great men our founders were. be like them protect net nutrality.
—Daniel Freeman, Chesapeake Beach, MD

The internet should be regulated just as the phone company is. Net neutrality matters - to us, the little guys with limited funds. The internet has been touted as the most important step toward true democracy since the Declaration of the Rights of Man and Citizen. Any information in the public domain can be accessed without incurring additional charges. You take that away, and sites many of us rely on, which are NOT the big sites, would be inaccessible or too expensive. Keep the net available, keep it affordable, and rule against the big corporations. When they win, the rest of us lose.
—Renee Goethe, Iowa City, IA

Nobody can control the internet and trying to do so in my view is a violation of our (the American people's) right to life liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Putting fees on the internet is bullshit, it wasn't created for big business, if net neutrality become a thing of the past, I'm pretty sure some people from the Anonymous group would have something to say about it. The Internet is not something you can control, we as humans will find away around it and your idea will come crashing down around you like a poorly built house of cards. YOU will have the rest of the world LAUGHING at us as a country: "America: where the government monopolizes everything."
—Colby Taggart, Yankton, SD

I pay for internet access specifically for the ability to access any information (or disinformation) I may want. The elimination of net neutrality may well render the internet useless to many, which wound in the end cost internet service providers as customers decide to stop paying for a faster connection.
—John Schguard, Sugarloaf, PA

I don't want my cable company to have control, influence over the content I determine to access on the internet. We cannot give corporations the means, or the rights, to use/manipulate/abuse the market with their money and their monopolies. The internet must be treated as a public resource much like the other common carriers, the inspiration and innovation taking place is a product of this egalitarian network that connects citizens of the world by their connection to the internet. Please protect it from the tyranny of special interests and advertising.
—Angie Davis, Boise, ID

What is attempting to be some with the internet is appalling and a horrifying act of shameless greed. We need to be thinking of how we can advance our people further not how corporations can bleed people dry. Faster, freer, more powerful internet for all, not some. I don't understand why this has to be explained
—Vanessa lasko, Virginia beach, VA

The internet should be equally available to all. It's not another thing to be appropriated by the government and comodified by cooperations.
—Judy mills, Kansas City, MO

My close friends and I are young entrepreneurs who are trying to realize the American dream of creating a thriving business. We all depend crucially on the internet to reach our markets, but fear that a loss of net neutrality will increase the odds against our success. I believe the internet infrastructure in this country is akin to a utility such as electricity or water. As such, equal access to the same speeds should be guaranteed for all. Please preserve net neutrality! Leave it unadulterated!
—Jonathan Perelmuter, Brooklyn, NY

Please don't slow me down. Can't afford high speed and don't want any discrimination.
—Cynthia L. Hamer, Berkeley, CA

Internet is for everyone. Keep it open to all and not just for the few. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Please!
—Rebecca Woodbury, Sausalito, CA

I urge the FCC to maintain net neutrality. Any attempt to change the rules will lead to litigation and increasing consumer costs. ISPs should be treated as common carriers/utilities.
—Paul Crost, Long Beach, CA

I don't want our country to fall to monopolies and for companies to bully the consumer. The internet is for a piblic forum for everyone, not just for businesses.
—Timothy Tu, League City, TX

As a self published author I need reliable access to sites OTHER THAN Amazon, and if I can't get there neither can my readers. It is important to keep the web open and free from those who would censor by right and power of the dollar.
—Andrew Gordinier, chicago, IL

Net neutrality is important to all and not for a chosen few such as air we all breathe.
—Paul Ayars, Bly, OR

Stop messing with peoples lives. Cable, phone, and internet providers are already overcharging for their terrible services. The US is a joke when it comes to internet speed and the price we pay for for such bad service.
—Nate Mitchell, Torrance, CA

The internet has become the most efficient means of drawing on collective human knowledge and connecting with human culture. Such a resource should be free from regulation and readily available to all.
—Yvonne Carpenter, Vienna, VA

To whom it may concern: The internet is to America today what town squares were 250 years ago. What the great debates were in the time of Lincoln and Douglas. What radio was in the time of FDR. It is, quite simply, how we communicate as a society. The freedom of expression, of thought and creativity and speech and passion, is the fundamental property on which democracy is built. It simply cannot exist without it. The FCC by definition controls and regulates public discourse. And while so much of it is cats and porn and really, really stupid lists, there is an inherent value in its existence, in the ease with which an idea is given license to spread and procreate. A hope that one day, the one good thing that starts on the internet will spread and infect and eventually redeem mankind for all the mistakes it has made and put on YouTube. You, as the FCC, are the last line of defense for the silly, the weird and the essential. Do not pour gasoline on the fire already consuming the First Amendment and the principles that sentence upholds. There are already enough dollars in place, stoking the fire, to devour it whole. Give us our right to assemble, our right to peaceful protest. Give us our right to Netflix and Pandora and TedTalks. Give us back our right to speech, not with dollars, but with ideas. Give us the internet, untethered and unrestricted.
—Michael Sherfield, Houston, TX

Dear FCC, the internet is common ground for every common man and woman. Net Neutrality forever. Keep things as they are!!
—Jane Kratochvil, Brooklyn, NY

The internet is an open flow of information. This should remain free and open to all. Multi billion dollar companies do not need to get any bigger. The internet should remain free. We understand the cost of equipment (routers, switches, fiber, servers, backbones, etc..) But companies profit exponentially already from their customers. Everyone in the world should have gigabit connectivity within 5 years. Information should be left to free flow at any rate or speed. Keep the net neutral.
—S, ALTOONA, IA

These companies being able to decide who gets to have the faster connection is terrible. This would hurt businesses and consumers alike
—Matthew Newman, Highland, UT

Why not start charging for air? Let's say whoever can afford to spend a little extra breathes a fresh, natural breeze but the rest can choke on car exhaust for free. Why not turn everything into a bigger industry?
—Sonia G, Los Angeles, CA

Net Neutrality is important to me because the internet has become an everyday part of most peoples lives. It should be treated with similar laws as television and phone services. To allow these large corporations to have all the power is unfair to the communities that use the internet on the regular basis. Over the last 15-20 years the internet has basically become a right, not a privilege and should be treated as such. There is already such a large monopoly on this business that I cannot even fathom how you could allow to give these corporations even more power. It is completely a monopoly and isn't the FCC there to help avoid situations like this?
—Lauri, Ferndale, WA

seriously do not do this
—Anthony Terry, Town Creek, AL

Freedom of speech, free markets, free exchange of ideas, equality and liberty for all.
—Justin Kunz, Lindon, UT

I thought this country was supposed to represent freedom for all, not ignoring those that don't want to or can't pay extra for "fast lanes." Is this really different than a plutocracy of the information age?
—Kevin Wang, Sammamish, WA

Do not allow the corporate take over of the Internet! Kept the Internet open and free for all! Where I live there is only one high-speed service provider who charges $90 for service; the current rules will make it impossible for me to afford the Internet! It bad enough what you have done to television and radio, but this corporarcy has got to stop. STAND UP FOR THE AMERICAN PEOPLE for a change.
—Christopher E. Renner, Manhattan, KS

I strongly believe that it is in the best interest of the United State and all of its citizens (save perhaps the top brass at Comcast) that net neutrality be preserved. In fact, the Internet has become so important that ISP's should be declared public utilities and regulated as such.
—Phillip Peacock, Portland, OR

The internet was designed to bring a free flow of information and ideas, not to be sold to the highest bidder so only certain ideas are allowed through. Clamping the signal so only some of the content is allowed seems to be in direct conflict with the idea of the first amendment.
—David Crozier, Rancho Cucamonga, CA

I hope it's not too late to comment. Please reclassify ISP's as common carriers! A free nation deserves a free internet.
—Judy Coleman, Omaha, NE

The FCC knows why neutrality is important to mankind- it's whether they choose to act on protecting the freedom this country claims to be based on, on holding fast to the integrity of free thought, THOSE are the actions that now are most important!
—Holly, Savannah, GA

Because then discrimination will be predominate. Businesses live to make money even at the expense of the costumer.
—Andrew Berger, Lake Mills, WI

Dear FCC, Throw out your rules and reclassify ISP's as common carriers.
—Felix Monasakanian, Los Angeles, CA

It would be a crime to maim the internet in this way; it's one of the most powerful and fascinating inventions humanity has developed. Please don't do this. Please don't let commercialism triumph over innovation and liberty.
—Katherine, Chesapeake, VA

Cause if something is bit broke dong fix it!!!!
—Aaron span, Elgin, IL

Innovation brought on by future engineers will be stifled if we make it harder to get equal internet access. That would damage everyone's future including you and me.
—Bob Hansen, Vancouver, WA

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers! The internet and its information is public property and restricting its access is deny knowledge.
—Kelly Friedrich, TAMPA, FL

Net neutrality allows people the right to freedom of expression, through the internet various people have found their voice, support and saved themselves from drowning in the difficulties in life. The internet is also a place to obtain knowledge and skills. Diminishing net neutrality is going to cause the cleavage between poor and rich to grow subtantially. People who have money will be privy to more educational and entertainment services causing people with less money to feel resentment and anger. Thus they will use pay day loans to be able to afford this expensive service and cause themselves to be further in debt. Although they may consider it to be beneficial to the FCC, the FCC should take into regards what the people are feeling as without us you don't have consumers.
—Sandra Earl-Kenmuir, summit ville, IN

Please make the ISPs common carriers. Internet access is not something that should be left in the hands of greedy and corrupt corporations.
—Amanda Berger, Oconomowoc, WI

Please keep the internet a relatively open space that allows for the kind of true discourse required to maintain a healthy democracy. If accessibility speeds become a privilege not not will the wealth gap be widened but the global community will loose a lot of important voices.
—Lowell, Los Angeles, CA

Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers..
—Wright Mier, Phoenix, AZ

I, as a small business owner, believe it's only fair to keep the internet how it is. By changing the system, we will hurt innovators compete with big companies, which will hurt America's current status of being the land of innovation.
—Sean Zacharey Thayne, Sandy, UT

Net neutrality is the only way to preserve equal access to the Internet and slow the inevitable raping of the consumer by ISPs. Considering the same providers bundle phone service transmitted over the same internet access lines, the FCC should go one further and reclassify Internet access as a utility so common carrier laws would apply. ISPs already have far too much power and operate as more and more vertically integrated monopolies. Competition is non-existent and that leads to higher prices, worse service, and no possible remedy for the dissatisfied customer.
—Joshua Wiener, Hacienda heights, CA

Please preserve net neutrality by classifying ISPs as common carriers!
—Mark Brown, Elk Point, SD

Please keep the internet open for everyone. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Jessica Merizan, Los Angeles, CA

I support Title II classification for internet access. Even though I reside in Silicon Valley, I only have limited options for internet access with a duopoly between Comcast and AT&T.
—Jamie Morgan, Menlo Park, CA

Net neutrality is vital for free access to information, which is vital for a functioning democracy.
—Jole Seroff, San Carlos, CA

Why should people with no clue decide over the internet?
—Kim Andrè Nyhagen, Gjøvik,

"Conformity is the jailer of freedom and the enemy of growth." -John F. Kennedy
—Suman Puri, Mumbai,

Throw out the rules that will let ISP create a two-tiered Internet and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Utilize the Net Neutrality Principles that the following organizations have defined: American Association of Community Colleges American Association of State Colleges and Universities American Council on Education American Library Association Association of American Universities Association of Public and Land-grant Universities Association of Research Libraries Chief Officers of State Library Agencies EDUCAUSE Modern Language Association National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities These principles include the following: -Ensure Neutrality on All Public Networks -Prohibit Blocking -Protect Against Unreasonable Discrimination -Prohibit Paid Prioritization -Prevent Degradation -Enable Reasonable Network Management -Provide Transparency -Continue Capacity-Based Pricing of Broadband Internet Access Connections -Adopt Enforceable Policies -Accommodate Public Safety -Maintain the Status Quo on Private Networks Refer to the following web page for additional information: http://www.ala.org/news/press- releases/2014/07/higher-educat ion-library-groups-release-net -neutrality-principles
—Julie Oborny, San Jose, CA

Please help keep the Internet neutral for everyone to use!
—Jp, Long Beach, CA

Dear FCC, PLEASE throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality. Thank you.
—Jennifer Mergel, Gladstone, MO

what is wrong with the fcc. stop pandering to special interest groups like at&t comcast and verizon. these should be treated as common carriers. the web has unlimited potential. making it a cash cow for these cooperations is a huge mistake. wheeler has to stop thinking about his future job prospects with these companies and start acting in the interest of the citizens he is charged with serving.
—Louis D'Aria, pittsburgh, PA

DO NOT limit use of the internet for anyone! The net has grown from a tiny local network into the world wide network it is today, formed by billions of individual connections and not controlled by a select few corporations. It should be equally available to EVERYONE in the future! Maintain net neutrality!
—Lynn Nelson, Medford, OR

This is important for me as going to be a student this coming school year. For people who are helping out for charities not just making big companies become bigger.
—Johann Aquino, Brighton,

Net neutrality needs to be the same as telephone neutrality - available to all at the same price.
—Avi Okin, Kamuela, HI

Dear FCC While I take issue with a “two-tiered” Internet on a number of levels, I know you have a lot of letters to read, so I will focus on the most important one to me. That issue is human freedom. The best chance humanity has for freedom, both in this nation and in the world at large, is an open Internet. No one should have power to control the content of the Internet. Not the government, not private corporations, not anybody. This moment of decision is pivotal in the history of humanity—to a degree I feel is lost on most people, even those familiar with the issue. Those in favor of revoking Internet Neutrality construe the issue as economic. While rescinding net neutrality will certainly affect economics, the larger issue to me is moral. Again, the issue is freedom, every bit as much as freedom was the issue in the Revolutionary War that forged this country, the Civil War that promised equal rights to all people and the Civil Rights Movement that began to make good on those promises. The World Wide Web has the potential to make good those promises to the denizens of our nation in perpetuity, and free billions who suffer beyond our soil. The Internet uniquely enables social mobility and the exposure of tyranny. However, it can only accomplish these ends while it is free, open, and unobstructed. The Internet is the voice of humanity and humanity’s greatest tool to better its condition. For the first time in history, the oppressed can instantly hurl their voices across the planet to the rest of the human family. The weak can tell their stories to the strong, who can fly to their rescue from the furthest reaches of the world. For the first time, all of humanity can band together as one to tell the tyrants “no more.” In the World Wide Web, we hold the power to prevent the atrocities of the past from ever happening again. Think what the result might have been if we had had an open Internet and smart phones during Hitler’s rise to power 80 years ago. He and the other tyrants of his time would have had no where to hide. Imagine if just one of the millions of oppressed Jews could have smuggled a single smart phone into the Nazi concentration camps. Instead of being freed as they were at the end of the war, after most of the deplorable deeds were done, their liberation would have become an early priority. Would you want that video on the “second tier”? The reality is, many of the most important ideas come from single, marginalized individuals—individuals who wouldn’t be able to afford having those ideas placed in the “fast lane.” The companies who want an end to Net Neutrality claim that there will be no such thing as a “fast lane" and a “slow lane,” only a “fast lane” and a “hyper-speed lane.” It’s the same thing. They’re not fooling us, and I would hope they’re not fooling you. What would a two-tiered system do to our country? At the very least, it will stifle small businesses and innovation. At the worst, it will usher in an era of information censorship and an atrophy of our freedoms. Back to the “fast lane” and “slow lane” terms—the Internet, nearly since its inception, has been referred to as “the information superhighway.” It used to be that the United States was connected primarily by a system of highways, the “fast lane” as it were. Many towns were built near these roads and thrived. Then, interstates/freeways were introduced, where drivers could travel 20 miles per hour faster than on the highways—a “hyper-speed lane.” Almost immediately, many of the businesses and even whole towns built along the “fast lane” of the old highways began to dry up economically. That’s what a two-tiered system does, especially if the cost is no different to the user. The users already pay for high speed internet, and expect the same speed for all of their content. That should be enough. If ISPs are allowed in addition to “double dip” and charge content creators for preferred treatment, the little guys won’t have a chance. Comparative studies have shown that a delay of even a couple of seconds in the loading response of a website has a marked effect on the user’s perception of the brand. ISPs claim that they will be freed to innovate with their services more if they are able to implement a two-tiered system. I say they would be freed to innovate more if they concentrated on coming up with new ideas of their own instead of trying to create a world where they can suppress the little guys, the real innovators. The greatest advancements and innovations on the Internet have not come from big Internet service provider companies but from geeks all over the world, who by virtue of an open Internet are able to share their ideas with each other. Some of them sit in corporate high-rise offices, but most of them are sitting in their basements, in their dorm rooms, or at a computer in an Internet café. If the Internet is to become faster, more powerful, and of greater benefit to the human race, these are the people who will bring those events to pass. I have spoken of the threat to business and innovation, but there is a more sinister threat: that of censorship. The recent conduct of ISPs with their existing power has done little to instill confidence in me that they should be entrusted with more power. I don’t trust Comcast, Time Warner, or any of the others farther than I can throw them. Even if I did trust them, I don’t believe I should be made to entrust—to anyone—the power to determine which information enters my home. Giving ISPs the power to speed up, slow down, or block information they don’t like grants to these entities information pruning power akin to that which China exercises over her citizens. America’s big media companies, while they have done much good, have a long and bloody history of repression of information for their own interests. The very first electronic “jamming” of information was perpetrated by a news company in the day of the telegraph, to prevent other companies from getting first word out on the results of a horse race. The Machiavellian backstabbing hasn’t stopped since. In early 2013, during Comcast negotiations with Netflix, Netflix’s download speeds mysteriously dropped, and continued to drop until they agreed to Comcast’s terms. This is not the type of company I want in charge of the flow of Internet content. Regardless of whether the Internet service providers abuse these new powers, which they will, there is a more sinister threat. The government up to this point, while at times excessive and illegally surveilling content online, has not as yet had the ability to censor content. If censorship power is granted to private companies, they could act as a back door for the government to assume the same power. It has come to light that the NSA forced many US companies to unknowingly use faulty security software, thus creating a back door for the NSA to monitor information to which they should not have been privy. Who is to say that the same thing cannot be done with Internet content control? The government can exercise pressure on individual companies in ways it never could the Internet as an entity and thus gain more power without constituent consent. No one should have power to manipulate the flow of content on the Internet. No one is wise enough to be entrusted with that power—not the government, not private organizations, not me. There are plenty of ideas on the Internet I do not agree with, but that does

not mean I should have the right to repress them. I do not believe in the legalization of marijuana or of gay marriage, but I hold the freedom of these groups to express themselves sacred. Why? Their rights are my rights. If we can justify ourselves in relegating any group to a “second tier” of free speech, then there is nothing stopping us from going farther. The Internet is a plane of ideas, and while some ideas may conflict with my ideology or yours, each has a right to be expressed where others can hear it. Under a two-tiered system, it will be very difficult for the most important issues to get the publicity that they need. With an open web, any idea can become viral. Any idea can sweep across the world. Imagine what a catalyst of change the Internet would have been had it been available during the American Civil Rights movement. Imagine if African American citizens had been able to film police treatment of their people with their phones and post those videos online. How much faster would change have happened? I ask again, would you want those videos to be relegated to the “second tier”? I guarantee, considering the economic position of African Americans at that time, they would have been “second-tier content.” It used to be that if you wanted an audience of millions, you needed to be the official news network covering the Olympics or Macy’s Thanksgiving Day Parade. Everybody watched, because there were few other options. Now all you need to garner an audience of millions is to film a thought that inspires you, a violation of human rights that enrages you, or your buddy doing something stupid. Either way, it’s freedom of expression. I believe that should be protected, even the ideas I don’t personally agree with. The good news, FCC, is that you have the power to stop these things from coming to pass. You have the power to reclassify the internet as a telecommunications service, reclassify ISPs as common carriers, and thus hoist the Internet up and away from the fists of those grubbing for power. Many nations maintain their oppressive grip on their people by controlling the information that comes in and out of the country. That’s not what the United States is about. We are about freedom. Just as the American Revolution set off a chain reaction of freedom and revolutions in other countries around the world, so should we set the example in freedom of expression and information for our people to inspire other nations. We must hold the Internet sacred, as it is the highest manifestation of the human right of free speech yet devised. The Internet expands our collective eyes and ears, our consciousness. While the United States was the birthplace of the Internet, the web has transcended our ownership. If government has a role in the future of the Internet, it is to ensure its freedom and the freedom of human thought it represents. This does not mean giving private companies the power to speed up, slow down, and block ideas based on money or their personal prejudices. Please, humanity needs you. Keep her voice free.
—Josh Cotton, Provo, UT

Net neutrality is critical as a Human Right. This is given the destruction and abuse over the Internet!!!
—Erica Mary Wilson, Willenhall,

The Internet must be classified as a common carrier, as it is increasing 'The' common carrier for all civic and commercial activities beyond the 'triple play' of voice, video, and data. This is why some countries have declared access, both affordable, and qualitatively and qualitatively equal, as a basic human right. It is now needed to be a functionally equal citizen. In order to facilitate this we need more than mere 'Net Neutrality' of content, we require Structural Separation. The Central Office and Last Mile must be a Public facility. Fiber To The Premises architecture must be adopted as a National Infrastructure standard. Three vendors must exist to serve any market and the entire territory of that market (as crafted in Japan). This creates a ubiquitous market across the country with price / performance incentives to quickly drive competitive speed, quality, and market pricing (as in Japan). If the FCC is to be a meaningful organization and not just an industry corrupted organ of corporate profligate profit and monopoly support, these are the policies it Must enact!
—Stuart Pitman, McMinnville, OR

Do not allow the corporate oligopoly to limit the internet.
—Brook M. Gilleland, watervliet, NY

Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers, just like utilities. We need to protect Net Neutrality.
—Josie Valderrama, San Francisco, CA

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers! Seriously? Why is anything else even being considered? Support net neutrality, period.
—Mary Pratt, mililani, HI

Don't give into big corporations. Government already has...oh wait...this is crap and you all know this.
—Michael McCoy, Anchorage, AK

Net Neutrality allows us to back wonderful programs like Kickstarter which allowed Reading Rainbow to gather funds of 5 million from regular people to increase literacy. Regular citizens are using the net to help each other. Please don't limit the net in any way.
—Selene Wilder, Fortuna, CA

Internet service providers should not be allowed to pick winners and losers online and discriminate against online content and applications. I support Net Neutrality.
—Joshua Bruce, Florence, AL

This is a seriously bad idea. The idea of corporations getting preferential treatment and running the country has reached epidemic proportions. It's unfair to the common person, especially in the case of the internet. Please, please: reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Jill Stahl, Dayton, OH

We don't need your services any longer.
—Julie Doster, Port Angeles, WA

FCC, The internet is too important to allow private interests to screw up. Please, please, classify ISP's as common carriers. This protects consumers at a time when megalithic corporations are already putting a stranglehold on media. We can't screw this up. Please classify ISP's as common carriers. Thanks you. Matthew Howell
—Matthew Howell, Rapid City, SD

Dear FCC and Chairman Wheeler, I've been using the internet for 25 years and seen it grow from a little-used ivory tower toy to an economic and social powerhouse. None of that would have been possible without the level playing field provided by treating all packets equally. I find it offensive that the high prices I pay to my ISP do nothing to improve my service, but go directly to profits. I find it more offensive that the same ISP is now asking providers of various services that I purchase to pay double to reach me! I already paid for that traffic! And to top it off, the ISPs justify their payola request using that the asymmetry created *by them* due to their pricing schemes! Please throw out this concocted mess and reclassify ISPs as common carriers. For the good of us all. Aloha, -John
—Mr. John Vann, Honolulu, HI

Net Neutrality is important to me because it guarantees equality and freedom for all internet users despite their social or economical position.
—Katariina Raassina, Lieto as,

Net neutrality is important to me because I think that, without it, the sharing and interacting of information throughout the world will be slowed down and ruined. Right now, i can post a picture of (for example) my dog and anyone without a restricted network will be able to see this picture. The same goes for more important events that need to be shared without first being handled my media/news companies. This is important because hearing and experiencing such events through both word of mouth (internet social media apps such as facebook, twitter, instagram) and official sources can give you better and more complete understanding of others and the events transpiring on our world. I think its all-important for that information to be shared instantly with everyone and untouched by service providers who may use this to their own advantage.
—Duncan, Hilversum,

The last thing we need is big companies disabling our content because they don't agree with it, which is what we would be succumbed to. Save our Net Neutrality!
—Cheyenne, Fullerton, CA

Net Neutrality is important because of the influence people have on each other. To me, it means creatively. There are thousands of thousands of people out there with brilliant ideas that can release an innovative product or idea, without any resources. Without Net Neutrality, you suddenly need lots of money to get the resources to publish it. This will discourage tons of people to work with their ideas, and technology will only go the commercial way, which is not the good way. There is one thing that will come out good if the proposed rules gets approved: the wallet of the people in head of this. And _nothing_ else. Whatsoever. The internet is what it is, and it shall stay that way. Make love, not war.
—Espen Kopreitan Jensvold, OSLO,

Keep the internet open and free from corporate takeovers...don't allow large corporations to profit from allow preferential treatment to those that can pay.
—John Rigoli, Perris, CA

Creating a fast lane for internet traffic by default creates a slow lane for other traffic. This is clearly going to be abused by isps. In fact, they already do this to some extent. I can't oppose this more strongly and hope you use your conscience to make the right decision. All citizens of the country will suffer.
—Marc Uhrich, North Jackson, OH

The internet is the de facto reference source for all of our children who learn research skills. How can we teach children about bias and agendas when all the information they see is biased and has an agenda? Keeping the net neutral in this day and age is the equivalent to the opening of public libraries in the early formation of our country. Please remember, "Communiter Bona Profundere Deum Est--To support the common good is divine."
—Leslie Roy, Norfolk, VA

Dear FCC, I urge you to support net neutrality for everyone. We cannot allow greedy corporations to create "fast lanes" for the wealthy, and "slow lanes" for the not-so-fortunate. Thank you.
—Mr. Joel Benton, Mt Tremper, NY

Because the internet is meant to be free. Not a cash cow for millionaires. Bloody hell people. Leave it alone. No discrimination. Free internet.
—Tom Guy, Portsmouth,

Net Neutrality is important to me because the internet should be accessible to all without restriction.
—Alan Armstrong, Maynooth,

The internet should have been classified as a public utility years ago. Barring that proper classification strong Net Neutrality rules in favor of users needs and the continued unrestricted flow of ALL content with no throttling, choking, prioritization or any other method or terminology for slowing or blocking some traffic in favor of other traffic of any kind is what is needed at a minimum. Too much of our daily lives happen online and too many of our Constitutional freedoms are impacted by this to allow anything else. In addition to issues arising from impacted Freedoms of Speech, Religion, Gathering, Protest, etc; we also now depend on the free and unrestricted access to the internet for daily commerce, medication, work, home businesses, entertainment, advice, research and a all the things we have come to use the internet for. Allowing the telecom companies to have their way as the FCC has currently planned to do would unlawfully and unconstitutionally restrict our freedoms and access to basic needs. The American people cannot allow you to side with big business and their lobbyists on this one.
—Patrick Laflamme, Chicopee, MA

I work in a public high school library where students come all the time for information for their research. Much research is done online now, and the highest quality sources for information are often found in library databases and other noncommercial places. We will be limiting access to knowledge for everyone by allowing people to pay money for better and faster access to the knowledge contained on the internet. It's not democratic.
—Sue Doherty, Quincy, MA

Throw out your rules and do not allow carriers to charge more money!!!!! You are picking winners and losers..THROW OUT YOUR RULES~~~ Hopefully, you have not been bought like Congress always is
—Diana Wagner, Altoona, PA

Please preserve 'net neutrality,' seriously. The internet is not yours. It is not mine. But MOST IMPORTANTLY, it does NOT belong to service providers. The awesome thing is: IT BELONGS TO EVERYONE. Protect us from greedy interests, that have already done enough harm to our nation and indeed our world. Protect us by doing your job: PRESERVE NET NEUTRALITY.
—Ian Cawley, Portland, OR

Net neutrality is vital to promote the ability of the People (We the People) to freely communicate, as in communication. The development of the net was not funded by industry, we the People funded the net through our taxes. It is a Public asset that deserves preservation. ISP's are indeed common carriers and need to be permanently protected as such. Do not sign off the Peoples ability to readily communicate. You need to step up and work for the good of the People. Thank you for your consideration!
—Kelly M. Guin, South Bend, IN

The internet should be an open source of information for the people and not controlled by corporations,throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Mindy Messerly, Lancaster, OH

The future of the Internet matters to me. Any FCC rules that would allow ISPs to decide how I can access certain content online are unacceptable and will be disastrous for the promise of an innovative and open Internet. The availability of free educational resources on the internet is extremely important to those who may not be able to afford formal education. The free flow of information is crucial for the success and growth of the USA.
—Rebecca Robinson, Columbia Heights, MN

Keep the net neutral and open if let free market control the following of service .
—Ed Towers, Palm Coast, FL

We the People do not want a two-tiered Internet! Reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Thank you.
—Teresa Pointon, Dickson City, PA

Limiting Internet will hurt small start up internet businesses and monopolize the internet the same way Cable TV has been monopolized. ISPs should be classified as Common Carriers.
—Christopher Locker, Topeka, KS

There are people who rely on net neutrality for their income. People make their living on sites like YouTube, it's not just some luxury anymore.
—Wil Calder, Fort Frances,

The internet is public space. It is a functional definition of a public utility. Permitting highly monied interests to manipulate access in an almost completely non-competitive market is grossly unfair and absolutely discriminatory.
—Gerald Howe, Fairfield, PA

Monopolies are not the answer. Don't give them free passes to oppress consumers and start-ups. The people have enough enemies already; be an ally.
—Karen M McGuire, HAVERTOWN, PA

The rich and powerful have a disproportionate advantage in the United States. Please ensure net neutrality is upheld. Greed and power have run amok. Please show us that our government can still be by the people for the people by ensuring net neutrality is protected.
—Lesliann Furcht, Mount Washington, MA

It's important that everyone has free entry to the internet, many people wont be able to pay.
—Thea Monteverde Haakonsen, Oslo,

Stop! No more selling out the public to the highest bidder. This is wrong and you know it!
—Ernest Lundy, Ann Arbor, MI

Data should not be a toll road. We tax payers have helped to fun these companies with millions of dollars in r&d from taxes. The Internet by it's very nature was conceived by government, not business. Stifling the creative minds that have advanced and pushed forward the world would cripple economies. If they want to control they're own infrastructure, let them build it. Leave our data alone.
—Judd Spitzer, Cape Canaveral, FL

Fcc, this is a ridiculous concept of essentially splitting the internet in half. As an internet entrepreneur and avid researcher we should have our right to choose what methods to deliver our contentwithout having to pay an extra premium.
—Jonathan Bailey, Alva, FL

Net neutrality means equal growth chances for smaller websites instead of allowing big corporations to keep a foothold. It allows for a healthy change of business.
—William Forbes, ft hood, TX

For no other reason than not having it tends to benefit those in control of the service to the detriment of those that use the service. It is clearly a power grab for the highways of commerce. It's not unlike the railroads and their ability to control commerce before TR Roosevelt stepped in.
—Kelly R Donley, Hinesburg, VT

Dear FCC please throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—August, Nottingham,

Access to information is freedom. Freedom is for all. Do not enshrine inequality into the last bastion of free speech.
—L Birmingham, Gravenhurst,

Dear Tom Wheeler, FCC, and all applicable associates Supporting said legislation. Allowing ISP's Control over how people use the internet, goes against the very founding principles that the internet was created for. Discriminating against people who use certain services, or people who don't use the services that you want to, is unfair, and unjust. This would destroy the internet, and what it has come to be. and you can be sure that there are people out there that will act, if said legislation was to be passed. Some of them, extremely violently. I realize that things need to be done, and that things need to be improved, but you can't rebuild a burnt forest in a day, and really, how long do you think people would tolerate this without getting violent. I've seen this stuff happen with SOPA, and many other Internet threatening Legislation. This matters to me because I belive that on the internet, everyone should be treated equal, and fair. and this legislation goes against that belief. Please, do the right thing. don't give in to bribes, don't give in to the big companies, there was a time when the FCC stood for something, don't destroy what you have. defend the rights of the peoples, and see the support flock to you.
—Zileth Aston Ryder, Sooke,

Given past political support for getting laptops and other computers into schools, getting rid of net neutrality will usher in the internet equivalent of education being "separate, but equal"; a policy that we know from past experience doesn't work. Students whose families cannot afford the increased cost will not have the same access to research and information as those who can afford it. This will put an additional barrier not only to a student's education, but possibly to their ability to earn a living later on down the road; creating a bigger gap between the haves and the have-nots. Information should be made available to everyone equally.
—Marilen Wood, Fairfax, CA

Human intellectual capital is the foundation of any country's economy. Stifling the spread of information, by any means, sabotages its development and offers marginal benefits to only one party -- the ISPs. Please reconsider the proposed Internet rules (14-28) and classify ISPs as common carriers.
—Skylar Cook, Jupiter, FL

A free and open internet where ISPs are classified as common carriers is essential for maintaining a level playing field where start-ups have a chance to compete with established firms without being handicapped from the start by having to buy their way into a "fast lane". Please protect the net neutrality and oppose any efforts by cable companies, their lobbyists, or their former lobbyist/your Chairman to create fast and slow lanes. All this would do is put up a barrier to entry for the new internet start-ups which will spur on innovation help take the internet to the next level.
—Darren Staszak, Mt Clemens, MI

Commercial interests should not interfere with the free flow of information on the internet.
—Karen Henry, Sharon, MA

Protect Net Neutrality! I am vehemently against a two-tiered Internet. Keep the playing field level. Do not "fix" what isn't broken.
—Patrick Tillmann, Evanston, IL

It is crucial to freedom of speech and assembly that the FCC protect net neutrality.
—Shelby Meyerhoff, Cambridge, MA

Dear FCC, Net neutrality is important to consumers, media and businesses of all sizes. Don't create a monopoly of the Internet by allowing a few big players to control what information is shared and accessed and by whom. Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Heidi Wachter, Saint Paul, MN

We need Net Neutrality to protect Freedom of Speech and Freedomof the Press. Money is not speech.
—Jeanette Colon, Little Ferry, NJ

Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Please do not end Net Neutrality.
—Shaun Wallace, Providence, RI

Allowing corporations to create a tiered internet is corrupt and destructive. Leave the internet open, reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Eric Seaver, Largo, FL

The internet is a tool that gives the opportunity to all to provide advertising and services to others. We in the United States are already throttled back by the few large internet providers in comparison to many other countries. Most households and small businesses have issues with the expense of their services which are over and above the reasonable cost of service provided verses the equipment that has been long paid for. These pre existing issues and the further inhibiting or controlling communications speeds are detrimental to education, business and the everyday communications of all of us.
—Shawn Kupser, Southgate, MI

Please throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. I work in education. Equal access is important to teachers and students--tomorrow's leaders. Thank you.
—Marian Chaprnka, Phoenix, MD

I want Net Neutrality!! I want the FCC to throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISP's as common carriers . Thank You
—Andrea McCarthy, Merrick, NY

The FCC has no right to create or regulate class warfare in our United States !! Leave the Internet alone so that there is no discrimination and all may prosper !! This is again big government in bed with big corporate... And it is not fair to US ! The people who vote and live in our country ...
—James Marks, Hatfield, PA

It is important to allow Net Neutrality to continue because money does not equate to brains. People/corporations with money will erode the wide ranging, unlimited content of the Net--limiting us, once again, to only those messages that corporations want us to see. Net Neutrality forever! For the people!
—Candy, Green Bay, WI

Net Neutrality is the cornerstone of innovation, free speech and democracy on the Internet. Americans want control over the Internet to remain in the hands of the people who use it every day. ISPs should be reclassified as common carriers. Please stand with the public by protecting Net Neutrality once and for all.
—Elizabeth Baldwin, Jacksonville, FL

I believe that the proposed internet rules unfairly favor the commercial interests of the ISP's over the right of the public to have fair access to internet content. In addition, the proposed rules will undoubtedly lead to higher fees for internet services. The best solution is to classify the ISP's as common carriers.
—Robert R. Muder MD, Pittsburgh, PA

Because net neutrality insures we won't continue to be left behind by other nations in terms of fast, affordable access to information. We invented the internet, and we aren't even good at it anymore.
—Mike Stavitz, Austin, TX

This proposal highlights the clear abuses of power by several individuals, including the head of the FCC who clearly has ulterior motives in pushing this legislation forward. The egalitarian nature of the Internet is what has allowed it to prosper to create the massive infrastructure we have today; this proposed legislation would be an enormous step in the wrong direction and stymie the ingenuity of countless innovators across the country and potentially the globe. It should be seen as a flagrant failure of the American government to separate the corporate interests (i.e. the head of the FCC as a former lobbyist) from the objective actions of lawmakers to ensure that American values are protected.
—Joshua Barrett, Flossmoor, IL

Net Neutrality is important to me because it supports DEMOCRACY.
—Aung Oo, Toronto,

Ending net neutrality is blatant corruption. The internet is free for a reason, if we change that we ruin the greatest achievement man kind has created.
—Alex, Haddam, CT

This is theft by corporate greed at the expense of all people. The world works best through a system of a free fast exchange of ideas and an open source of knowledge. Keep the internet free and open. Classify the ISPs as common carriers.
—Andrew Spofford, Missoula, MT

I support net neutrality. I feel that the proposed new rules by the FCC will be detrimental to me, my friends, and my family. The internet should remain free without a tiered system. Please listen to the people and throw out your rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Larry Daley-Douglas, Acworth, GA

I believe you should stop moving forward with the rules that would give the green light to ISPs eager to crush Net Neutrality. Preserve Net Neutrality by designating broadband as a telecommunications service under the law. Anything else is an attack on our rights to connect and communicate.
—Kari Schuss, East Syracuse, NY

As an employee of a small business who has plans to build a larger web presence, I ask you to continue to allow me to have that chance. We will not be able to afford the costs that will be associated with the end of net neutrality. Online we will have access to more customers and possibly grow to the point to hire more employees. You would stunt this growth, and therefore, harm the fragile economy.
—James Wolfe, Jacksonville, NC

Note to FCC: protect net neutrality !
—Dawn Wade, Prairie Village, KS

This deliberate dismantling of a free and open Internet, which we had thanks to net neutrality, must be stopped. Net neutrality must be protected, not assaulted.
—Don tope, Des moines, IA

I am an independent artist who makes my living by the current equality (neutrality) of the Internet. This thought of getting rid of neutrality on the internet will have a dramatic effect on small businesses not only in North America but world wide. It is your responsibility to the future of humanity that they protect REAL Net Neutrality and the “Internet Slow Lane” is unjust and unacceptable.
—Adam Munoa, Lehi, UT

Fairness is always important. Please don't let big corporations rule anything, including the Internet.
—Becky Crockett, Salt Lake City, UT

Net Neutrality is essential for freedom of expression. The Internet is more like utility than it is like a private publishing firm. Please reclassify now!
—Rev. Margaret Beckman, Holden, ME

Please, keep the internet a fair marketplace. DO NOT let big cable companies come in and ruin maybe the purest form of information and entertainment and the fairest playing field that's ever been known. NO ONE should be allowed to say what people should have easier access to.
—Justin Stewart, NICHOLASVILLE, KY

It already costs an exorbitant amount to purchase internet through an ISP because they have no competition at all in my area. Now saying I would have to pay more for the same speed is extremely frustrating.
—Andrea Johnson, Minneapolis, MN

It is not our job to make the cable companies and providers richer by allowing them to charge more money for faster service and (pardon me), screw the little guy that cannot afford to pay more. Those companies DO NOT KNOW what is best for me and my family. I DO! This is an important issue!!
—Melissa Roadruck, West Lafayette, IN

The internet is what the future is built on. It is the electricity of the 21st century and like electricity it needs to be treated like the utility it is. Do your job and protect the interest of US citizens, not big business.
—Nelly Desmarattes, Rockville, MD

Net Neutrality is important to me because it represents the morals that this amazing country was founded on. The "two tier internet system" to me resembles the on-going separation between the upper class and the lower two classes.
—Pete Wheeldon, Omaha, NE

Net nuetrality is important because it allows free market competition.
—Amelia, New York, NY

So the internet remains a place for people to share information
—Barak davis, Crescent, IA

Allowing corporations to create a tiered internet is corrupt and destructive. Leave the internet open, reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Peter Kjellén, Stockholm,

There are so many people in this world who need the internet. If you make people pay for it a lot of people will suffer, even medical emergencies could suffer. Please do not take the only thing that most people have to keep them connected to the world away from us buy putting a price on it so that greedy people can profit from something that has been free from conception.
—Charlie Ham, Somerville, TX

Internet service providers make more than enough money on the services they already provide. If Net Neutrality were to end there would be absolutely no way to hold these companies responsible and keep them in check.
—Jenniffer Starkey, OMAHA, NE

FCC Commissioners, Throw out your rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers! Do it now! Net neutrality is critical to innovation. While you're at it, we need more competition among ISPs in this country, not less. Do your damn jobs and act in the public interest. Believe it or not, you work for us, not big business!
—Phil Allen, Valdosta, GA

Cable companies are already oligopolies and gouge their customers with unreasonable prices because they can. This is just another way for them to increase profits. In an already weak economy we are going to make access to the number 1 job hunting tool more elusive.
—Ashley Corbello, Independence, MO

The internet is a necessity to most small businesses and freelancers. By discriminating against users in favor of big business, you take away job opportunities at a time when the economy is just recovering.
—Jennifer Hepler, Foster City, CA

It is so important to keep the internet as is. This is so simple, it is perfect. It isn't broken so dont fix it. Don't fix it so that big business has more power and control over the internet.
—Davida, albuquerque, NM

Keep the internet free & equal! Make internet access a utility!
—Alec Maure, Brighton, MA

An open internet where everyone is on an even playing field makes sure that the integrity of the content is what determines its success, rather than paying for favor from a private for-profit corporation. An open internet drives innovation because what makes ideas stand out is their merit rather than their pocketbooks. Net Neutrality is important to me both as an individual citizen as well as being a freelance professional. The internet, in its current state, enables me opportunities to support myself and reach a larger audience. I know of many self-employed professionals who rely on the internet for the entirety of their income. In my opinion the biggest problem with the Internet of the United States is its poor infrastructure. We are already falling behind other countries' internet availability and speeds. If we lose Net Neutrality in the United States not only do we lose footing against other countries, but we inhibit our own idea flow. Limitations to internet speeds and availability constrict communication and the sharing of ideas. An individual should be able to use the same internet speeds as a corporation. Promising new markets might never emerge or worse, they would emerge in another country. Let's keep the United States of America free and not give corporations control over the flow of our information. Thank you.
—Christopher Rinehart, Cary, NC

Keep the Internet free for the entire country otherwise we are no better than China.
—Andrew Chang, Olney, MD

I don't want to be held hostage to my cable company anymore than I already am. Leave the internet neutral!
—KP Rocha, san antonio, TX

Prove that the FCC hasn't just turned in to a tool for the corporate elite, keep net neutrality.
—Craig Savage, Idyllwild, CA

Chairman Wheeler and the FCC, I risk stating the painfully obvious by saying that the Internet has been transformative to the global exchange of ideas and communication in the 46 years since ARPANET was created. It has advanced education, innovation, commerce. It has been instrumental in achieving a rate of medical and technological advancement that hasn't been seen before. A key part of these benefits is that inherently, the Internet is not controlled or limited by any party or group of parties. Anyone can connect a computer to the Internet and begin exchanging ideas. If this changes in the US, it will not change the Internet. The Internet will move on without us. Instead, it will hamper our ability to interact with the rest of the world. By adopting a platform of Internet "Fast Lanes", as big carriers euphemize, we will be limiting access to those who are wealthy enough to afford it. Vested Interests liken this to Cable TV; saying it takes significant infrastructure to reach everyone. While that's true, it's unlike Cable TV in that this isn't a one-to-many one-way communication mechanism. It's many-to-many two-way communication. It's like the public squares of the past; this is how people meet and exchange ideas. Limiting access to a public square or park is against the American way. That's why I urge you to consider action that reclassifies Internet Services Providers as Common Carriers. This would allow ISPs to expand to reach all consumers, while encouraging the participation and engagement that benefits all. I urge you to strongly consider this action.
—Jehan Alvani, Columbia, MD

Net neutrality is important becuase it fosters innovation by keeping the playing field level.
—Adam Sedlacek, san jose, CA

Dear FCC, I need net neutrality for a safe world. Without it the little guy will be squashed. There is a possibility I won't be able to maintain my websites when ALL the power is given to ISPs. A possibility, no matter how small is too much. They have already received basically a monopoly and tax breaks to make the foundation of the internet better. This never happened. Giving them more power can only be more harmful to creativity and the free internet.
—David J Parisi, Chardon, OH

I urge you to protect net neutrality.Please FCC throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Susan Dolan-Laughlin, Wheaton, IL

The even playing field of the internet is essential to the advancement of our society. Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Melanie Van Orden, Beaverton, OR

The loss of net neutrality will inhibit creativity and freedom of choices on the internet. Net neutrality must be re-instated/
—Jory Peterson, Averill Park, NY

Technology is a huge part of American's everyday lives. To cut off opportunities to the majority of the population would further the gap between the rich and the poor leading to less diversity in new ideas. Less diversity results in a monopoly controlling the masses. When the masses are put down too much thwy will last out and take back what is theirs. As service providers the big companies need to give the people what they want. People want fast internet to network with. It is called supply and demand. If you cannot provide this I am sure someone out there will. Leaving you wondering what happened to your clientele.
—Andrea, Omaha, NE

The Internet and its current structure (treating all data equally) has been a tremendous boon to small and medium sized business. Allowing ISPs to change the landscape by charging higher fees for faster and/or more reliable access would devastate those same businesses.
—Lee Graves, Charlotte, NC

because we will be just as corrupt as the nations we bomb.
—Madge Elek, Portland, OR

We are all trying to build a better world, injustice and discrimination have proven to lead to war, riots and even genocide. We need to learn from the mistakes those who preceded us made. Pandering to a few so they can feel privileged should be a thing of the past, and we should be moving towards equality. Restricting the biggest and richest source of knowledge in the world to only wealthy people will cripple society as the loss of Alexandria's library did and ultimately, the Internet belongs to all of humanity since it's all of us sharing our knowledge and experience that make it so valuable and no enterprise should make profit from it but within it as do so many. To finish I would just like to reaffirm my believe that the Internet is a patrimony of humanity and perhaps in a few centuries from now it will be regarded as one of the wonders of our times, which would make whoever destroys it's neutrality pass to history as people who destroyed the best opportunity to create understanding between cultures. Please think not only about your own privilege but about your great great grad children who may not have that wealthiness and at the end of the day, those who are to come are the ones who will suffer for those actions
—Jesus Garcia, Bromley,

isp providers are making plenty of money already and should not be able to steer our choices. Keep the internet open with as many choices as possible. Throw out the current FCC rules and reclassify ISP's as common carriers.
—James Stewart, Champaign, IL

I have been involved with the internet for over 20 years. I have seen positive growth in the internet all of these years, without changing the rules. I was volunteer and on the board of the EUGENE FREE NET www.efn.org one of the first non profit internet providers in the US. What is not acceptable is the thought about Changing the rules so that big business gets a better deal. "No way Jose" They already cannot handle the business they are in. Providing television programming. They are only interested in worthless advertising the same thing over and over. Cable companies cannot handle their own channel programming if you do not understand what I just said than maybe you should not be the ones in charge of Net neutrality. If you wish to talk with someone with years of experience please fell free to contact me I can tell you stories that would make you mad as heck.
—David Raymond, Eugene, OR

The rise of the Internet is a product of equal access TO the Internet. Net Neutrality has been the default state of affairs since its inception. It is WORKING. Like Dear Abby says If it ain't broke, don't fix it. The American taxpayer shoveled out boatloads of money to the cable companies and telcos in the late 90's to build out the Internet. If you build it, they will come. NOW the cable companies and the telcos are realizing they are getting unexpected results that threaten their business models. With the advent of high speed access all of a sudden consumers are able to access video on demand causing many of them to question the need for access to hundreds of bundled channels that they DON'T watch...and causing them to cut the cable...except for their data connection. The telcos are seeing the demise of wired phone lines, historically a cash cow and PAID for infrastructure that is seeing a lessening demand. VOIP does everything a wired land line does...plus a WHOLE LOT more. The providers are appealing to peoples "fairness" I say that position is BS. They built out their networks with the assumption that Net traffic is "bursty" High peak demand with low average demand. Now, with the general availablity of video consumers CAN fill their pipes...and the providers infrastructure is struggling to keep up. Creating a tiered internet where you pay to play FAST is just their attempt to extract more value from the consumers for something they are already contractually obligated to provide. If your business model is failing then FIX your business model. DO NOT allow the companies to fix their problem on the back of consumers by changing the rules. Free bytes == Free speech. Equal access is in accordance with the founding principles of the country. The internet became what it is today, the greatest source of information (and an ever flowing fountain of BS) through the policy of being just a dumb set of wires that treat every packet EQUALLY. We cannot know what innovations are coming. I DO know placing additional burdens to entry to the folks with the next Big Idea is just plain a Bad Plan(tm) Do NOT let business interests take over and let the needs of a few corporations and their stockholders override the interests of EVERY American...and more likely EVERY human on the planet. They were QUITE eager to take the handouts to build it. If that causes them problems then let THEM figure it out. We didn't subsidize buggy whip manufacturers...WHY would we want to subsidize large communications companies whose market is changing. Free market capitalism is supposed to weed out the weaker competitors to make room for folks with the Better Idea. You want free markets Comcast, Time Warner, AT&T and Verizon. Well now you're IN one...it is called the Net Neutral Internet. Thank you for your time and attention. Bottom line here...Net Neutrality is what is GOOD for consumers. BHO promised to support it...the FCC Chairman needs to get on board with his bosses agenda...or be replaced with someone who is.
—Mike Wild, Adrian, MI

Don't do this! Let consumer choice and market competition drive what internet providers do. We don't need to be screwed over by more agencies!
—Lisa Shah, Strongsville, OH

The opposition to net neutrality by the ISPs is nothing more than a money-grab at the expense of all of us. For all the talk about regulation and taxes hurting business growth, here is something that will absolutely put small and new businesses at a decided disadvantage. The 1990s was a period of exceptional economic growth. What happened in the 1990s? The internet as we know it was created, and small and new businesses were able to compete with larger and more established businesses. To end net neutrality will effectively undo all the good that was done in the 1990s. Do not let this happen.
—Chris Kormann, Mission Viejo, CA

The internet was designed by people smarter than you (and me). Their intention was for it to be a place for innovation and research. The net has become bigger than any one person or entity. Don't stifle innovation by making the internet about lining the pockets of a small handful of companies. I know the corporations are not people is a whole other argument, but they aren't. Listen to the people on this.
—Jaime Chavez, Long Beach, CA

I implore you to maintain Net Neutrality, rather than allowing the boosting of corporate profits to trample free speech for all Americans.
—Karen Leigh McPherson, Herndon, VA

The internet is an amazing and powerful tool for the public to share and disseminate ideas and information. We want to keep it that way and prevent it from falling under corporate rule as tv and radio have. They are now useless to the general public and content is woefully restricted. Please help us keep the internet free for all ideas to flourish and not just the agendas of corporations.
—Lori Anne Simmons, chicago, IL

Preserve our right to communicate freely online. The internet is supposed to enable and protect free speech. Just as your phone company cannot decide who you could call and what you say on that call, your ISP should not be concerned with what content you view or post online.
—Anita Rijal, cambridge, MA

We demand net neutrality. Keep your nose out of the Internet and out of our business.
—Christine Howe, Waverly, NY

The internet was created without walls. By putting walls around the net one is messing with the very fabric of the internet. It will reduce it's functionality. This is not counting on the fact that ending net neutrality is an infringement on our rights.
—Andreas Beissel, Westbury, NY

If you give a company a right to control the internet and with that the ability to access information, you are giving them extremely too much control. The cable companies have already proven they cant deliver television at a cost effective price. Please do not let this large corporations get there way.
—Jesse Butler, Pensacola, FL

PLEASE leave the internet open and please classify ISP's as common carriers.
—Imari Williams, Santa Monica, CA

Net Neutrality is important to me as the ISP's don't need anymore power or control then they already exert over their consumers. If they are given the power to choose which content you can access and at what speed, the Internet will no longer be functional for the middle and lower class consumers as only the 1% and the content that they wish the rest of us to see will available. I think the ISP's should rightfully be considered common carriers and treated like a utility. Without Net Neutrality the ISP's will clearly profit more and that seems to be the only consideration that the FCC is taking into account, especially if the Comcast/Time Warner merger is allowed which it clearly should not be under the Sherman Antitrust principles.
—Matthew Zeko, Wilmington, NC

Net Neutrality is important to maintain and encourage innovation in the digital marketplace. If a company has to rely on legislation and lobbying to maintain it's profits then it is unlikely that company is able to compete in a truly innovative market. Stifling newer, more competitive companies will create a stagnation in the market place.
—Christopher Hover, Newark, DE

Net Neutrality is essential to innovation and the free exchange of thought and ideas. It must be protected. Best way to do it? Reclassify ISPs as common carriers ... which is what they actually are. This issue is urgent. We MUST protect and preserve Net Neutrality!
—Carl Capotorto, New York, NY

The internet is one of the only things we have left that puts everyone on an even playing field. If passed, the rules proposed by the FCC will tilt the field into the favor of the rich while taking away the poor man's sword. These companies already make more than enough money to cover the costs of the infrastructure they have built. The only motivation for charging more for high-speed internet access is greed. Scrap these rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Or rewrite the rules to be in the poor man's favor!
—Alexander Ziemba, East Longmeadow, MA

FCC, Please protect real net neutrality. It is absolutely unfair for Internet service providers to be able to charge more for 'faster' internet. The U.S. already pays double even triple the rates of other countries for internet. We do not want to pay 6-10 times more for internet than China, Mexico, Singapore or any other country for lesser quality internet speeds. This is the United States for God's sake, make it fair!!! Don't give internet service provider giants the power to charge more money. Thank you in advance for your help in protecting real net neutrality. Every American thanks you from the bottom of their heart.
—Nancy, Park City, IL

Our country is being sold off piece by piece to the highest bidder. Please, we implore you to take a stand against big business and their complete and utter high-jacking of our democracy...or whats left of it at the very least. Thank you.
—Ashley Highley, Frankfort, IN

Net Neutrality is important to me because Internet Service Providers should make their profits by simply connecting us to the internet, not by arbitrarily defining the connection itself. That is not the purpose of an ISP. ISP's should be reclassified as common carriers and thus protected as a utility as is the the case with phone services.
—Brian McGuire, Dearborn Heights, MI

The FCC should define ISPs as utilities. Access to internet services has become as essential as access to phone services has been in the past, and ISPs should not be allowed to tinker with this access in order to (1) potentially favor some content providers over others; and (2) squeeze extra profits out of consumers for service that is already globally substandard. Net neutrality is the only way to insure equal internet access for all, and an innovative economy of ideas in the future.
—Stephen Clancy, Ithaca, NY

Because with out net neutrality I probably wouldn't have acsess to the internet.
—Brett, Cologne, MN

Net neutrality is how the Internet has worked from the beginning. I would like to see net neutrality reinstated. One way to do this is to define ISPs as utilities. Not reinstating net neutrality will open a huge new can of worms that will overload our courts for the foreseeable future, will empty consumer's pockets with double-charging (paying for more bandwidth and higher prices from the likes of Netflix who themselves will be charged more by the ISPs), not to mention the on-going the democracy-crushing and anti-competitive effects of not reinstating it. There are zero reasons not to reinstate net neutrality except that some big and powerful companies who are in business primarily for themselves, and not to provide a non-discriminatory public service, can make more profit without it. Allowing big, powerful corporations to profit and artificially maintain this at the expense of free competition is not only undemocratic, and un-American, but is also wrong. Therefore, please, FCC, fully reinstate Internet Neutrality, and do it in such a way that powerful commercial interests cannot come along in the future and put us all through this again and again.
—Alastair Roxburgh, Portland, OR

It's absurd that in the country that invented modern capitalism that we would even consider such a class based system. Appalling.
—Christopher Ruby, New York, NY

I am writing in support of continued "net neutrality". In particular, I am convinced that it is critical to having an growing economy, especially an economy that offers small firms the equal opportunity that our democracy should offer! Thank you, Dan Gallagher
—Dan Gallagher, Corning, NY

When corporations are "people" and money is "votes," democracy and freedom of expression - including freedom of political expression and dissent - are destroyed. This is not my vision of what the USA represents or should represent. Protect "Net Neutrality" and do not give preferential treatment to only the wealthiest among us. Money doesn't talk. It barks. It brays. It needs to be balanced by the voices of those who can't fight on its financial playing field. Please do not allow this kind of discrimination to happen; reclassify ISPs as common carriers!
—Holly Jahangiri, Houston, TX

Stop being corrupt
—Ben Miller, Dayton, OH

fair internet for all, please keep net neutrality in place. How could you possibly be on board for taking this away from us!!
—Chris hansen, San Diego, CA

Dear FCC, The Internet has always worked under Net Neutrality principles, and it should not be altered. Many small businesses thrive thanks to the Internet's openness, and would no longer work without it. The Internet was not created by ISPs, it was created by the content manufacturers, and you should work to protect them.
—Philippe Guiol, Miami, FL

Leave things alone quit catering lt big Money
—Joe herman, Sanysidro, CA

The internet needs to stay free to all parties and ISPS shouldn't be allow to profit from both sides.
—Rob Powell, Randolph, MA

The last thing we need is more control from Government or large companies. Leave the internet alone.
—P Ploof, St. Albans, VT

I would like to urge you to classify the internet as a Title Two Common Carrier. This is essential to prevent the internet service providers from discriminating against users unable to afford the fees they would be charged for preferrential treatment. The internet should remain open and free.
—David Waight, Cambridge, MA

It's important because I don't want to lose the internet. Without neutrality, I won't be able to look up what I choose. It will be what others choose. Big business already pushes the little guy around. Are you going to let them push the little guys off the net too? Because that's what is going to happen. Keep Net Neutrality!
—Kristine Stukerjurgen, New London, IA

Keep net neutrality! It's the only "fair" choice. We deserve even for all.
—Suzanne Ortiz, Fremont, CA

Government has no business legislating a world wide medium. to pass this bill would be an attack on liberty and freedom, both which are promised as part of the constitution of the United States. it is a giant over step in perceived power by government and the lobbiest to believe that they have the right to control and ration out a resource that they do not own. the internet was created to be a vehicle by which people from around the world could be linked and information could be shared, and made available to all for any purpose. allowing the ISPs to control who has access is discriminatory
—David Morrison, cumming, GA

I am a recent college graduate. I have too many student loans to worry about my bills costing any more than they already do. Don't make me fear price increases that I can't control. It isn't fair. Throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers!
—Meghann Cunningham, Rochester, NY

I currently live in Denver and only have 2 choices for internet and I hate both of them, please do not give those companies even more ability to give me crappier service at inflated rates. It is not like they do not make enough money, we all know they do. Netflix/Google happened and were created in an environment where startups had the ability to run just as fast as the present-day powerhouses. IF you stop supporting the equal treatment on the internet you stifle innovation and basically give a leg up to the mega corporations that already have Congress in their pockets. Sad day.
—Donavan Mathis, Wheat Ridge, CO

Dear Sir or Madam: throw out out rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. protect real Net Neutrality.
—Bernadette C, Albuquerque, NM

Information is not something that should be restricted by or determined by corporate entitities. It comes in many forms and many sizes and for many different uses. Innovation does not happen in a slow lane. It is a utility or tool that we all use in our day to day life. Net Neutrality is about access no matter what your lot in life is. I was taught America is about opportunity, not limited opportunity. Thank you.
—David Camp, Portland, OR

Protect Net neutrality. Do not allow the creation of a two-tiered Internet with fast lanes for those who can afford the extra cost. Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Ellen Kerber, Eden Prairie, MN

Net neutrality is essential in our increasingly wired culture to keep avenues open for ideas, projects and innovations that are not part of massive, monied interests. The internet service providers are effectively monopolies and MUST be regulated for the good of the people first and foremost. It is the people, who through their tax dollars, funded the research and development that created the internet and it is the people who should have unfettered, unrestricted access to internet as a result. The ISP's should not get to decide who gets preferential treatment on the internet.
—Adam List, Nashville, TN

If you allow companies such as AT&T to provide two-tier services and take further advantage of their customers, you will hurt democracy and return our country to the Jim Crow era. Separate but equal has never worked and never will.
—Ms. Melissa Smith, New Orleans, LA

ISP's already have limited if no competition. Please keep net neutrality in place until a full, free and open market with real competition exist. Right now, it does not. Most people have no choice of providers. Even when there is a choice, the choice is not level. It is between a cable provider and phone provider. The two don't offer the same speeds because or the delivery method. No free market = no real competition. Please keep net neutrality in place.
—William K Wilson, The Woodlands, TX

The internet is/should be a public utility, not a money pump for communication companies. keep net neutrality, stop pandering to big business.
—David Paris, Washington, DC

I don't want my internet to become what cable TV has turned into: paying hundreds of dollars for access to channel packages that you don't really want. The internet should remain neutral and the control shouldn't be given in totality to the service providers. What will happen is like how cable TV is. If you access a website, you will get a popup saying you need to purchase a premium content package to view this site, or something to that equivalent.
—Kenneth Walters, chandler, AZ

Junk this terrible proposal and while you are at it fire Wheeler. Preserve net neutrality!
—Richard Conoboy, Belllingham, WA

The internet is NOT for sale, and no company should have this power. America IS freedom, is she not? What happened to respecting the consumer, delivering quality products, and earning business? Don't fast track America to a corporation communism where we are at their mercy by law.
—Kimberlee Rabenstein, Carlisle, PA

Let's not take a step backwards we need improvement to step forward toward life long learning which should not be about money. Protect the rights of all citizens to have this tool for learning fairly. Thank You
—Jan, Hillsboro, OR

This is gravely important to me because it is my major source for information. I'm a hard-working US Citizen, living on a very small budget but I do pay for my internet service and greatly deserve the ability to comfortably utilize the web for my independent studies. I would not be able to afford to do so if the ISP in my area increases their fees even more.
—Laura Farris, Raleigh, NC

The failure to maintain net neutrality will further mire American companies and consumers in below-par services, accessibility, and move unreasonable amounts of control over information and human productive capacity into the realm of entities with no interest other than self-interest. Other countries have successfully maintained net neutrality AND provided better services to their citizenry. Follow their lead.
—Benjamin Geary, New Orleans, LA

Net neutrality is crucial to free speech. It is our right as Americans to choose how we use the internet and which pages to view: compromising net neutrality violates our prescious First Amendment rights. It harms the many to benefit an elite few.
—Janessa Ruckle, San Diego, CA

It is difficult enough to receive news and perspectives from a variety of sources, especially from minorities. Ending net neutrality will serve only to reinforce power in the few media companies that have already taken over much of our democratic machine. Keep our internet free! Further, innovation is a cornerstone of American industry. Ending net neutrality will place a needless barrier to technical innovation, which is the industry of the future. The FCC should reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Kelly Gonzalez, Marshfield, MA

Keep the roads open. It's not rocket science: the two-tier plan is a moneymaking scam and we all know it. Don't give in to pressure. Do the right thing.
—William Bourassa Jr., Brooklyn, NY

It is unfair to the common user to take away something that has always been there.Freedom of speech and information is why we live in this country, do not make people pay for that freedom!!!
—Tabitha Archer, Revelstoke,

Net Neutrality is essential. Communicating on the net is a necessity these days. I do most of my volunteer work on line. Everyone including me have come to rely on this fast, easy tool. Why shut us down. By the way, that would also seriously harm the economy since a lot of business is done on line.
—Johanna Mathieu, Renfrew,

This is an unfair advantage to the corporate companies like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon to earn money from its customers. We already pay 250 dollars a month for slow internet and cable services.
—Jane Soh, Middle Village, NY

You don't need to give preferential treatment to rich companies. They make enough money as it is. You need to keep your shit out of our shit, in fact, there's no reason to even HAVE an FCC in the first fucking place. See what I did there? Quit censoring us and find something better to do.
—Dan Donche, Colorado Springs, CO

Please, PLEASE do not let our ISPs decide which content providers to support and which to throttle. I am happy to pay for data by the amount I use, but no one else should get to decide which content providers get fast access or to charge them more to avoid being restricted. We're already 28th in the world in internet download speed, and now these near monopolies want to selectively throttle it back to make more money?? http://www.netindex.com/downlo ad/allcountries/ It just doesn't sound American...
—Peter Hansen, SAN DIEGO, CA

Net neutrality is important because i provides a level playing field for all and does not allow ISP's to control how internet traffic is directed, influencing the speed, to consumers. ISP's make enough profit then do not need an additional revenue stream from the same source. Please maintain net neutrality.
—Joe Compton, Centennial, CO

One question that you might want to ask first is, how many laser hair treatments have you administered. This procedure is best suited for facial hair removal and removing smaller patches of unwanted hair on specific areas of the body. This hair removal tool definitely changes the way home hair removal is done.
—Latanya, AU,

Please - this is probably the most important decision the FCC will make in my lifetime. Please, please DO NOT move forward with Wheeler's plan. I beg you to instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the right thing to do, both for businesses and citizens. I understand why Mr. Wheeler thinks his plan is the right move, but I respectfully disagree - and if you listen to the public, I think you will find that the majority of citizens would also disagree with Wheeler. Please, do the right thing - classify ISPs as common carriers.
—Jason Wyatt, Castle Rock, CO

I do not want big companies to be in control of access of information, or to make it so only the rich can have access to info.
—Allyssa, Brockton, MA

Dear FCC, Allowing ISPs to slow traffic at their whim would inhibit the innovation that makes America great and would only benefit a few rich cable company owners. Please preserve net neutrality.
—Jake Harsha, Pequot Lakes, MN

I quit using the television and newspapers, morning am "news" shows over 10 years ago when the news industry become part of the entertainment world. Pretty little talking heads saying whatever the ownership required. The internet is the only place to go for true freedom of the press. To give a small group of corporations unfair control over what the people can access or worst yet, further commercialize it, not only erodes our bill of rights but bastardizes the intention of the constitution. The internet belongs to the people and should be protected by our government from this intrusion of private enterprise. Simple re-classify it and tell these companies once and for all, they need to deliver more value to increase their wealth not just finds ways to make more money on what they are already doing.
—Teresa, port orchard, WA

its the only media when one can express freely, loosing its ability to communicate and reach around the world will make us take steps backwards in humanity
—Alejandro Banales, national city, CA

I don't need a private company imposing its biases on my internet use. ISPs should be reclassified as common carriers.
—Teresa, Gaithersburg, MD

It is detrimental that once again our rights and freedom are about to be taken away in favor of big corporations and big money. The internet should not be controlled by a few it belongs to the people.
—Yasmin Leon, National city, CA

Net neutrality is important for America! The internet is open for everyone and every voice and should always be that way. Voices not money!
—Samantha Bean, Gainesville, FL

The internet and its effects on commerce and information are directly responsible for the increased economic prosperity and growing civil liberties of the last 20 years. It would be irresponsible (bordering on corrupt) to allow corporate interests the ability to manage how the internet work. Reclassifying ISPs as common carriers would provide the best balance between private enterprise and common resources.
—Nestor Gomez, Pittsburgh, PA

Far too many people in far too high of places are sticking their fingers and money where they do not, and should not, be allowed. Aren't the rich rich enough? Why is it so horrible for me and those in my tax bracket to be paid enough to support ourselves and our families, yet I have to fight and speak out so the richest of the rich don't get even more of the money I don't have. We have a serious moral issue in this nation. I foresee a modern-day Robin Hood in our future. Near future at that. The kind heart of Americans can only take so much abuse before the blood of Americans begins to boil.
—Breanna Rogers, Dixon, MO

Treat ISPs as what they are - utilities. Democracy demands this.
—Ruth McVeigh, San Francisco, CA

Despite me not being a U.S. citizen, I still want to express my suport for net neutrality. (I belive the impact of this issue would not be limited to only the U.S.) A free internet (aka net neutrality) is free information. I consider the right to have an equal/ unhindered access as a consumer - without infringement or interference by companies driven by monetary interests - to be a basic and universal human right. If I pay for my internet then I'm right in expecting to be provided the service/ what I have paid for. Internet was made to be free and open - and that requires net neutrality!
—Filip Sundqvist, Kil,

I urge you to maintain this "shred" of freedom! Continue internet neutrality instead of allowing mega-communications companies such as AT&T, Comcast and Verizon to gain total power over what is posted and by whom.
—Dixie O'Connor, Beaver Dams, NY

Because no one has the right to take people's freedoms away from them. People should be able to use the internet to express themselves in anyway they know how, so long as it's not harmful to others. The internet is one of the last truly open forums of thought we have left, if not the only one; no one has the right to take that away.
—Bernadette, Tacoma, WA

Throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality.
—Marissa Chirillo, Ivyland, PA

Dear FCC, Please carefully consider your proposed rules and the effect they will have on our vibrant internet economy. It is blindingly obvious that in this day and age, ISPs should be considered common carriers. Please fight for the citizenry and the entrepreneurial spirit of our country and avoid being puppets for the mega corporations that already have so much influence over our individual lives. Thank you!
—Jeff Tomlinson, Albuquerque, NM

Please do NOT sell the internet to big money. The two tiered approach would leave only the crumbs of internet access to the common person. Big money influence has become a blight on our society. The US political system is broken. Even the Supreme Court bows to big money. Who controls our medical system?--Big insurance companies. The internet is the only egalitarian system left. Please DON'T sell it to big money service providers!
—James C. Hayes, Painted Post, NY

Please classify ISPs as common carriers. Data is like the telephone voice traffic and should be regulated as such.
—Jason Viehland, Sudbury, MA

Keep net neutrality as it is. Fair use of the Internet is important for all users. Use and access should not be limited due to companies having more control (money) over regular users.
—Stephanie Stenlund, San diego, CA

Treat ISPs as utilities. Don't let powerful companies make larger profits. Net neutrality is important as a preservation of current freedoms. Keep it that way.
—Deborah Flora, Montgomery, AL

Dear FCC, A quick reminder - YOU WORK FOR THE PEOPLE - NOT THE CORPORATIONS (which are not people). Please keep the Net neutral!!!
—Richard Olson, Salt Lake City, UT

Please reconsider your proposals. Net neutrality will give all Americans a fair chance at information.
—Patrick Manning, Dayton, OH

I support net neutrality. The internet should never be allowed to become the nightmare that pay television is.
—Sam Payne, Nashville, TN

We need our freedom. Too many of our rights are being stripped from us. This is another form of control.
—David A. Hubbard, Rapid City, SD

Mr. Wheeler: The internet exists for users, not to make profits for ISPs. It's fine for them to make reasonable profits, but not to determine what kinds of access people have to different parts of the internet. Please value the interests of American citizens over the interests of the internet service providers and draft a rule that defines ISPs as a form of common carrier that must retain net neutrality. Thank you.
—Arthur Martin, Klamath Falls, OR

A democracy demands that every person has equal access to information. That has been achieved with the Internet. Corporations should not be given priority over individuals, no matter how much financial power they wield. In fact, we as individuals need to be able to separate ourselves from corporate control. Net neutrality is the most important way we can achieve this.
—Jan Kather, Elmira Heights, NY

PLEASE RECLASSIFY INTERNET SERVICE PROVIDERS AS COMMON CARRIERS UNDER TITLE II.
—Henry Thornhill, Honolulu, HI

Everything in this world shouldn't be about money. Please do what is right to keep everyone neutral in speed and influence on the internet. This action of allowing different speeds for content creators based on pay for play really exemplifies that people will do anything for money. "Say it ain't so..."
—Holly Kim, Mundelein, IL

The internet should be of the people, by the people, and for the people. Its content should be treated equally for all, and its infrastructure should ultimately belong to the tax-paying people - not monopolistic, censorship-happy corporations who seek to use it as a tool for profit and control.
—Zachary Kirshner, Santa Cruz, CA

Don't suck.
—Maggie Sotos, Minneapolis, MN

Access to open communication is critical for the freedom and economic development of our country. It is thus also critical to consider internet service providers as Title II common carriers to ensure the continuation of net neutrality. The current FCC plan for a "two-tiered" system would restructure the system such that the service providers would have nearly unlimited power to do as they please. Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Thank you, Timothy Callahan
—Timothy Callahan, Wadmalaw Island, SC

The Internet is as essential as the telephone was back in the day. Reclassify ISP's as common carriers please!
—Judith s Skartvedt, Easton, CT

ISPs should be defined as Common Carriers - I don't want them deciding which content I get quickly and which content I get slowly. Like the phone company, I'm paying for a connection, not different levels of access to different corporate partners. Net Neutrality is important to me and to our society - don't let the communications monopolies treat us worse than they already can.
—Nick Baker, Florence, MA

The freedom expressed on the internet should stay the way it is. This is on conjunction to freedom of speech, having a tiered system just paves way for increased costs and scrutiny by cable providers which just isn't necessary.
—Pranay Lagadapati, Ann Arbor, MI

The corporations already control most of the media. This is the only free press left to most of the citizens of this country. I have to ask will you support the citizens of this country or the the "people" who want to enslave them.
—MP Splaine, Las Vegas, NV

ISPs are common carriers and should be regulated as such.
—Glen K. Yelton, Greeneville, TN

I don't frequently use high data services. However, when I do I expect them to be delivered at the same speed as any other service. This is what I have paid my ISP for, and it seems an extremely unfair practice for them to be able to charge the service I am attempting to access in order for that service to gain access to me, essentially being paid twice to provide a single service.
—Troy Martin Jonathan Kuersten, Rocklin, CA

Comcast is evil and we should not allow them to rule the world.
—Matt, Millville, NJ

Keep internet service free of discrimination! Protect Net Neutrality!
—J Barczak, Decatur, GA

The Internet is for everyone! Not for the privileged few with money!
—Rossella Mariotti-Jones, Salem, OR

Please do not rescind net neutrality.
—S Sivadel, New York, NY

Net Neutrality is important to maintain free access to speech and information for all.
—Kathryn VanDusartz, River Falls, WI

I've worked in the tech industry for over 15 years now and I see absolutely no reason not to re-classify ISPs as Title II Common Carriers. The power company works this way, the phone company works this way, the water company works this way. The simple truth of the matter is that ISPs are utilities, just like any other. And our connection to the internet is increasingly important not just to individuals, but to the success of our nation in the 21st century. We should protect that by re-classifying ISPs. I question why there should even be any debate about this.
—Ashley Eckhoff, O Fallon, MO

The mega-TV providers have what we can see and hear in a strangle hold that will only get worse if Fox is allowed to own 3/4 of the networks & channels. We need to have somewhere to go where ideas can be exchanged freely. Net Neutrality is VERY important. ISP's should be classified as common carriers to protect the consumer.
—Patricia Long, ELMA, WA

Dear FCC, I am an artist and content creator and also a professional in the industry of corporate marketing. I am writing this in response to the discussion of discrimination of online content through the use of pay walls enforced by providers, I seek Net Neutrality. If the decision to control audience reach goes through, it will make my long hours of work and the hours of many other content creators ever more difficult. Below I explain why. I understand that we live in a capitalist nation and that is how our markets and industries progress but I honestly have to look at that “machine” with a discerning eye at times. It is a heartless mechanism and is fed and operated many times by those that control the large hands at the tops of many corporations. I understand this and in many ways I am not upset because in this system, I have the right to pursue my happiness and the CHANCE at a greater future. That is my right as a citizen and I take pride in that citizenship and that right. I work full time and then after we lay the kiddos in their beds at the end of the day...I sometimes sit down at my drafting table or my computer and I work until my head hangs to the side, eye closed. I do this because I love what I do and I love to create. What is in myself must come out. I am at peace with this because I understand the process and believe that when I put the work in, I plan well and I spend the right amount of time, I can earn my way upward and the content I create has a chance for success. I am one of the small people who needs to spend time at the table creating and not out trying to earn extra money to spend to buy attention just to compete with the companies who have the advertising dollars to pour into the “machine”. I, a citizen and content creator, should not have to fight this battle with large companies on one of the only remaining open “attention market” battlefields we have left just to retain an opportunity to “pursue that happiness.” Profit should not come at the cost of the participants whom aren’t even opening their wallets at this point. If large companies have to put up a pay wall to control consumers being able to view my content easily then that says two things to me; my potential share of the attention market is a threat to them and...they have run out of other creative avenues to create profits and they need to weigh down others to give themselves a chance. Either way, it is wrong. I, and others like me, may not have created the “web” as a marketing and content platform, but we create for and on it so where is the true line of ownership drawn? I honestly believe that if the FCC decides to restrict users like me then others like myself will end up creating an open forum for ourselves to reach our audience and the rest of this “pay wall internet” will end up becoming another stop and shop point like Amazon, devoid of truly creative content and only existing as a product channel. FCC, I apologize for the fact that persons like myself do not create a profit that lines the pockets and bolsters the sales opportunities for those that drop large tax dollars on your doorsteps. I do understand that when boiled down to it, this CAN be looked at as a simple numbers situation, pay wall+content creation= profit margin increase potential (remember, I am a marketing professional). The real question to be asked is who will listen to the complaints when the internet becomes empty of truly individual creative content? The kind labored over at the drafting table, dark room, empty room with a mic and sticky notes being rearranged for a story. Who will they turn to when that creativity can’t be heard around the pay wall because it is too wide and too tall for the labored voices. These very voices derive from the tired worker drawing his book after her shift or the parent trying to stay quite while he finish his painting to spend the day’s remaining time with his wife following his tax-paying job, home duties and creative tasks...time not spent out getting MORE money to then pay for the attention his or her amazing content SHOULD already be ABLE to get. Attention on its own merit and not that based on the amount of dollars he transferred to “Boost,” “Buy,” or borrow for an audience he should already have access to. I should have a choice, not a requirement. I apologize that my content doesn’t create profit for you. This situation is not one of profit loss for you, but that is a loss of "potential gain." Very different. On that same note though, you shouldn’t make it that much harder for me to pursue making it for myself. _____ I do greatly appreciate your time and the opportunity to exercise my opinion and to express my position on this. Though it should be allotted to me because of my citizenship, I too am still very grateful to live in a country that even allows my voice to be heard in the first place. My very best to all of you and I hope for a decision that is best for all of the nation, those creating for it and those waiting to see the amazing things to be created. Derrick Utz www.derrickutz.com
—Derrick Utz, Fort Worth, TX

Please keep the net neutral. Its vital to the people, and to companies alike, to allow every one equal access to every aspect of the internet. If the internet is not kept neutral corrupt people will decide what is best for me. Personally, I enjoy making choices on what is best for me. Net Neutrality shouldn't even be up for debate. Don't wreck something that works greats. Those against Net Neutrality don't want to improve the web, they want to sell it to the highest bidder. This is the age of information. Keep making steps forward with us, not backwards.
—Matthew, Minneapolis, MN

The plans for a two-tiered system is discriminatory, dysfunctional, and disappointing. Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers. It's the right thing to do.
—Jane Rose, Okemos, MI

The plans proposed by Chairman Tom Wheeler will cause discrimination across the internet. The internet is a place of freedom and since the FCC Open Internet Order of 2010, we have been moving towards creating a place of true internet neutrality for all users. However this plan would destroy everything that Net Neutrality stands for and create discrimination not only against users who aren't able to afford additional ISP fees but against every single person who wishes to share their content and opinions online because the ISPs will have the ability to block any content that they deem unsuitable. This country was founded around the principles of freedom so why shouldn't our internet be?
—Shanay Thakkar, Orlando, FL

Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This appears to be the only reasonable and fair solution for the American public. Otherwise large corporations will continue their march towards controlling the public discussions and hence controlling the political process.
—Paul Carbo, mobile, AL

Net neutrality is important to me because it would regulate the internet and ensure that it remains vast, decentralized, and innovative. It would also mean that the ISP companies would have to make their profits by connecting us to the internet instead of holding that connection hostage. (Paraphrased from Eddie Geller, Upworthy)
—Shana Lewis, Bryan, TX

All people, regardless of age, income, and geography should have access to information. What used to be available to all "free if charge" in a library, is now found via the Internet. Corporatizing Internet access results in limited access for people who may need it the most.
—Gia, Sacramento, CA

Keep the internet open! Net neutrality needs continue, any legislation against is a slippery slope that needs to be avoided. I purchase a "pipe" from my broadband provider, what I chose to upload or download is none of their business.
—Gary Polistena, Brooklyn, NY

Do not mess with our rights!!
—Tanya Beaver, Downingtown, PA

The internet has become so ubiquitous to every function of life in America that most employers only accept employment applications via e-mail or a website. Not recognizing and regulating the internet as a public utility at this point, and giving this kind of power over availability of access and content to ISPs is impractical and would exclude the underprivileged from most of the routs available today to better themselves and be productive happy citizens.
—Noah Brockner, brookline, PA

Please reclassify ISPs as Common Carriers. They should be viewed as utility companies. Please do not allow ISPs to setup internet "fast lanes." By definition this will only create slow lanes. There is no reason to implement these rules except to create future profits for ISPs. The proposed rules will not benefit consumers. It will be a detriment to them.
—Brad Ham, Nashville, TN

If Net Neutrality is killed, it will be just more proof that the U.S. Government is deep in the pocket of Big Business.
—Barrett Adams, TAMPA, FL

Net neutrality will allow me to preserve the impression that all speech is free, equal, and protected.
—Megan Tennermann, Goshen, NY

Why are you fixing something that has transformed human existence and isn't broken? Granted it is frustrating for companies like Verizon not to be able to control us and make us pay more, but since when is gov't for the people, by the people and of the people run so that Verizon can have new gold bidets in the executive washrooms? This is you, gumming up the works, justifying your salaries and fussing around with something you can't possibly improve by layering bureaucracy on top of it. The lawyers will love it, and the ISPs, but our country is already struggling under the weight of out-of-control regulation. DON'T DO IT! Just because you can is a terrible reason.
—Ann Blumenthal, Buellton, CA

Dear Chairman Wheeler, As an educator and an artist, and as a U.S. citizen, it is important to me and to my students and colleagues that access to information and resources on the internet be equal and open to all. Since the internet is now a primary venue for researching and sharing information in all disciplines and a major way of doing business, it is vital in a democratic society that this venue be equally accessible to all people, regardless of economic circumstances. The internet has, in many instances, become an integral part of, or has taken the place of the public library. Without a free alternative, you must not allow discrimination online. Protect Net Neutrality in the interest of a free society. Thank you.
—Mary Guzzy, Corning, NY

Anything less than reclassifying ISPs as common carriers stifles competition. The little guy vs. the big guy is of utmost importance. Someone like Netflix can dominate if this doesn't happen because if Joe Schmoe wants to come out with Joeflix he's not on an even playing field, which in turn hurts both small businesses, startups, and the consumers in the end.
—Daniel Hynds, CONCORD, NH

ISPs NEED to be reclassified as common carriers. Without net neutrality, ISPs would become even more like a monopoly than they already are. There are currently limited options when choosing an ISP, and to give them the power to create a fast lane (which by the way imposes that there is a "slow lane"), would only hurt consumers, not to mention the internet itself. Sure we will still have a few different providers to choose from, but they'll all be offering the same thing: Awful service at an outrageous price.
—Kevin Howard, Farmington Hills, MI

Protect Net Neutrality and reclassify ISPs as common carriers
—Jeff Edwards, San Diego, CA

Dear FCC, Please get rid of the bureaucratic maelstrom now proposed for 'net neutrality'. Instead, please simple reclassify Internet Service Providers as common carriers. This would provide the greatest liberty and freedom for all citizens and residents which is supposedly why the United States of America exists. Please do the right thing.
—David Morrow, Waco, TX

It is important that we do NOT have different tiers of speeds on the internet. ISP's are more likely to cut back on current speeds than they are to invest new higher speed connections.
—Norman Fair, Sanford, FL

Two tiered internet service is in appropriate and makes no sense. How can your bill allow ISPS to charge for faster service but disallow obstacles and abuses for regular service. IF ISPS can give some websites faster service but they can't give others slower access, obviously these are the same thing. The power to charge for a "fast lane" IS the power to impose a "slow lane". Stop this nonsense and let's get back to Net Neutrality. The way the internet always was. Bandwidth use and speed cost nothing extra to the ISPS. This is just a way for these big monopolistic companies to make more profit and suck the little people dry.
—Colleen Clark, Dartmouth,

The internet needs to give equal access to all in order to keep democracy strong and small businesses thriving. Creating a privileged highway just promotes inequality and justifies an elite class. The government should not promote this.
—Judith Doyle, Hyde Park, NY

Hello FCC, My name is Sarah and I very much appreciate the internet I have right now. However, if you forgot about my needs and thought about societies needs then you'd realize why a two-tiered would destroy everything we've come to known. With your plan it would restrict and limit education. Remember back in the 90s when teachers had to ask if a student had a computer at home so they could complete their assignment? If that student said no then they would be forced to stay in the library the few hours it was open to complete. If the internet changed this would happen all over again. People at home who couldn't afford the "fast" internet would be limited and handicapped compared to those who can. Everyone knows how badly the school boards are doing so they are not going to pay for faster internet. This means that student wont have the option to got to the library. They would be completely screwed. In my case as a college student, I too would be affected in a similar way. I work two jobs and go full time to Sonoma State University. All of the money I currently make goes to paying off Loans, paying rent, and buying books. I simply cannot afford to pay for a second tier of internet. Without high-speed internet as a college student, one would hardly be able to stay afloat. Do you really want to be responsible for putting a cap on our societies education? Please don't change Net Neutrality. I know it's like to be that kid who has to stay in the school library because she doesn't have a computer at home. Thank you, Please consider everything I've said.
—Sarah Padilla, Elk Grove, CA

Keeping Net Neutrality is important to me. Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers to prevent the large ISPs from being able to discriminate against online content.
—John Bullard, Greenville, NC

Net neutrality is important for the internet to stay as awesome as it is now. please don't mess up one of the few diverse things left in the world because of greed.
—Ian Cameron, calgary,

Please keep the internet free and open to all. Corporations have proven that they cannot be trusted and will turn a profit by any means necessary. Do not put control of our internet in their hands.
—Jonah Arter, Coronado, CA

First of all, I can't believe that this is something that should even require a comment, or discussion. It is a no-brainer. Internet service providers SHOULD NOT have any special privileges, power, or ability to direct, control or discriminate against online content or applications. And they should most definitely not be allowed to charge extra fees, creating a two-tiered internet that creates "fast lanes" and "slow lanes" preventing those who've not paid the bribe, ah-hem "fee," from having adequate internet service. THIS IS EXTORTION! And we already pay extortion prices for our service. It is completely ridiculous that these companies are given free reign to do as they please. They are corporations, and as such, should be heavily regulated. Period. Otherwise, they will only reel out of control. The only way to protect Net Neutrality, and our democracy, is to throw out the current rules and instead reclassify ISP's as COMMON CARRIERS! It is what they are; therefore it is how they should be classified! Please do so. Now. Otherwise we all lose everything, and in the end will become a dictatorial, fascist state. This is too important an issue to ignore.
—Teri Landauer, Alsea, OR

Net Neutrality protects free and open speech across the most effecient mode of communication the world has seen. It needs to be protected; our freedom depends on it.
—James M, New York, NY

I don't want a company telling me how I can use the Internet!
—Alison Quinn, Tallahassee, FL

Please preserve Net Neutrality -- do not set up a two-tiered system.
—Emily Heintzelman, Albuquerque, NM

It isn't fair to websites/companies/users trying to succeed via the internet to compete with top billion dollar companies for traffic! It's not fair. The internet was made for everyone, so everyone can enjoy it how they enjoy it. Without net neutrality, you're just messing up everyone's mojo
—Deedee, miami, FL

We must have net neutrality. The ISP's should be treated as Utilities. Mothing less is acceptable.
—Kevin Scoles, St. Peters, MO

Net Neutrality is very important to me. I think that we are taken advantage of by so many different big corporations... Why should they have the right to decide what we can and cannot look at, what websites will load faster or slower... It seems all they are trying to do is find a way to get everyone to pay for something that we can already do! Why do they have to try to fix something that isn't broken? I believe it is important for every person to have access to internet and even now it isn't possible to have the advantage of having access to the internet. If they take away Net Neutrality, then people will have to pay even more for what we already have access to. So please, reclassify ISPs as common carriers, so we can protect the people and the internet.
—Rachael D, Scottsville, NY

Net Neutrality is very important to me. It ensures individuals, not corporations, chose what content they can access and prioritize. Broadband internet IS a telecommunications service which provides subscribers with a connection--broadband providers should not control content. The FCC should use its Title II authority to protect Net Neutrality, and thus the citizens it represents. Thank you.
—Thomas Subias, Eugene, OR

Preserving an open Internet is essential to our nation’s freedom of speech, educational achievement, and economic growth. The Internet now serves as a primary, open platform for information exchange, intellectual discourse, civic engagement, creativity, research, innovation, teaching, and learning. We are deeply concerned that public broadband providers have financial incentives to interfere with the openness of the Internet and may act on these incentives in ways that could be harmful to the Internet content and services provided by libraries and educational institutions. Preserving the unimpeded flow of information over the public Internet and ensuring equitable access for all people is critical to our nation’s social, cultural, educational, and economic well-being.
—Wendy Veney, Charles Town, WV

Please, I IMPLORE YOU, FCC, to protect Net Neutrality. Throw out your rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Scott Menville, Santa Monica, CA

Internet Freedom needs to remain. This is nothing but the "big boys" throwing a fit because smaller companies are beating them. Stop lining the pockets of companies that could care less about the people.
—K, waynesboro va, VA

Without net neutrality, people of the lower middle class wouldn't be able to afford internet fees, so they'd be stunted on their growth as a race of technology. In this day and age, internet connection is so unbelievably vital to being with the goings on, whether it be email, internet news, articles, job applications, the internet play an enormous role in today's society, that if most of America couldn't afford, we'd be setting back our progress as a nation. Plus, you might get riots.
—Reilly Malpass, Kalamazoo, MI

Net Neutrality gives all people the opportunity to access whichever sites they choose. If Internet Service Providers (ISPs) are instead allowed to create a "Fast Lane" for certain people (i.e., those that can pay more), then ISPs will effectively restrict other people from the free access of any site they want. Restricted access to information, whether intentional or unintentional, is equivalent to censorship of said information, which our country has fought very hard to abolish. Thus I support Net Neutrality.
—Erin Schnellinger, Somerville, MA

I fully support net neutrality by ensuring ISP's cannot selectively decide what content merits superior transmission quality. Any regulation which attempts to enable selective transmission quality while simultaneously outlawing discriminatory and/or unfair business practices is doomed to failure.
—J White, Indianapolis, IN

Please keep the internet neutral! Allowing the internet a 'fast sped highway" for select companies that can pay a higher premium will most definitely squash the availability of unbiased news and information available to individual consumers! Allowing a "fast speed highway" will also prevent many alternative information and news sources from getting their message heard due to a high "toll" that is beyond their ability to pay or by discrimination because the content of the alternative news/information may contradict the political or moral beliefs of the CEO's (or equivalent) for the parent ISP company. Please Keep the internet neutral and reclassify internet service providers as common carriers. Jeremie Marko
—Mr. Jeremie Marko, seattle, WA

Net neutrality has served us well as a nation, as consumers and as an even-playing field for new businesses to get started. Changing the system to give those most able to pay (i.e. large business interests) a fast lane on the internet is going to create another barrier to entry for small internet businesses. This is the lifeblood of our future economy, don't rig the game to give current players an even bigger advantage than they already have. Treat ISPs like common carriers.
—Andrew Muhlbach, San Francisco, CA

Please make ISPs common carriers. They provide a service that in 2014 is tantamount to telephone in the past. They therefore should not enjoy any greater opportunity to build a monopoly and provide poorer service as they see fit based on who pays more. Thank you.
—Geoff Engel, Glenview, IL

Please act in the interest of actual people, rather than corporations, and support net neutrality with an actually binding resolution. If ISPs are not classified as common carriers we will give corporate interests with money and even greater stranglehold on our national discourse and thought.
—Sylvia Glauster, Chicago, IL

Thanks to a foreclosure on our home, my family recently moved from our house to an apartment in the same town. When we transferred our Comcast cable and internet service from our old house to the apartment, Comcast made repeated mistakes during the entire process. You name it, it happened: their website crashing during activation procedures; their website constantly showing incorrect information about our account; not activating the code in their cable box and then trying to make me pay for a technician to come to our apartment to "fix" the problem, etc. Thanks to their incompetence, we were without internet and cable service for over a week. Loss of the internet service caused all kinds of grief including affecting my home-based engineering business. It's my experience that companies like Comcast can barely provide adequate service as it is and with the near zero competition they face, I don't see that situation changing anytime soon. They should not have any ability to further muck things up by being able to effectively regulate how I or any of us use the Internet. The Internet is no longer a "luxury", but instead has become an integral and fundamental way in which we communicate with each other. If ISP's are effectively able to "throttle" our access to all the Internet is, that would create further inequality falling along economic lines in this country. To ensure we all have equal and fair Internet access, ISP's should be treated as a utility. KEEP NET NEUTRALITY A REALITY!
—Frank Knowles, Albany, CA

An important aspect of allowing large corporations (ATT, etc.) special privileges: would also advance the power of big money and the growing gap between the richest 1% and the other 99%.
—Jim Z, San Antonio, TX

FCC you need to throw out those rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Edward Beatty, Georgetown, KY

I could go on, but in reality the average user doesn't realize how internet speed 'tiers' work and that in reality we are one of the slowest countries in terms of average internet DL/UL speeds...I imagine that's because many other countries don't try to make that extra $x-billion/year by overcharging for "TURBO SPEED INTERNET". The speed is free, please, please, take a look at the rest of the forward thinking nations and consider a consistent, high-speed internet. Not a "limited if you don't pay this much per month" system "you'll AT LEAST get this". I could get the same (if not better) internet speeds that I pay WAY too much for in Sweden as a college student...yet it would be FREE. I don't ask for it to be free, I ask for Net Neutrality. Please, be considerate, the generation that will be fueling the future needs a quality, high bandwidth connection at an affordable rate. I am fortunate to have a stable job so I can afford Comcast's "TURBO BOOOOOOST INTERNETZ" but there are many others that didn't go into IT/Web Dev & Design that can't. I guess other countries are beginning to realize this. In the long run what's there to lose? I don't get it? Clearly it's just what it is to gain (by the corporations, not the employees of them), and using the public's ignorance as a way of making money. I wish we could just all get along, work together, and continue/work towards solidifying ourselves as the strongest nation in the world.
—Bennett Adams, Arlington, VA

The attack on net neutrality is just the latest evidence that government and large corporations are bedfellows. It's a shameful display that only further damages the citizens trust in our abysmal government.
—Stephen, Nashville, TN

To paraphrase Orwell: All access is equal, but some is more "equal" than others-- Do we really want our future to be Animal Farm?
—Joanne Montanye, St. Albans, VT

As a small business owner with an active website, I feel that net neutrality is critical to maintaining a web presence that has an even chance of being reached by clients. Please count me as an advocate for continued net neutrality: ISPs should be classified as common carriers. Thank you!
—Zena Kruzick, Richmond, CA

There is no reason to change the rules in the direction of less neutrality. That would be a terrible thing to do.
—Jack Vogt, Sequim, WA

More innovation comes from startup technology compaines than any other place providing an amazing return to investors. Please allow this to continue by maintaining net neutrality.
—Keith Ziegelman, Austin, TX

The internet is the most important invention of my age. Having global access to information I want, when I want is incredible. I don't want corporations or individuals with different ideas, values and beliefs than mine with deeper pockets to be able to determine what I have access to on the internet. The free web inspires, educates, innovates and connects a world together. Do not jeopardize this for profit! Big corporations already have way tooth power!
—Serafina Magnussen, Burbank, CA

Please abandon the proposed rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers. The internet is only great because it is free (as in freedom). Loss of that freedom would be a tragedy of the highest magnitude. Allowing ISPs to favor certain traffic over others will destroy that freedom. We do not want the internet to be like cable tv. Thank you, Jason Carlough
—Jason Carlough, Seattle, WA

Throttling and prioritizing internet traffic will create opportunities that are ripe for abuse. Allow customers to upgrade plans for bandwidth, but don't allow ISPs to prioritize my traffic. If I'm paying for a decent internet connection, streaming applications should not be lower priority, because these services are a big part of why I pay for increased bandwidth. I don't even think it is unfair that a 'basic' internet package doesn't handle the streaming I do. I do not own a TV, so streaming news is my only source of information during a weather event. If my connection to live news streams is de-prioritized, this policy could even endanger my health. I support Net Neutrality. Legal services should not be
—Angel Lucas, San Diego, CA

I like the freedom of the internet! I don't want the internet to become like a lot of things in this society - the more money one has, the more access one has to everything including education, health, legal and political power, etc.
—Linda Lawhead, Springfield, VA

It almost violates freedom of speech. If people's words and opinions and ideas can't get out, you're violating their 1st amendment right. All over what? Money. Money is not everything, there are more important things in life. I could come up with a better comparison but these ISP's are acting like pimps. Whoring out whatever sites can actually rake in the most cash. Life isn't about that at all. You're going to make our society truly what it's already becoming. A society with no morals or values for what actually matters. This shouldn't be an issue at all, there are better things we the people need to be more worried about and focused on right now in this world and this little trick side donkey show it's absolutely ludicrous. Y'all need to fix this. Keep the internet unbiased, the way it has always been.
—Allysa, San Antonio, TX

The Internet, just like our airwaves, is a common good, a great equalizer. Everyone's voice has the same weight, the same possibility of being heard. Ending Net Neutrality, by giving service providers the right to select speeds based on corporate contributions and agreements, violates the basic right to access that the U.S. has determined is so important to a democracy. Please stop this, and begin looking anew at European models for internet service, where many providers fight to win clients -- providing a true competitive and capitalistic environment that benefits the people.
—Bonnie Naugle, Alexandria, VA

The innovations brought on in an environment of neutrality would have been squashed otherwise. I would support a plan for federally funded internet service.
—Nathan Blackburn, Lutz, FL

Any FCC rules that would allow ISPs to decide how I can access certain content online are unacceptable and will be disastrous for the promise of an innovative and open Internet. The future of the internet matters to me and many others.
—Lily, Sacramento, CA

Please keep Net Neutrality. Why not just reclassify ISPs? Okay? Thanks.
—Julie Hanna, Ely, IA

The positive externalities from free and unfettered access to the internet outweigh any commercial considerations for ISPs. Does the FCC really want to be remembered for impeding the progress of humanity? The job of Government is to protect and uphold public goods, that litmus test clearly applies here. Reclassify all ISPs as common carriers.
—Emre Ozaltin, Washington, DC

I ask that you cease trying to control any part of the internet. Net neutrality is important, because it inspires creativity and innovation. It seems that we have to fight some sort of absurd proposition, amendment, or action that threatens net neutrality every year. Enough is enough. Stop this.
—Paul Michael Lara, San Jacinto, CA

It's not okay for ISPs to charge me more, or the same even, to provide a worse service. Internet connectivity has become as essential to daily life in America as clean water and electricity. The monopoly that cable companies have created and continue to ingrain deeper effectively prohibits me and millions of other Americans from having a choice in a supposed "free-market" economy...
—Steven Rash, Aurora, CO

We are a small business that provides software for nonprofits that help them reach their clients faster and easier. This is a completely web based application and represents millions of clients that are affected by this service in some form. We could not do it with out the free and open internet! Our organizations are everything from Family Counseling Centers, Homeless Shelters, Churches, Food Banks, ect. Please help us keep these organizations with affordable and fast software.
—Jonathan Marbutt, Birmingham, AL

I encourage the FCC to support net neutrality, reject the rules proposed by Chairman Wheeler and reclassify all Internet providers, up and down the line, as common carriers.
—Mr. Roy L Armstrong, Taos, NM

Dear FCC, I am very concerned with the new law that you are looking to adopt that would eradicate Net Neutrality. I believe that every individual in this great country of ours has the right of free internet just as much as we have the right to free speech. Taking away the right to view what we decide is like putting a muzzle on the American public and our rights to be heard. I strongly disagree with this. Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers!
—Brian Weaver, Santa Ana, CA

It's unfair to allow ISPs to effectively block certain sites and charge more for others. Make net neutrality permanent--define ISPs as utilities, please, so that the internet can remain neutral and open.
—Jaimie McDonald, Lynnwood, WA

I urge the FCC to reclassify broadband Internet access as a telecommunications service (aka reclassifying ISPs as common carriers.) As you are well aware, the provision of internet services in the United States is already quite poor by international standards and the FCC's proposed plan would make things considerably worse; it would merely strengthen the oligopsonistic power of incumbent providers. Indeed, the roster of companies/lobbiest groups arguing against reclassification of ISPs as a common carriers is some of the strongest evidence on how important it is for the FCC to throw out its rules. A failure to reclassify ISPs as common carriers will be a public policy disaster, stifling innovation and harming democracy. In addition, the FCC's advocacy of a "commercially reasonable" standard is inherently unworkable. No one can forecast how the internet will develop: what is commercially reasonable today might be an impediment tomorrow. All we know for certain is that to the extent that the internet fails to behave like a common carrier it will be a failure for citizens. So why not make net-neutrality an explicit policy by reclassifying ISPs as common carriers rather than vainly hoping that it will be a side--effect of a "commercially reasonable" standard?
—John DiNardo, Ann Arbor, MI

Please retain net neutrality for the benefit of the public.
—Carol Carpenter, Issaquah, WA

FCC, Please define ISPs as utilities so we can continue to have an innovative world wide web. Thank you, Warren Schnack
—Warren Schnack, Sacramento, CA

Please keep Net Neutrality. I believe that information, and access to information, is key to our society and identity as citizens of the United States. No corporation should be able to impose limits on that information. I believe that we have the right to seek all knowledge without impediment. If we see only what companies want to see because we can't afford more access, what does that make us?
—Rebecca Johnson, Madison, WI

Equality in America is a deep sentiment, regardless of the amount of wealth a person may have. A free and open internet is one of the only avenues of expression that allow one person's voice to be heard by millions. If net neutrality dies, so does that ideal. The voices that will be heard are those that can pay for it, and the wealthiest voices will be the loudest. Keep the internet fair, open, and for everyone. Its an embodiment of one the few ideals we have left in this country
—Matthew J Voelker, Philadelphia, PA

It will cream small businesses if Net neutrality is done away with!
—Martin Eising, Newmarket,

Dear FCC, The internet is the greatest triumph of human knowledge, innovation, creativity and entrepreneurship. In this country where innovation is the backbone of economy, passing a bill that will kick it in the gut is a horrible thing to do. Letting a feudalist group of people control this amazing universe of possibility would be equivalent to sending humanity back in the Dark Ages. The power vested in you by the common people is with the trust that you will champion their good. Please hold true to your purpose of protecting the interests of us internet users. Please do not curb people's freedom by passing this bill. Yours Humbly, An internet user.
—Kritika Jadhav, Chicago, IL

When I go online, I want all my web pages to have the same speed. That is what I paid for. I don't want to go to a website and have it load slowly because they don't have the money to pay my ISP to let them have the same speed as another company that would. That shouldn't even be a question. I pay for turbo internet, the super fast awesome internet. If a company is able to pay my ISP so that their website can load even faster than it had before, then the implication is that my ISP isn't giving me the internet service speed I paid for. Here's another frustration. We all know that there are only a few service providers per area, if there is even more than one. Here’s a hypothetical situation. Let us say Netflix pays Comcast for faster connection because they're the leading ISP in the country. Pretend I have Verizon's internet, and Netflix didn't pay them because they could only budget for one or maybe Comcast gave them a discount if they wouldn't pay anyone else. Now pretend my area doesn't have Comcast. I'm infuriated that I have to deal with this even though I'm paying 60 dollars a month for internet. There’s nothing I can do about it, either, because my area doesn’t have Comcast. I bought a Windows 8 phone, and I think it's great; I made a conscious decision to buy one even though I knew I couldn't access Google's apps with it. I had that choice I could make- which smartphone I wanted to get, and I knew what sort of apps were supported on each phone. With internet, I don’t always have a choice depending on my location. If my area only gets one ISP and my favorite streaming site happens to only have a deal with another ISP that doesn’t service my area, that is not fair to me in the least. What can I do, boycott the internet? Say ‘hey! I don't like what you're doing so I won’t have internet or TV.’ That doesn’t makes sense. Internet is now a basic must-have for modern living. Here's more. Websites have always loaded depending on the amount of servers they have and the speed at which those servers can process, plus the amount of people getting data from those servers and how much data coming out. Even if a company were to pay an ISP to make them faster, they can only go as fast as their equipment lets them. I know, that's their problem. But it's still a problem. It also shows that these companies are already paying to get content to their users faster. Charging them is basically blackmailing them! Of course I’ll watch Hulu over Netflix if Hulu has a faster connection. Let’s round back to a different comment I made; Internet is now a must-have for modern living. Maybe when you think of the internet you think of Facebook or funny cat pictures, but I know I use it for more. I use the internet to search for jobs. I use it to search for a home. I use it to file my taxes. I use it to find contact information. I use it to view government websites and find directions to government facilities. When I was unemployed, I used the internet to find a job in a different state because I couldn't find one in my current state. The point is, the internet is just as important as having a phone. Just like phone booths were put up so people could call someone if they need it, now there's access to the internet in libraries because local governments understand that it's needed. In our current economy, things are hard enough for new, emerging companies without the added stress of having to worry about paying multiple carriers to carry their connection as fast as another company would. Furthermore, consumers should get the service they paid for. When I pay for internet, I pay for equal access to any website I want to view. Net Neutrality needs to remain intact or, because of the necessity of the internet in today's society, ISPs need to be reclassified as common carriers.
—Randi Brown, Pittsburgh, PA

These rules are absolutely unacceptable! I strenuously object to Chairman Wheeler's new rules! ISP's should be classified as common carriers and strictly regulated. It is your job to protect the public interest and keep internet service as a level playing field that treats all traffic equally and gives no special advantage to web sites owned by those who have more money. The internet is public infra-structure that was created using our tax dollars and belongs to the public. It cannot be a system for sale to the highest bidder.
—Dr. Mary E Margrave, Sedona, AZ

Net Neutrality is vital to the free expression of ideas and information. This is vital, not only for the education and pursuit of happiness of individuals, but for the continued growth and strength of the United States. The internet brings our nation together as a whole, more than any other technological development or means of communication. The long-term harm that would inevitably stem from an end to Net Neutrality would slow the progress of the US. This must not happen.
—Simon Delott, Raleigh, NC

I want to protect Net Neutrality and I do not believe cable providers or any other Internet Service Providers (ISP's) should have the power to discriminate against their subscribers. The proposed legislation would create a biased and unfair practice on which these ISP's could designate specific internet sites as pay to play. This bill is structured in a way that it appears to protect the public but after delving deep into what it would create, this is very dangerous legislation and must be stopped.
—Wendy Castro, San Bernardino, CA

Getting rid of net neutrality would inhibit all the creative people in the world please support net neutrality.
—Mark Mutrux, mesquite, TX

Internet service is bad enough as it is. Please do not make it worse. The tiered internet proposal promises more bad service from the same companies providing horrible cable TV service. Please protect net neutrality. Thank you!
—Merrill Whatley, Ventura, CA

Please revise the proposed plan regulating ISPs to include ISPs under the common carrier classification. This is the only way to ensure all consumers have truly neutral access to the Internet.
—Robert Wilkerson, Pensacola, FL

Not having net neutrality is another example of economic descrimination and prejudice in the country. Stop driving people into poverty, then punishing and criminalizing them for it.
—Vildred Reid, Flint, MI

because corporate entities should not be the ones to decide what i watch or how fast i watch it. corporate created content has a bad record of being created to cater to the lowest common mental denominator. that in itself is a detriment to society.
—Andrew Cole, lexington, KY

I live on a fixed income and pushing me more and more to the basement of American life shows your callousness to all of us who helped build what we have. Don't leave me for dead just yet....
—Harry FURNESS, GREENSBORO, NC

This should not only not be allowed it should be illegal.
—AshLeigh Lawhorn, sterling heights, MI

My comcast bill is already astronomical and there is no competition, no alternative.
—Bethanie Peterson, Portland, OR

I want free access to all information without the fear that I'm going to be overcharged for what I want to look at doesn't fit into my internet provider's ideas. Free market creates innovation.
—Valan Kornhaus, Knoxville, TN

Dear FCC, Please reclassify ISP's as common carriers. There are many older people who rely on the internet for information and communicating with people who can barely afford an ISP carrier now. Please don't isolate these people. Their live is hard enough as it is. Thank you
—Janice Seeberg, Highlands Ranch, CO

Everyone should use the same internet speed. Its FAIR!
—Monica Underwood, Dalton, GA

Classify the ISPs as common carriers!
—Jana, San Diego, CA

Net neutrality has provided me unimpeded access to new and innovative commercial and non-profit Internet sites. Large corporate Internet interests are already limiting access to content via paywalls and copyright. Internet network providers can already sell bandwidth based on usage tiers. Proposed rules would put a price on the quality of a quantity of content we have have already paid for. We've paid the toll to access the information highway -- must we also pay for a highway without potholes?
—David Gammell, Kingwood, TX

I live in Far Rockaway Beach, New York, in a building complex where we only have ONE INTERNET provider. I already do not have a choice on who provides my broadband service and how much I pay, BUT NOW I will also not have a choice of what I content I am able to access and how fast I can access it??!!!! I do not own a television, the internet is my only source for information and live updates. Will the first line of information I receive only be what conglomerates, monopolies, cartels and big business wants me to know?!! Please ensure that my internet bill is like my PSE&G bill, a basic utility that requires federal oversight to ensure equal service for ALL citizens.
—R B. Romain, Far Rockaway, NY

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Natalie, St. Louis, MO

The internet has become a public good, not a private service. As a marketplace, forum for discussion, and community, access to it must not be restricted, especially on the basis of economic status. Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers to protect equality and progress.
—Curtis Wu, Palo Alto, CA

Again, giving it away to the corporatocracy. Unelected bureaucrats making decisions to take away freedom. Do the right thing and classify ISPs as common carriers. Protect net neutrality.
—Gerard Zimm, Woodland Park, CO

Net Neutrality has allowed all internet users to have even footing. To do away with Net Neutrality would result in less creativity, expression, and communication with no real gains for society. Instead if ISPs are reclassified as common carriers, we can preserve Net Neutrality and allow all people to continue have even footing in a vital aspect of modern life.
—Bergen L. Vocke, Laramie, WY

Greed knows no end, disgusting!
—Roberta Geouge, Williams, AZ

Please instate the ISP companies as utilities. They are providing me a very expensive service - they shouldn't get to decide what I use that service for by giving privileged speeds to only certain websites and affiliated companies. Thank you, Elysia
—Elysia Gallo, St. Paul, MN

The internet is ours, the peoples
—Jenny, Reserve mines,

ISP's already over charge and under deliver. Throw out the proposed rules and reclassify ISP's as common carriers!
—Brian Fort, Seattle, WA

Internet access has come to the point were it is no longer a luxury, but a tool that many everyday function depend on. The internet is needed for everything from communication, entertainment, and commerce and that is why ISP's need to be classified as Common Carriers.
—Joseph Soth, Fort Mohave, AZ

I live in South Dakota. Digital technology has allowed a small businesses a chance to have equal footing with companies across the country. Our region has always been ignored and treated like second-class citizens by the big Internet Service Providers. Eliminating Net Neutrality will be certain to leave us with slower networks and less able to compete with businesses from urban areas. Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers and protect those of us who don't live on the coats.
—Jennifer Gerrietts-Masters, Sioux Falls, SD

This is how we grew up. To change the net would be to change all Americans lifes. We need free access to all the info we can and I pay alot to my isp provider to get that already, we shouldn't have to pay more for less.
—Dennis Porter, Vancouver, WA

Not only is this issue a matter of freedom in the "land of the free" but it has become THE issue in regards to freedom of speech and press in our lifetime. The fact that this is even being considered is a travesty to our nation and shows just how deep Internet service providers have sunk their claws and money into the FCC. Do what is right, despite being paid to do what is wrong.
—Garrett Webb, Louisville, KY

I strongly feel that access to "the internet" should be open to the greatest extent possible. I have been in academics since 1994 and have seen the impact of the open access internet. The most level-headed decision would be to declare ISPs as utilities. That way, legal description and behavior is well defined and simple to implement. The providers are going to fight that though and I hope that the FCC will hold the interests of open and fair use for the public at a premium. Regards, John B.
—John Bryant, college station, TX

Net Neutrality needs to be protected at all costs. As a consumer I am already paying my ISP for a connection to the internet. They should not have any control over how fast/slow a site is based on how much another entity pays them. To help protect the people - and not the companies - please reclassify all ISP's as "Title II Common Carriers". Thank you, Erik Manwaring
—Erik Manwaring, Fairless Hills, PA

ISP "fast lanes" harm competition and a truly free market.
—Michael William Thompson, LOS ANGELES, CA

Please reclassify all ISPs as common carriers because in reality tall they are is a utility. Thanks you. Dennis Thrasher
—Dennis Thrasher, Corinth, MS

Please keep the internet equally accessible to all. Creating fast lanes for those companies with more money destroys what makes the internet great - the ability to access all information and ideas, no matter how odd.
—Sean Close, Austin, TX

Please redefine Internet Service Providers as Title II Common Carriers. They are providing a service that should be considered a utility. This is especially true since the infrastructure is (for the most part) established and should remain (for the most part) the same. Net neutrality is what we as consumers expect, with very good reason.
—Jessica Vey, Sherman Oaks, CA

Dear FCC: Relax and let the internet do its thing. Nobody wants your rules. Thank you.
—Stacey, San Diego, CA

Let's keep big(er) business out of making more profits on the backs of the American consumer.
—Wanda Chavers, Clarksville, TN

Dear FCC, don't destroy the Internet. I am not an american citizen but your decition can affect the internet not only in the US but in the whole world. We need Net Neutrality for the internet to survive, and to be a place where the best of the human civilization can flourish. I am so happy to live in a world where the internet can connect me to the world, and to have all the information in a single click, please don't destroy it
—Nelson Goodrich, Caracas,

The internet is a utility; it's really that simple.
—Dan Gallagher, Washington, DC

Dear Sirs: I am very much in favor of continuing the current status quo regarding Net Neutrality. Leaving the option to decide what I can view and how easy it is to view it should not be left to ISP's who may have a different agenda than I do. My agenda is MY agenda and I want it to stay that way. I may want to see my Square Dance sites quickly and clearly, because that is how I use the internet. Someone else may like the adult fan fiction sites that cover illicit relations between Klingons and Wookies. And good for them. I like that they have an outlet for that, and I don't have to see it if I don't want to. But I don't want them to be favored over me, and I, being a good citizen, realize that that means that I have to be happy with the fact that that means I can't be favored over them. First come, first served has been the way the civilized world works when people have to share resources. Changing that is a recipe for all sorts of bad effects, not the least of which is censorship. Some people will argue the the Klingon/Wookie crowd need to be censored. But I know a few people who feel that way about Square Dancers. And who decides? As soon as that question has an answer, someone loses access to his favorite sites or worse yet, his means of self-sufficiency. The only good answer is no answer. No one decides for me, but ME. Please keep Net Neutrality as it stands today. The founding fathers encoded the Bill of Rights to make sure we kept Free Speech, Free choice of Religion, the right to assemble, the right to bear arms, etc. Note one thing about all these rules. The Constitution didn't say which speech, which religion, what arms they preferred. They just said all of it should be free. All of it. Every time, every day, every way. Thanks for your time.
—Charles Kuhman, Herndon, VA

Net neutrality must be preserved as an absolute, for this is an extremely slippery high-angled slope. The risks far far outweigh the benefits. At best, the proposed changes would provide huge benefits to a few extremely powerful corporations and almost no advantage to the population at large. At worst (and highly likely) they will evolve into a system that kills innovation and stifles competition while working almost entirely against the interests of consumers.
—Steve Glaser, Champaign, IL

Net Neutrality. Already various groups have pushed for items like CISPA ect. We, the people of the world, demand and should have free internet. In an age that will go down as the Technology and Information age, there should be no company that can determine what we can and can not have access to. As Thomas Jefferson said, "I know no safe depository of the ultimate powers of the society but the people themselves. And if we think them not enlightened enough to exercise their control with a wholesome discretion, the remedy is not to take it from them, but to inform their discretion by education. This is the true corrective of abuses of constitutional power." Protect our internet, protect the rights of mankind and our great nation, and prevent the greed of companies who would interfere with the relationship between governments and their citizens by reclassifying ISPs as common carriers. The people have spoken, and we ask that you listen to what we have to say.
—David Tardiff, Waterford, MI

Net Neutrality is important to me because I don't want large companies to be given an advantage over smaller ones online. If that was always the case, then we'd still be using Alta Vista instead of Google. In other words, the internet would not have innovated in the marvelous way that it has without the right to compete for business fairly. Not only would this hamper innovation and free speech online, but it would drive prices up for the consumers who have no other choice when choosing their ISP because most Americans live in severely ISP monopolized areas, something the FCC should be standing against as well. The ISPs have no right to promote some sites over others with fast lanes. The internet belongs to the people! Not the ISPs!
—Hayley Harrison, Solvang, CA

The reason the internet is such a useful and beautiful tool is because of net neutrality. Anyone, be it an individual at their laptop or a large multi-national corporation, has the same ability to get their information out to the public at the same speed. This is extremely important and very valuable for everyone. Please don't let that change. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers and let's protect Net Neutrality!
—Lynn Boone, Scarborough,

It is bad enough that corporations have so much control over a commodity that is already overpriced, and ridiculously slow. Allowing mega-corporations to strangle everyone else out is not allowing the freedom to have access to information that should be accessible to ALL anyway. DO NOT ALLOW this freedom to be stiffled for the profit of megacorporations... please! There is NO reasonable excuse that our country which is SUPPOSED to be the most advanced in the world to not have internet access like South Korea, except simple for the fact that companies are allowed by a government, that is supposed to be for the people, but is allowing companies to limit us.
—Larry Webb, louisville, KY

Speaking for myself and others in my peer group (20 somethings), we rely on free internet access for an alternative to cable television. Netfilx and Hulu are generally our first choice for entertainment. Comcast already had a death grip on the market for providing both cable and internet access. The possibility that they would gain even more control over the market is very disheartening. Furthermore, we desperately need to reclassify internet access and a public utility like phone lines. The rise of local monopolies is a growing reality for most individuals in the country and that is appalling when considering how important internet access is for conducting daily business.
—Jared Shofner, Anderson, IN

As a blogger, podcaster, photographer and video producer in my spare time. As someone who does not get paid to do any of those side projects mentioned previously. I want to have equal opportunity for people to access my content.
—Mr. Andy Melton, Boise, ID

Net Neutrality is important to me because having the basic right of undiscriminated internet access is necessary for my privacy, career, learning, and communication inside and outside of business. Please regulate internet service providers so I may continue to keep my data from being monitored by right-infringing companies, continue to be able to do research as needed, and see innovative internet work be blocked by these terrible businesses. All I want is to know that everything will be okay, and I'm concerned with the government has shown to be unable to do this for me.
—Jacob Duncan, Rockford, IL

Not sure why a servant of the communication industry would even care what would benefit the public, when your interest is glaring. You may not see it yourself the problem your decision can solve or create. Time will give the definite answer. But for the present time NET NEUTRALITY will be achieved the difference is how? With you or in spite of you. This is not a local problem, this is not even a national problem, this is global, and as you know Empires come and go. You have a moment in time to reflect on which side of history will you liked to be reported on.
—Wilfredo E Cespedes, West Palm Beach, FL

Net neutrality is essential in a society that has as much inequality as ours does and in which corporations can buy privilege beyond that affordable to most individuals.
—Curtis McKnight, Norman, OK

The internet IS a public utility. To give too much control to any one or any set of commercial entities will never be in the best interest of the public. To alter the unencumbered way the internet operates is to significantly hinder social growth and the ability of future generations to freely share thoughts, news, art and ideologies especially as the world increasingly turns to digital media and the internet as sources of communication. Giving too much power to select commercial entities undeniably exposes public internet users of various faith, income, gender, social status, politics and regions to detrimental bias. The nature of capitalism proves this to be true. The FCC needs to lead the USA by protecting the interests of ALL it's people by establishing a stance for net-neutrality.
—Amy M. Church, Arvada, CO

Dear People, Please do not let Verizon, Comcast, AT&T or other service providers determine what content can be throttled over the internet. To do so, would be like letting the fox guard the hen house. This makes no sense at all. The internet has been such a boon to many interests, since its inception because it has been free and open. Giving this control to the service providers would totally change how the internet works, leading to fewer options for the citizens of the United States. As Americans, we like to have choices and the ability to find what we want, where we want it and at the speeds we are used to, if not better. Thank you for your considerations of my points of view. Kindest Regards, Jeffrey A. Holbrook jayalan.holbrook@gmail.com Corning, NY
—Jeffrey A Holbrook, Corning, NY

The FCC's plan to squash Net Neutrality and create a two-tiered Internet is one of the most greedy, self-serving agendas I've heard in a long time. By doing this you will effectively kill the freedoms and accessibility of the net as it stands today and not only hurt the innocent consumers who use the internet daily as a vital source of information from various web sites, but also destroy the underlying fabric and principles that the internet is based on. Passing this will immediately stifle the future progression of the net and bring it from light speed to a crawl. This is a moronic plan that serves this country's politicians and the big business that funds their campaigns. This is crystal clear to the vast majority of Americans.
—Lance Fairbanks, New York, NY

Throw those rules in the trash. Everybody has the right to knowledge, to learn, and to communicate. Leave the internet alone and stop with the big brother mentality.
—Brad Newland, arlington, TX

stop commodifying things so that yet another resource is available in its best form only to the rich. the old saying "knowledge is power" should never turn into "knowledge is power but only to those who already have the power to purchase and afford tools to obtain more knowledge"
—Casey Atwater, Baltimore, MD

It is crucially important to reclassify ISPs as common carriers. All content must have equal speed and an equal chance to travel, in the name of freedom of information, continued free creativity and a non-discriminatory, open playing field for everyone. The Internet must not become yet another area in which big companies and their money get to take up the most space and set the rules for everyone!
—Paula J Okeefe, Rockville, MD

The proposed new regulations by the FCC will literally alter the way that humans function on this planet. Please reconsider and allow the freedom of internet access that has blessed us so greatly to continue.
—Havilah Lyon, American Falls, ID

Keep the Net neutral! Don't sell us down the river.
—Tony D Taylor, Windsor, MO

I believe it is not a great idea to give even more power to the companies who already have in their possession the world's most powerful revolutionizing resource - the Internet. There are many other ways ISPs can handle the demand - such as the peer2peer technologies for working together to download any content on the internet and even to share wireless Innernet. Passing laws in favor of big corporations is unnecessary and harmful. They have resources to solve this problem without changing the future of the world because of their business needs.
—Nora Georgieva, Sofia,

To really have and maintain Net Neutrality, the FCC has to reclassify ISPs as common carriers. A 2-tiered internet would be a disaster for everyone but the rich and powerful, especially at a time when more and more business is conducted by computer, more and more families and friends stay in touch by computer, more and more students research, study, and even take classes by computer, to mention just a few of the activities which should not relegated to the "slow lane" because families can not afford whatever price a corporation decides they should pay - this year. Anyone who has ever done business with AT&T, Time-Warner, Sprint, et cetera, knows that prices always creep higher - new fees added, old fees increased, equipment maintenance fees added or increased - and on it goes. Then the 2-lane highway will become a 3- or 5-lane highway and people such as I will find ourselves once more having to wait for websites, pages, photos to slowly load, to wait for buffering to complete so we can see the next few minutes of a video, or get kicked off an online game because we're "too slow," Or have the computer time-out trying to connect and tell you to please try again later. So please, reclassify ISPs as common carriers because they are already an ingrained and necessary part of living in the USA today, and real Net Neutrality for everyone must be clearly established and protected. Thank you.
—L Smith, Mount Holly, NC

It is important that the FCC allow Net Neutrality be maintained as it currently processes today. The ISPs should not be permitted to created more favorable access conditions to what has become an instrument for free knowledge. Please keep the internet as it remains today.
http://www.upworthy.com/a-cart oon-that-explains-the-really-b ig-thing-our-government-is-abo ut-to-screw-up?c=hpstream
—Adam Clarke, Kirkland, WA

Please enforce strong net neutrality rules and classify ISP's as Title II common carriers.
—Jacob Collamer, Cincinnati, OH

let the internet remain a service of the public, allowing big companies to make a profit they shouldn't be making is a direct show of disregard for public well-being and constitutional rights
—Al, seattle, WA

It is vitally important to ensure a fast, free internet to everyone regardless of their ability to pay. Please keep the web accessible to all present and future curious minds.
—Val Price, Pine, CO

Net Neutrality is important for the USA to maintain a technological advantage, spur innovation and freedom of speech.
—Daniel Semel, Los Angeles, CA

The Internet is currently a place created for the people, by the people. Free speech and expression run rampant. All individuals, regardless of any designation or description, may learn, search, find, and create without limits. Ending Net Neutrality is deplorable. Allowing ISPs to discriminate against users and content goes against the very foundations and guiding principles of our nation. Do not place money and corporations above freedom and the people.
—Bethany Ratliff, King, NC

Reclassify broadband internet as a telecommunications service. Net neutrality has become a necessity for us all. We need and expect to have easy and affordable access so all citizens can become involved in communication, sharing of information, and enabling all to participate in the common good.
—Charles Creed Caldwell, Campbellsville, KY

Dear FCC: At one point in the past, telephones were a luxury, something few had. People found them to be very useful and access to phone service became considered a utility. In 2014, the internet has long since passed that threshold. You need internet access to apply for jobs, to pay your bills, to monitor your bank account, to file your federal income taxes, and so on. Absolutely essential services. It is in no way reasonable to expect a household to exist without internet access and is greatly detrimental. Now the proposed rules to hinder net neutrality, it becomes more important than ever to establish internet services as a utility, preserving net neutrality and allowing every American access to the essential services the internet provides.
—Ginny Buhler, Ogden, UT

ISPs have now shown they can't be trusted to keep access to the internet neutral for everyone. In the interest of economic health, reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Katrina Churion, Pasadena, TX

Internet service providers are utilitarian. They should provide access to everyone equally. Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers and protect net neutrality.
—Teresa Barlow, Plano, TX

Mr Chairman Wheeler, So you really think there should a minimum two layered Internet? which will immediately/inevitably work so well for the few patrician$$ (like *you*, Congre$$, the ATT Oligarcherie$ ... , and they will have no reasons to chafe) and the vast plebeians who will have nothing but to do whatever is left. So, all more money to the rich and powerful companies and owners?? Yo Tom, for firetrucking Hades, show some *integrity*! Oh, and common sense. Or, will you get money from ... ? So that is why, but of course. How silly of us. [Common sense would not be so precious were it more common]
—David and Sandra HILLS, Cambria, CA

Reinstate net-neutrality. ISPs should be reclassified as common carriers.
—Seth Goldfarb, St. Helena, CA

As a teacher my students need to be able to learn, research and access all kinds of websites. To treat any access to sites means that thier opinions and views are limited or decreased. Even if they are wrong they have a right to be heard. Also students who's parents don't have the income will have less access and ought lose internet all together bringing down their child's learning. Don't do it!
—Jennifer Anderson, Shoreview, MN

Net neutrality preserves democracy. If you have a soul you'll stop being a corporate minion.
—Michele Weber Ph.D., Oakdale, CA

LET US BE FREE
—Nick Kennedy, Storrs, CT

Net neutrality is important to me because I should be able to expect to get to any legal content I choose at the same speed. The broadband internet providers should be reclassified as common carriers. They should only make money on providing universal access to all legal content on the internet, they should not be able to charge extra money for special access to specific content, and they should not be allowed to change the speed of any content that I desire to consume.
—Kelly P. Waxler, Minneapolis, MN

The Internet isn't broken, we already get stiffed on the performance of our internet. We don't need these cable monopolies to choke the remaining life out of our wallets and our entertainment. Leave the Internet alone.
—Brandon, Tonawanda, NY

Network neutrality drives economic innovation, democratic participation, and free speech online. Many of today’s most successful applications were able to develop because a neutral playing field allowed them to develop alongside other more dominant, pre-existing players. Without some basic protection for net neutrality, an oligopoly of phone and cable companies will be in a position to control the information that travels over the Internet in Canada, possibly cutting restrictive deals with the highest bidding companies and shunting aside innovators, small businesses and entrepreneurs. In this situation, the network operators will be able to choose winners and losers. In a neutral network, it is the users who have the power to choose which applications will be successful.
—Marvin Farbal, Anderson, IN

The idea of "fast lanes" on the Internet goes against everything the Internet stands for. If we are truly a Country of innovation, then we can't let the next Internet start up companies be hindered by policies that benefit the over-sized, greedy, innovation killing conglomerates that call themselves providers. Other Countries will quickly step in to replace our innovative spirit, and they shall be rewarded with the next big things coming from the Internet. In this age of information we can't afford to give in to those who wish to control the flow and speed of information for short-term profit. That lobby money may look tempting in the short-term, but will cost us all dearly in the long-term. Think about this, before you sell out the future of the Internet to the highest bidder. Please!
—Jason Andis, Shelby Township, MI

Net neutrality is important because discrimination should not be encouraged.
—Cat, san diego, CA

The internet is a public resource, created initially with public money and donated to the world for the betterment of humankind. The new rules governing ISPs proposed by Mr. Wheeler would inhibit the freedoms of millions of people by restricting internet access for those who are not able to pay exorbitant "fast lane" fees to the big telecom monopolies. I request that you reclassify ISPs as common carriers and keep the internet open and fair.
—Kevin Symanietz, Houston, TX

Net Neutrality is needed to insure Americans have a fast, reliable, and secure internet so that the US can be a leader in fiberoptics. Reclassifying ISPs as common carriers is not only beneficial to the US but it sets a precedent for other nations as well. Protect the internet, protect the people and reclassify ISPs as common carriers!
—Edward, Nolensville, TN

The internet should be equal towards everyone. If not, it would discourage innovation and a lot of great ideas that would help people would not come to be. The internet SHOULD be neutral and open and nobody are supposed to have the power to decide which services that should be provided better acess or not. There is a word called freedom, freedom to speak our minds, freedom of choice and so on and that should also apply to the internet. Freedom of choosing for oneself what kind of services is interesting, good, useful and innovational. That is what makes the internet so appealing for most people. So please, take a minute to think.
—Sandra, Karlstad,

Network neutrality drives economic innovation, democratic participation, and free speech online. Many of today’s most successful applications were able to develop because a neutral playing field allowed them to develop alongside other more dominant, pre-existing players. Without some basic protection for net neutrality, an oligopoly of phone and cable companies will be in a position to control the information that travels over the Internet in Canada, possibly cutting restrictive deals with the highest bidding companies and shunting aside innovators, small businesses and entrepreneurs. In this situation, the network operators will be able to choose winners and losers. In a neutral network, it is the users who have the power to choose which applications will be successful.
—Lonnie Weston, Anderson, IN

FCC - throw out your rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers!
—Timothy Andrews, Austin, TX

We are already behind most of the rest of the world in internet speed and connected users and now the plan is to allow tiered Internet. This absolutely insane. If you want to do something, make the internet better, not throw it into the stone age, or like everything else, controlled solely by big business. Fees for internet usage are already pretty high, now you are going to give big businesses like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon to do what ever they want. This will stifle new business.
—William Baker, BURDETT, NY

Net neutrality is fair and the right thing to do. Doing away with it will give some companies an unfair advantage. This is important to me.
—Sarah Adkins, East Liverpool, OH

I find the recent actions of the FCC to be a complete abandonment of the American people. To hand even more power to one of the most corrupt monopolies in the United States is disgraceful. Tom Wheeler either lacks even a basic understanding of the Internet or he has been completely corrupted by the industry he is tasked with overseeing. It saddens me to witness such a reckless and destructive policy implementation as this. Show a little honor and class by supporting one of the few freedoms we have left in this country- Net Neutrality
—Brian Lindecker, Fort Collins, CO

Allowing ISPs to impose costs to companies utilizing higher bandwidths will have drastic effects on citizens ability to obtain information thus reducing out overall productivity if we refuse to spend more money for our internet. The cost of these fast lanes will undoubtedly be placed on the consumers through higher costs of services and membership fees, increased ads, and fewer options for web-browsing as the smaller start-ups fail to gain momentum due to higher costs. This is a gross attempt to make ISPs richer while staggering the consumer and web-based companies and services. Do not obliterate Net Neutrality for the sake of filling Tom Wheeler and Comcast's pockets.
—Derek Welch, Seattle, WA

Follow your conscience -- we all need to make a buck in this increasingly have/have not world, but we can hold onto ethics while we do it.
—Brandon Will, Brooklyn, NY

Dear FCC, Please, for the love of God and all that is holy, repeal the plan your chairman is putting forward. Do not let our ISP's decide what should or shouldn't be seen or used by the customers PAYING for their services. Fast lanes for Netflix sounds like a good idea, but what it can lead to is a complete lockdown of free-speech on the internet by ISP's making anything that is anti-them (even customer service complaints) so ridiculously slow and frustrating that people no longer can use the internet as they do today. If you do not reject his plan, you are corrupt, inefficient individuals that should, for all intents and purposes, resign because you do not have any clue what either the public needs, or the constitution means. Thank you.
—Jeffrey McSorley, Moorhead, MN

Restricting internet use is too vulnerable to abuse by those who would be allowed to control the restrictions. The internet is the common persons access to knowledge and knowledge is power. If anything the internet should be considered to be a necessity in the world we live in today. Access should be easier and cheaper for all.
—Joyce St. John, Kinsley, KS

Classify ISPs as common carriers. Restrict self-dealing of ISPs as content providers. Insure true net neutrality, not the "fast lane" and "slow lane" proposal you have asked for comment on. The big players have more than enough power and advantages already over the new entrant entrepreneurs.
—Steven Jamar, Columbia, MD

Net neutrality is important to me because I don't want the internet to be just another corporate marketing tool. I don't like having my choice of content, products or services narrowed to those provided by the companies who can already afford to stuff it down my throat in other ways like television or print. When fledgling companies can't compete with those spending millions of dollars to monopolise bandwidth we lose out on innovation and creativity. The best thing about the internet is the ability to stumble on something new and inspirational. Prescribing what sites I can and can't access easily will just make me lose interest in using the internet.
—Sally Marshall, Baldock,

Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Keep everyone on equal ground.
—Jeremy Knedler, Kettering, OH

As an emerging artist attempting to make my prescence on the web better known i already have trouble getting traffic to my site. Net neutrality is a precious thing for independent artists with alot of valuable things to say and its important to all of us that big business doesnt ruin our currently leveled playing feild that is the internet. Please, consider this our freedom of speech and keep it free. Thank you for your time, -alex guffey
—Alex guffey, Arlington, TX

The way our system already works is that those with more financial resource have greater voice in determining who says what. The Internet was the exception. It needs to be kept that way. At least, internet service needs to be regulated like our phone system as a "common carrier. Monied interests can not be allowed to dominate it any more than it already dones.
—Robert Whitney, Cudahy, WI

We must keep the playing field level for all content providers, to assure that we continue to allow for a free and open exchange of ideas and information. No one should be able to pay for increased access or to be denied the same level of service.
—Steve Mark, New Haven, CT

Nobody who uses the internet wants this. Only those who benefit monetarily from the internet want this. Do the right thing.
—Donna Flowers, DUNKIRK, MD

I run a small website hosting and design company. By removing a common playing field you would be condemning my company, and other small businesses, to a second tier operation at best. At worst you would be putting me out of business.
—Bill Halbrook, Friendship, AR

I grew up with the idea that the Internet was a vast, new vista where everyone could have an equal voice. I feel like it represents the most potential of all our frontiers, and that the FCC would shackle it's possibilities - and, in turn, our 21st century's culture.
—Luke Jacobson, Santa Rosa, CA

Some of my family members and friends I can only contact threw internet like Facebook and email. Please don't take it away.
—Jessica Davis, Plainfield, IN

Dear FCC, Please do not allow huge companies such as AT&T, Comcast and Verizon to have more power than they already yield. Information is critical to everyone and should be available on an equal basis. Thank you.
—Heidi Gerth, corning, NY

We cannot go back to the dark ages with communication, everyone deserves their freedom of speech on the internet without having to pay. The livelihoods of an open and free society depend on it. Please represent the masses of people and reclassify ISPs as common carriers!
—Anitra Wetzel, Woodland Hills, CA

The Constitution garantees freedom of expression and speech. It also garantees freedom of the press. Net Neutrality is important to maintain both. Please vote with this in mind. Censorship in any form is unconstitutional, anti-democratic and smacks of dictatorship. I would hope those of you who are voting upon this issue have read your history. Thank you.
—Milton Cyphert, Lakeside, CA

Network neutrality drives economic innovation, democratic participation, and free speech online. Many of today’s most successful applications were able to develop because a neutral playing field allowed them to develop alongside other more dominant, pre-existing players. Without some basic protection for net neutrality, an oligopoly of phone and cable companies will be in a position to control the information that travels over the Internet in Canada, possibly cutting restrictive deals with the highest bidding companies and shunting aside innovators, small businesses and entrepreneurs. In this situation, the network operators will be able to choose winners and losers. In a neutral network, it is the users who have the power to choose which applications will be successful.
—George Clarion, Anderson, IN

Why on earth was a former head Lobbyist for these internet service providers made the Chairman for the FCC? The whole situation smells like brokered deals in back rooms by big corporations (and the President of the United States) so they can stick it to the normal person while fattening their purse strings! Let's take a gander at what these internet providers already do to people/corporations who don't play ball the way they want them too. Just look at the huge dip in Netflix's services via Comcast while they were in a dispute with one another! If that isn't obvious 'Well, you don't want to play ball, we'll screw your service' play then I don't know what is. This entire deal with ending Net Neutrality stinks of old school Mafia practices. So no, I absolutely despise the idea of ending Net Neutrality. As it is the system doesn't classify data as being more important then the other, which is a shining example of fairness for all involved. Once you start putting labels such as 'Hyperspeed lane' versus 'Low speed lane' you may as well go all out and say 'The Haves and the Haves-not.' Hell, it's just another brand of intolerance and bigotry. Why don't we just say it's the 'White lane' and the 'Everyone else lane'? Or 'Christianities lane' and 'All those other religions?' The proposal is creating sub-groups to be discriminated against not because of race, color of their skin, or their religious beliefs - But by how much green they have in their respective wallets/bank accounts. This entire proposal is a money making shame.
—Stephen R Tracy, Edinburg, TX

KEEP THE INTERNET FREE. ITS BETTER FOR EVERYBODY. ALL THE RICH DO IS REGURGITATE WHAT THE HUMANS DO ANYWAY. KILL OFF HUMANITY AND THAN PAY YOURSELF THE "REDISCOVER" IT. I AM TIRED OF THIS MASS MURDER CULTURE OF HIGH TECH BARBARIANS. 200 YEARS AGO AMERICAN WAS A PRISTINE PARADISE. IT ONLY TOOK CAPITALISM 150 YEARS THE DESTROY THE WHOLE EARTH. KEEP THE INTERNET FREE!!!!!
—LaVerne Jones, Oakland, CA

Please do not end Net Neutrality and the promise of an even playing field in favor of big businesses. I vehemently believe this will be detrimental to America.
—Brenna Mossman, LaGrange Park, IL

No one should try to control the Internet!
—Mary Beth Hill, Tampa, FL

Net Neutrality is essential to the future of commerce in this county. Selling out our common carrier rights to ISP's will further put this country behind economically.
—Aaron McKay, Portland, OR

It woul be unfair, the internet was meant for all not just for the wealthy
—Monica Ramos, san diego, CA

When does the greed stop???!!
—Eric Weber, Aurora, CO

If this passes then I will not be able to afford the projected increase in cost. I am on a fixed income. Right now I am doing just fine but if a two tiered level goes into effect then I will have to drop my internet because I will not be able to afford it.
—William C Thompson, Tumwater, WA

Who is going to look out for the people if our government won't? If these companies are allowed to create tiers to internet speed, the poverty gap will only increase as we restrict access to equal opportunity. Computers and internet are quickly becoming a necessity to survive and if equal opportunity is taken away simply to allow rich companies to get richer, then our government is failing as an institution.
—Melissa Alexander, WALTHAM, MA

Don't allow big corporations to discriminate. Only society should be able to choose what can be censored online. Big business needs to stay out of my decision making. I have no problem with having different tiers of internet service, we have that now. However time warner should not be able to restrict anything they choose, just because they let you use the box connected to your co-axle.
—Jeff Maneval, everett, WA

Net neutrality is critical because of its impact on freedom of speech and the corruption of communication to favorite corporate interests that diverge from the needs and aspirations of the people of the Unites States. China bottlenecks bandwidth for dissent or for economic purposes, but do not pretend to be a free country. If we give corporations the noose with which to strangle the unbiased flow of communication, we will not only neuter the core value of the communication medium, it will be still harder to pretend that we are truly free.
—Tico Blumenthal, Minneapolis, MN

The internet is a PUBLIC UTILITY THE FCC IS PAID BY the taxpayers. Leave it alone already.
—Lynn Miller, Ocala, FL

Protect the internet from big business. Keep it free and do NOT split it into a two-tiered Internet.
—Peter Hriso, St Joseph, MO

I am against Tom Wheeler's plan for the Internet, allowing fast lanes for those who can afford extra fees. Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Protect Net Neutrality.
—Theresa Zeitz, Largo, FL

It is not the business of the FCC to do what business tells it to do. The FCC is paid by taxpayers who want to maintain a free and open, undiscriminatory internet.
—Ronald Miller, Ocala, FL

I want to support small businesses in their internet ventures.
—Alyssa Brown, Golden Valley, MN

Please save net neutrality and reclassify ISPs as common carriers!
—Roy Donkin, Buellton, CA

There are enough tiers and obstacles in our society! Please maintain net neutrality.
—Joao Enxuto, New York, NY

Net neutrality is important to me because keeping Internet access equal in the United States has been one of the driving forces behind the consistent innovation that our country provides on the web. If you begin allowing the internet service providers to lock down and throttle access to services that don't pay up, then you are putting a leash and collar on that innovation, and leaving it in the hand of companies that do not have the best interests of the American economy in mind.
—Joshua Jones, Aiken, SC

Reclassify broadband internet as a telecommunications service.
—S K. Baker, Palmer Lake, CO

We need to have the same rules for business companies and individuals and NOT have a two tiered internet. Net neutrality is the only way. Otherwise we will have a system like our country's legal/court system where the rich and famous people and companies get treated with kid gloves and benefits while the rest of us get treated as lesser beings. True in almost all cases of celebrities for DUI's and even more serious offences so don't let it happen to we the common people.
—Scott Richards, Santee, CA

Dear FCC, As a student, you tuber, and gamer. I need to know that the internet is a free playground that everyone can enjoy. Isn't bad enough that people are getting screwed on their internet speed. If net neutrality was bypassed, then people will stop using the internet just like cable TV, whole companies dedicated to bringing people services will lose revenue like netflix, etc. Point is the internet started out neutral and it should stay that way
—Darrien Smith, North Adams, MA

I am a self-employed artist who utilizes the internet for business, so this issue concerns me. I am for Net Neutrality and solidly against these proposed rules.
—Jeff Ward, Rutherford, TN

Please throw out these rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Mark Lancaster, Baltimore, MD

Why should I worry if I can enjoy my games with my friends or not. Some just barely afford the internet already and now you're asking for an extra fee to make sure your experience is better than others. So while I am running ahead, my friends are stuck lagging behind. Not Cool, and I can see where this would affect small business too.
—Ashley Weller, Fort Mohave, AZ

Until now, the internet has been one contemporary medium that has provided an open playing field for the exchange of ideas, knowledge and human creativity, largely free from the monopolistic hegemony of print, television and radio media. It has allowed for liberation movements as the Arab Spring to flourish, toppling seemingly intractable dictators. This FCCs proposed rules are a blow to a free and open internet. These will make it harder for start-ups and independent voices to be heard. The internet of the future will become more like a bad cable TV subscription, loaded with QVC, informercials, and cookie cutter content. This must not happen. Net neutrality is the only hope for our future of truly democratic internet. Reject these proposals and reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Scott Adams, Long Island City, NY

A free and open Internet, with no "slow lanes" or discrimination against online content and applications, is essential to democracy. Save the Internet by reclassifying ISPs as common carriers.
—Margaret Warminski, Newport, KY

please keep isp's as common carriers
—Robert Weller, ft mohave, AZ

This can't be allowed to happen.
—Rick Diaz, San Antonio, TX

The Internet is a common carrier and should remain classified as one. Too many wealthy people have privatized too much of our country. America needs to upgrade our internet so we are up to speed to internets in countries like Japan and Sweden. We do not need two Internets, a fast one and a slow one. One internet, indivisible with freedom and equality for ALL!
—Deborah Shell, Merrillville, IN

Don't kill innovation. By passing laws you will make it harder for people like me to follow my dreams. I am a designer and Web innovator!
—Lisa Howey, ROSLINDALE, MA

I don't want to pay anyone else or anyone more than I already do to get what I want from or to see what I want from the internet. I use it every day for work and entertainment. I believe it is the right of all people to have free, unfettetered access to the internet for ever!
—Nancy M Cook, Vista, CA

For consumers, ISPs are Utilities and should be defined as such by the law. I get all of my news from the internet and I do not like the idea of having my favorite sites less accessible then sites deemed more worthy by an ISP. It is not up to them to decide what should load faster and what should not. NET NEUTRALITY NEEDS TO STAY AS IS. I want to be able to access small mom & pop sites as easily as the big guys. This proposed new ruling will have a large effect on freedom of speech whether that is the intended consequence or not. Big businesses have more control than they should now over information we do not need to give them more!!
—Heather Fitzgerald, Brook PArk, OH

Keep the internet neutral. Protect our freedom of information.
—Marc DeWitt, Payson, UT

Net neutrally is a vital part of our new information economy. I swear to never vote for anyone who supports a tiered internet. Don't stifle innovation.
—Darin Wardwell, Orlando, FL

We can't have corporations having control of everything. It will hinder small businesses, give more power to big corporations, and take away the freedom of internet users to chose what content to search/use that's best for users. Don't suppress innovation, communication, and internet freedom!
—Heather Henderson, Boulder, CO

Please throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISP's as common carriers. There is no reason for fast lanes or speed discrimination in our country or globally. Allowing ISP's to choose what person, school, organization, country, small, medium or large businesses get preferential treatment will be catastrophic to the internet economy, to common people and to the Internet as a whole. “If the FCC allows big corporations to negotiate fast lane deals, the Internet will be sold to the highest bidder,”
—Dane Epstein, Delray Beach, FL

Net Neutrality is important to me because everyone deserves to have open and easy access to the internet. Large companies shouldn't be allowed to control how or what we see, this is the USA.....not Russia!
—Robyne Teff, New Brighton, MN

I support net nuetrality -- say no to segregated internet!
—Bryan Woliner, Somerville, MA

Net neutrality is important to me because I don't want to see a world where corporate America controls what I access via the internet. I don't want the government pawing through all of my data and I prefer some aspect of privacy. I don't think levels of service are in the best interest of the American people and I believe a neutral net is right for me and my country.
—James Watson, Lexington, KY

"Net neutrality is important to me because keeping Internet access equal in the United States has been one of the driving forces behind the consistent innovation that our country provides on the web. If you begin allowing the internet service providers to lock down and throttle access to services that don't pay up, then you are putting a leash and collar on that innovation, and leaving it in the hands of companies that do not have the best interests of the American economy in mind."
—Amy, Austin, IN

I am writing to express my support for Internet neutrality. It is my profound belief that the internet as a conduit for data transit should remain open and that for-profit entities must not be given the power to regulate or control the flow of that data. To allow carriers to control the flow or content of data transit and to self regulate would be the equivalent of letting the mongoose watch the chicken coop. Please act to ensure that access to the internet and the transmission of data therein remains open and that carriers are prevented from controlling the flow of data and must remain neutral as regards their passage of that data.
—Morris Cooperman, Haddon Township, NJ

Net Neutrality keeps us sane.
—Maria Mikaelian, Los Angeles, CA

The internet should remain equally available to all. It is one, if not the only, place where all things have been and should be and can remain equal. Prove to the US citizens that the FCC isn't owned by corporations like the rest of the government including the Supreme Court. Speak for the people not just BIG BUSINESS. Let there be one place that all citizens have equal footing!!
—E M. Erne, Philadelphia, PA

Unfortunately I do not have the money to make my opinion actually matter in this conversation, but the proposed rules are a horrendous slap in the face to things like fairness and equality.
—Doug Porter, Flagstaff, AZ

"These rules are absolutely unacceptable! I strenuously object to Chairman Wheeler's new rules! ISP's should be classified as common carriers and strictly regulated. It is your job to protect the public interest and keep internet service as a level playing field that treats all traffic equally and gives no special advantage to web sites owned by those who have more money. The internet is public infra-structure that was created using our tax dollars and belongs to the public. It cannot be a system for sale to the highest bidder."
—Patricia Ryan, Papillion, NE

I really don't understand why in the would you 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. You have to either be incompetent or have an agenda. It makes absolutely no sense what so ever. In fact, you denied the merger of ATT and T-mobile because you said it eliminated competition. Well this is very similar. but the problem is that AT&T, Comcast and Verizon are so large they will simply buy up everyone and eliminate all new startups. This is bad for America, bad for our democracy bad for the economy.
—Frank Lupo, Mendham, NJ

Stop messing with our internet! The internet provides us the means to freely express ourselves without ISP hindrance and that's the way it should be. Why are you taking away our means to view what we want to view and share what we want to share with digital policing in order to fill the pockets of people who already make too much money? Next, you'll be telling us internet users how to act and censor our freedom of speech for the sake of people who will pay to silence everyone else who doesn't agree with their views, right? Ridiculous!! Curb the discriminatory nonsense and let us surf how we want to surf! Reclassify ISPs as common carriers instead of freely allowing them to be overbearing autocratic money mongers!
—Bronsen Kawewehi, Las Vegas, NV

I believe all of us should have access to the same net, without discriminating in favor of those who can pay more.
—Ed Powers, San Antonio, TX

Stop this madness, we want a free internet for all.
—Christopher, Chino, CA

The Web is now my principal source of news and information -- as it is for many people, including many young folks. Throttling it through greed-motivated actions by ISPs will kill the great progress that has been made to have a huge number of content providers, points of view, and creative outlets that are less than insanely profitable. We can’t let ISPs control this critical public good. Please stand up for users and reclassify broadband as a telecommunications service under Title II of the Telecommunications Act.
—Regina Sharon, Santa Fe, NM

We need to protect consumers and not allow large corporations to control the internet the way they control radio and television. There is no real competition in the latter market and prices are are raised at their pleasure with no choice for consumers for the programs they really want! Please don't let these corporations start to charge for the "free" internet. Thank you for listening.
—Madeleine Venturi, Arcata, CA

Why would give control/ownership of the internet to a few corporations when it is the taxpayer who has already paid for it and therefore already owns the internet?
—Paul Cunningham, Dewsbury,

Net neutrality represents our freedom as americans.
—Joe Kusmisz, atlanta, GA

It doesn't make sense to be charged twice to use access a streaming website of our choice
—Jessie Clark, CEDAR RAPIDS, IA

Net neutrality is fundamental to our freedom and our economy. I believe that a free internet is essential to innovation. Neal Tillotson Vice President and Chief Inventor, Cambio Education
—Neal Tillotson, Edina, MN

Because I am poor. And want to be engaged.
—Kimberly Roberts, Reno, NV

Dear FCC, Please, Please, Please keep Net Neutrality as is and do not change it! ISPs need to be reclassified as common carriers. Leave the Internet as it is. Do not fool around with the way people access this technology!
—C Sullivan, Belmont, NH

In the past 5 years, I've taught myself to weld, to play guitar, and learned enough chemistry to earn a B in a 300 level organic chemistry course in college without taking any prerequisites. I've also gained unbelievable amounts of advice and insight for my personal health, along with gaining insight and honing skills as an aspiring athletic trainer. All of this because of my availability to the internet. How many other people are there that would love to do the same? How many other less-privileged people will miss out on a quality opportunity to connect and explore as I did? I believe that the internet is the greatest tool humans have created and that keeping this tool accessible will produce more virtuous citizens of the world.
—Devin Case, Gasport, NY

Net neutrality is important not only for the general public to use the internet freely and recreationally, but it also allows for students to use the information provided on it in an educational way. The students would be able to continue to do just what they have: research, better themselves and excel in their areas of expertise. Net neutrality is needed for us to advance into a more prosperous nation and species as a whole. Not to mention the violence which would ensue from the public in general. The economy would not be boosted by changing the net neutrality laws. There would be many people who refuse to pay a different premium, or any at all. Use prohibition as an example: Outlawing something which was already available to the general public. Laws were broken and eventually it was repealed. The same would happen with this, though in a different way, essentially the same thing. Piracy would take a leap to an all time high. People would be stealing internet from neighbors and businesses even more than they currently do. Think about it... People are already upset they have to pay as much as they do while the economy is in its current state; now you're talking about adding even more stress on the working class.
—Matthew Terpening, Kingston, NY

Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Thanks.
—Jamie Walker, Norfolk, VA

Tell the FCC to throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality.
—Josh Helke, State College, PA

Net neutrality means i wont have to pay extra for the speed and access I need for my job. It also means I won't be discriminated for the content I choose to view or upload
—Coby, auatin, TX

Big business shouldn't monopolize the internet.
—Brittany Tingey, orem, UT

The internet is the information library of the present and future; to create exception (and roadblocks for those who cannot afford higher costs), is a violation of your 1st Amendment -Freedom of the Press (Freedom of Media). That would be absolutely abhorrent.
—Ian, Burlington,

If the FCC's proposed internet rules are passes, they would not be supported by the people they would supposedly be representing. The fact that there is such an outcry about even the possibility of an end to Net Neutrality shows that people do not wish for those plans to be approved. The internet is not a series of tubes, but a place where people of different upbringings and social standings meet as equals. By creating an unnecessary hierarchy for communicating with others the FCC would only seek to limit the potential the internet offers everyone and extend the influence of those who have enough. Leave the internet alone, keep Net Neutrality, it is what the people want and need.
—Erin D, Wilmington, DE

Ending net neutrality will help make the internet more expensive to use and in the process widen the gap between the rich and the rest of us. It will put many more people in the class that has no or little net access.
—William Jarvis, Corning, NY

An open Internet is essential for a productive society. ISPs should be considered common carriers.
—Julia Warga, Mount Vernon, OH

A service provider whom I pay for service, and who already charges high rates due to minimal competition, should not have the right to then determine the speed at which they want me to access websites - particularly because this can be tainted by their personal views. I should also not be paying twice for a high quality service because an ISP charges me and the content provider. High quality service provided to any content I choose should be a minimum - not something I have to pay a premium for.
—Robin Keeley, Takoma Park, MD

You can't hold our DL/UL speeds hostage just because we disagree with Washington fatcats!
—Walter Elmore, Douglasville, GA

To the FCC, Please discard the FCC's proposed two-tier Internet access rules. These rules would destroy the current "net neutrality" environment in which all Internet Web sites are equally accessible by the American public. The big-money telecommunications companies like Comcast, Time Warner Cable, et al should NOT be allowed to control the Internet by extorting website owners out of access fees. This would effectively allow these big telecoms to kill websites whose operators cannot afford to pay (or choose to not pay) these fees. So, in summary, please discard the FCC's proposed two-tier Internet rules. Instead, please reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Net Neutrality MUST be preserved!
—Dale W Johnson, Charlotte, NC

We need to keep the internet open and free.
—Brady Pomeroy, Knoxville, TN

Please do not allow Comcast and other companies to create a two tiered internet. They would not only cripple the current state of the internet but also charge an exorbitant amount of money to access the internet without a data cap that they self impose. Allowing them to restrict internet access would destroy the innovative nature of the internet. Please help fight this atrocity!
—Matthew, Leawoof, KS

Preserve net neutrality, which is granted to us, the people, by the first amendment of the Constitution. A pay to play internet environment will stifle innovation and will be detrimental to far more people than it will "help". Act in the best interest of the greater good- not just the wealthy elite.
—Gillian, Ardmore, PA

I'm not privileged and having internet to do university classes I otherwise wouldn't be able to take is important! Risking my Academic success because of having slow internet is not okay! Also, education can increase based on the internet alone! Language acquisition, hobbies, and important skills can be learned for free that would later benefit society. It's not fair to take that equality away!
—Breanna palacios, Edmonds, WA

Please please do not approve these rules. Everything that the internet can do to help humanity can be ruined if these rules are passed and net neutrality is ended.
—Grace Obregon, San Antonio, TX

I, Allison Fischer, support net neutrality.
—Allison Fischer, Gainesville, FL

Net Neutrality is the more reasonable approach to have set for the internet. Able to keep the distribute of money moving from business to business, stable rise in profit for the market and provide the public.
—Adonis Bourke, San Antonio, TX

We can't allow this plan to go into action. It's unfair for everyone to pay extra fees to use the internet. When families have members in the military, the internet can sometimes be their only communication link.
—Katelyn, Sumter, SC

Net Neutrality is highly important to me as I strongly believe that free speech is a right of every person. No one person or company should be able to control what is seen or read on the internet. If company's have the power to choose what is more important on the internet then they essentially have the power to control free speech. This is wrong, immoral and totally unacceptable. The internet must remain neutral now and in the future. robert pink. australia
—Robert Pink, Malvern,

Attaining a better world is impossible without preserving and protecting the Internet's neutrality.
—R Michael Wenninger, Kalamazoo, MI

Don't large companies make enough money? Reinstate net neutrality and reclassify ISPs as utilites! Stop them from holding my internet hostage and taking away my freedom.
—Kim Anderson, Carbondale, CO

Net neutrality is the foundation of free internet expression. It is of the greatest importance that it be maintained and protected.
—David Peter, Olympia, WA

Net Neutrality is important because everyone should get equal access to the internet regardless of economic standing. It should NOT be a tiered system in which the wealthy benefit the most.
—Alex Weikle, Taylorville, IL

Allowing large internet service providers to discriminate against certain cites based on content is against everything America stands for. It stifles online freedom of speech and makes sure that the little guy will always lose
—Wes Crim, Arlington Heights, IL

Don't let Big business be a monopoly and leave the public with no leverage.
—Michael Tuberdyck, West Seneca, NY

Please consider making ISP's regarded as a public utility. So much of today's world is online, and discriminating against content for the sake of "fast lanes," for example, is an injustice to the public. Phone companies do not monitor and control how fast your call goes to any given person, so why should an ISP control and monitor how fast your connection goes to a given site?
—Reed Schneider, Green Bay, WI

Not that having internet is a "right", but I believe that people should have the ability to choose their provider, AND speed as well as the other services these companies provide (cable, phone, etc). The world wide web is a ever expanding place, where people can connect, and learn, while also enjoying many forms of entertainment. Net Neutrality is important, and the loss of such an option would result in many incredibly angry people. Having high speed for the wealthy and slower than maple syrup for everyone else just wouldn't be fair, considering how many people use it today. I think it's time you all get your heads on straight and start doing things to BENEFIT people instead of things that hinder them.
—April, Springfield, OR

Let the internet be what it was meant to be.
—Shawn Ren, Knoxville, TN

here is what i think about the internet there is nothing wrong with it and there is no need to chance anything about it
—Jose Mancera, fort worth, TX

I am writing to state my opposition to Tom Wheeler's plan for the internet. Companies like Comcast, AT&T and Verizon have proven to be among the most unethical and greedy corporations since Standard Oil. Allowing them control over the internet will stifle innovation and competition while overcharging consumers for poor service. The breakup of AT&T resulted in massive growth and innovation in the telephone industry. Don't let the telcos and cable companies create another monopoly. Eisenhower's highway program created enormous prosperity with the increase in interstate commerce. The internet can do the same, but not if it becomes a toll-way subject to the whims of monopolistic corporations. Please classify the internet lines as Common Carriers and allow the free market competition that has created the greatest country in history.
—Darrel Patterson, Albuquerque, NM

We want our freedom to pursue AND share knowledge and TRUTH to continue to GROW.
—Brandie L Follett, Elmira, NY

The Internet is the only PURELY free WORLD forum for FREE expression of ideas and opinions. PLEASE DON"T SELL US OUT TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER, making the internet another television channel, inviting further hacking and chaos.
—Judith Germick, Oakland, CA

FCC, throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers!!
—Lynn Blaylock, South Lake Tahoe, CA

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers!
—Michael Brown, Costa Mesa, CA

I believe Net Neutrality is important for the innovation of the future. Better access will allow people to broaden their horizons at a quicker pace, and in doing so motivate humanity to a better future.
—Nicholas Sajben, Chico, CA

Pls don't do this FCC because people would lose the freedom of speech and have to pay more to have strong internet so pls don't do this
—Renz Spencer Yu Chan, Pasay City,

This is what freedom must look like in this world.
—Chuck Miller, Norman, OK

Throw out your rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers instead.
—Matthew Davidson, Bluefield, WV

I have been a user of the net since 1972, and have watched it go through many evolutions over the past 42 years. Dropping net neutrality is a *horrible* idea. The only support comes from some of the most hated companies in America, who stand to extort additional fees. *I* pay a hefty fee for internet service each month. It should not be up to my ISP (Comcast) which content is delivered quickly and which is not. I am already paying for the delivery. Discriminating against some providers *devalues* the internet that I am paying for. They argue that this pays for "internet fast lanes". But the internet does not work that way. They are not going to build additional capacity to my doorstep with those funds. Rather, they will simply neglect to add capacity to where it is needed, and reserve some routes or bandwidth to favored traffic, which generally will not be traffic of my choosing. This is not only anti-competitive, it distorts and disrupts the free market, and places a serious barrier to small content providers, adding yet another bit of regulatory favoritism to the large and powerful. NOTHING could be worse for startups and innovators. I beg you, please do not do this.
—Bob Kerns, Corte Madera, CA

Preserve net neutrality, and don't be the FCC that stifled the free flow of information in the United States. People will be angry if you drop net neutrality. This is the 21st century. Technology is supposed to set us free, not get shittier because of corporate interests.
—Nicholas Nelson, Spokane, WA

Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Let the freedom to browse any and all websites equally remain in the hands of the people without putting the interests of big business first. Without net neutrality, we are shutting down a vessel for innovation by allowing businesses with more money to access more people while unfairly obscuring small businesses with less money but perhaps better ideas. The last thing that is needed is more restrictions to the freedom of choice that the people have on the internet. Leave the internet the way it is already because it is working out the best that way. ISP companies are already making the money that is necessary for them to make without infringing on our rights. If you reclassify ISPs as common carriers, you maintain the liberty of America's internet, so I pleasantly urge you to do this instead.
—Rebecca Massil, Roseville, CA

The rise of the Internet is a product of equal access TO the Internet. Net Neutrality has been the default state of affairs since its inception. It is WORKING. Like Dear Abby says If it ain't broke, don't fix it. The American taxpayer shoveled out boatloads of money to the cable companies and telcos in the late 90's to build out the Internet. If you build it, they will come. NOW the cable companies and the telcos are realizing they are getting unexpected results that threaten their business models. With the advent of high speed access all of a sudden consumers are able to access video on demand causing many of them to question the need for access to hundreds of bundled channels that they DON'T watch...and causing them to cut the cable...except for their data connection. The telcos are seeing the demise of wired phone lines, historically a cash cow and PAID for infrastructure that is seeing a lessening demand. VOIP does everything a wired land line does...plus a WHOLE LOT more. The providers are appealing to peoples "fairness" I say that position is BS. They built out their networks with the assumption that Net traffic is "bursty" High peak demand with low average demand. Now, with the general availablity of video consumers CAN fill their pipes...and the providers infrastructure is struggling to keep up. Creating a tiered internet where you pay to play FAST is just their attempt to extract more value from the consumers for something they are already contractually obligated to provide. If your business model is failing then FIX your business model. DO NOT allow the companies to fix their problem on the back of consumers by changing the rules. Free bytes == Free speech. Equal access is in accordance with the founding principles of the country. The internet became what it is today, the greatest source of information (and an ever flowing fountain of BS) through the policy of being just a dumb set of wires that treat every packet EQUALLY. We cannot know what innovations are coming. I DO know placing additional burdens to entry to the folks with the next Big Idea is just plain a Bad Plan(tm) Do NOT let business interests take over and let the needs of a few corporations and their stockholders override the interests of EVERY American...and more likely EVERY human on the planet. They were QUITE eager to take the handouts to build it. If that causes them problems then let THEM figure it out. We didn't subsidize buggy whip manufacturers...WHY would we want to subsidize large communications companies whose market is changing. Free market capitalism is supposed to weed out the weaker competitors to make room for folks with the Better Idea. You want free markets Comcast, Time Warner, AT&T and Verizon. Well now you're IN one...it is called the Net Neutral Internet. Thank you for your time and attention. Bottom line here...Net Neutrality is what is GOOD for consumers. BHO promised to support it...the FCC Chairman needs to get on board with his bosses agenda...or be replaced with someone who is.
—Allen, Lowell, MA

Please keep the Internet open for everyone and don't make a class-based Internet where information can potentially be stifled. The internet should be a place where people are able to express idea's freely don't make it a place where only the people with larger incomes can express that freedom.
—Joseph Gallo, New Lenox, IL

I'm not an expert, but as someone that has truly grown up in this digital age, I think ending net neutrality will be a huge step backward for innovation, communication, and education. One of the great things about the internet is the free flow of ideas and information. Companies seeking to limit access to what are now every day services should be ashamed of themselves.Ignore the lobbyist ...Give the people what they want. Keep the net neutral.
—Whitney Anderson, Winston-Salem, NC

Please do not allow ISP's to provide enhanced performance to specific sites-- treat them as a common carrier that must not differentiate between destinations of internet traffic.
—J Eugene Ball, Woodinville, WA

I'm an educator and artist. A free and open internet encourages innovation. Without it, students and other persons desiring to learn, lose access. Access is everything. It helps us to evolve.
—Heather Cole, Erie, PA

As a student who grew up in the Bay Area, I relied heavily on the Internet, whether it was for school work or social life. It gave me as a youth an avenue for expression, such as creating my own blog for poetry, empowering the youth in political arena, or my classmates publishing scientific discoveries that had during summer internships. By keeping net neutrality, the younger generation will have an immediate access to a voice we feel is so often ignored.
—Sarah Ku, San Jose, CA

NET NEUTRALITY IS IMPORTANT!!!! Please keep a level playing field!!
—Ashley Arroyo, Houston, TX

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—Melanie McCutcheon, Fort Wayne, IN

This is a terrible idea with unfair and potentially dire consequences for those who cannot afford to pay big cable companies.
—Kalena Johnson, federal way, WA

Net Neutrality MUST be preserved. Please listen to these comments so that internet service providers (who don't actually compete against one another because they each have a complete monopoly in their territories) can't discriminate or limit bandwidth. This would ONLY help large entrenched institutions and would negatively effect start up companies and the general population. For example, if a new small independent candy manufacturer opened up next to the giant Hershey Chocolate factory plant, the electric company that is the ONLY electricity provider option in the area (that provides electricity to BOTH businesses) would not be allowed to limit the amount of electricity the new candy company could use (limiting the amount of time they can run their machines to make their product) merely because Hershey's (a larger competing corporation) pays the electric company more. That would be discrimination. The electric company cannot limit service to any particular business. The rules should be the same for everyone...the same should go for internet providers. Please throw out the FCC's rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality. Thank you.
—Dan Balgoyen, Los Angeles, CA

Dear Chairman Wheeler, The current proposal to allow a two-tiered Internet should be discarded. If allowed it would discriminate against those who can not afford higher/extra fees for access to the internet. The world wide web was established with the idea of equal and open access by all people to the resources of the internet. The current proposal would restrict access which is in direct conflict with the founding philosophy. Thank you for your consideration.
—Willis Emmons, Saco, ME

To quote a more eloquent peer of mine, who is also urging for a more open-minded approach to the debate of net neutrality "I urge you to schedule a series of large, open public hearings around the country to hear the concerns of the people about your net neutrality plan. I urge you to protect an open internet by building a solid legal argument for net neutrality using Title II of the Telecommunications act which would declare the internet an essential service as a public utility." I believe that the internet is one of humanity's last truly free domains. The freedom of expression, creation and exploration is abundant, inspiriting and should be open to all. By taking away net neutrality, you are adding privilege into an equation that it should never, ever enter into. You are taking away our right. That will be met by constant and righteous opposition.
—Josh Harris, Basildon,

I am in favor of all IPS being designated a common carrier thus assuring net neutrality.
—Steven James Pouyat, freeport, NY

Equal internet for all. Please do not give the speed to only people who can afford it. Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers. I want to be equal.
—Frumi Cohen, Morrisville, PA

Dear Sir/Madam, The voices of most Americans are seldom truly considered when decisions are made that will directly affect their/our lives in an adverse way. Individuals who have little, maybe more than a little, less than a little, or no financial capital to speak of are the Americans I am speaking for. I am one of them. Please show that the FCC is different from most other entities that are ignoring the needs of the masses by NOT allowing the monopolies of "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." Thank you for your time. Sincerely Concerned.
—Phyllis Stewart, Nyack, NY

As a small business that relies entirely on the Internet to conduct business, this decision would cripple our business model and force us out fo business, putting more people on unemployment and ultimately government assistance if they are unable to find a job. With the US economy firmly based is in the service sector an open Internet is crucial to staying ahead. Please reconsider this and the effect it will have on the American people and ignore the lobbyists from large corporations who are too short-sighted to see that if they cripple and kill our Internet based businesses, we will no longer be able to afford their products. At ANY COST.
—Kellly Rinne, Trenton, MI

Please leave the internet alone and maintain open access for everyone.
—Tami Sawyer, Carmichael, CA

Net neutrality is important to me...nobody should have heir voice silenced
—Rachelle Shahan, clayton, DE

A free and open exchange of ideas is essential to a democracy. Net Neutrality is a cornerstone of that exchange in the 21st Century. Call it what you want, but if it quacks and walks like a duck, it's a duck. Internet service is a utility and should be regulated as such; to mince words and elide fools no one. The FCC must not pass rules that destroy Net Neutrality.
—Bartholomew E. Clark, Omaha, NE

Please maintain net neutrality. Don't sell the internet to the highest bidder! America deserves better.
—Phillip Woolery, Lawrenceburg, KY

I'm sure I can't explain why Net Neutrality is important in general as well as most who have done so already. For me, personally, Net Neutrality isn't just "a decent rule of thumb", it's an important factor of my every day life. The Internet isn't just our playground any more, it's the space where we work, learn, play, live and grow. A two-tiered Internet wouldn't just be an inconvenience for people like me - we're not discussing paying for TV channels here - but a complete disruption of our daily lives. If ISPs are allowed to charge extra for faster access to certain websites and services, they most certainly will! Whether the bill is footed by the user, the website/service provider, or both, the biggest effect will be felt by users which rely on the openness and freedom of the net. Websites like Wikipedia, perhaps the biggest and best curated repository of human knowledge, would not exist without the openness the Internet has enjoyed so far and certainly wont survive if that freedom is disrupted. Free, open educational websites like Coursera, Khan Academy, Codecademy and so many more, would never be viable if they had to pay a premium to allow users to reach them. These are services that can bring nothing but good to the world and they exist solely because the freedom of the Internet has made it economically viable and practical. They are the product of good people who want to make the world better and have found the perfect venue, the only venue, that makes it possible. The end of Net Neutrality would be the end of such efforts. I am a scientist. I study the brain and its function. I cannot begin to elaborate on the ways the Internet, from its biggest, most popular resources to the deepest darkest corners, has made my work not only easier and faster, but downright possible. There is absolutely no way anyone in their right mind would think that a two-tiered Internet is a good idea. No one can or will gain from destroying the openness of the net except for those very few, the ISPs which will have the legal right to control the quality of our access to knowledge.
—Achilleas Koutsou, Nicosia,

The middle class and poor are again being ignored because big companies feel the need to make more money. This issue should be about equal access for all, not big companies flexing their muscles. Please change the rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Carolyn L. Wisniewski, Sanford, FL

Net Neutrality is important because it is the only way to easily access information from more than one source and since the televised news media is so unreliable these days the average citizen needs to be able to look up what they hear and see to piece together the whole story on almost anything.
—Debra Tillmann, Niles, MI

Dear FCC, I write to oppose the current plan that FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler has proposed as currently written, 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. Thank you for opening the comment period again and allowing the public to voice an opinion. Please, reclassify ISPs as common carriers to allow the Internet to continue to function as it has so well for so many year. Thank you for your time, Laura Theis Ketchum, Idaho 208-720-8173
—Laura Theis, Ketchum, ID

Because then we cant enjoy the content and entertainment that we love.
—Austin, Raleigh, NC

Not only is net neutrality important, but so is choice. We the people need choices in service providers, both from community (local) broadband and businesses. No less than four or five options per household would be a solid start. With that level of competition prices would finally become fair and investments in innovation (rather than profit margins) would begin again.
—D Wilson, Grain Valley, MO

Hello FCC, I could waste yours and mine time by giving you a long speech about why net neutrality needs to stay as it is. Free and open to every website owner. Not prioritised for companies with the cash to get In front of normal people. But I won't. All I want to say is. Stop. Stop being idiots and leave the internet alone. It's good the way it is. And stop bring in new laws to help big companies and your selves. Don't be an ass hole Cheers Ben
—Ben buckley, Bristol,

The people don't need or want it.
—Nadia Morenos, Menasha, WI

Please reclassify internet service providers as common carriers. I don't want to pay for knowledge via a bundle for cable execs to get rich.
—Elizabeth Wall, Portsmouth, VA

This is pure definition of monopoly/price fixing. FCC needs to recognize this.
—Nirav Patel, Quincy, MA

The internet is a utility not a commodity. Equal access for all in our country is crucial to both the future of our democracy and our international economic standing.
—Brandon Rodkewitz, Wharton, NJ

It is very important to the future of our civilization to keep the playing field as level as possible. Net Neutrality helps eliminate road blocks for the poor and middle class who merit that access. There are too many advantages already in place for those with money. If we want an educated populous and if we want to have the benefit of the ideas and information from that large and talented segment of the population we need to prevent additional barriers.
—Gwen Planet, Hanover, NH

The FCC is paid by taxpayers and SHOULD NOT allow the internet to be taken over by businesses.
—Lynn Miller, Ocala, FL

I cannot comprehend why Net Neutrality would not be important to someone. Maybe if they don't use the internet?? ISPs should definitely be reclassified as common carriers. They're a utility. Their purpose is to let me access the internet, not control which sites I get to visit. And yes, controlling the speed at which the sites I decide to visit will load IS controlling what I access.
—Amanda Rushlander, Mantua, OH

The last mile provider should not have control of what I get on the internet at what speed. It should be treated as a utility, like power or water or phone. Keep net nutrality.
—Richard Kane, Oakland, CA

We need net neutrality to keep everyone on a level playing field.
—Cynthia W Ours, Cuyahoga Falls, OH

I have friends and family that I connect to daily throughout the world. The internet connects us as human beings. Don't destroy that please
—Ruben, San Diego, CA

Equal access for all to insure everyones voice.
—Karen Thorson, Boulder, CO

I work with a number of small non profits and organizations that administer artistic and cultural programs to their communities. These organizations, and many others like them, rely on equal access to the internet to administer their services, promote their causes, and do their work.
—Chris, Corning, NY

Net neutrality will impare freedom of speech for the masses like me and millions of us that use it and already pay fees and taxes based on the goods and services we purchase online. The so called freedom of information is not free as we Speak right now, there are downloading fees and user fees already in place. This is yet another deterrent on access to information. Net neutrality is anything but neutral!
—Joni Sadler, Redlands, 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.
—Kevin Englar, Winston-Salem, NC

I don't want the cable companies to run this country. Appointing Tom Wheeler to head the FCC is akin to appointing a prisoner to run a prison. Oversight needs to be independent. Stop letting lobbyists run this country or else you will lose your next election.
—Fan Wu, New York, NY

Keep the Net Neutral and reclassify ISPs as common carriers
—Biagio Di Cioccio Jr, MENTOR, OH

The internet should be free and open to everyone! It's not fair to allow big companies to dictate who can see what at what speed and who pays more for it! Small start-ups are the backbone of the country. It's how the United States grew and built itself into the nation we are now. Taking away their rights and ours is unlawful and unconstitutional. It's not fair. DON'T DO IT.
—Miss Hina Im, Houston, TX

I support net neutrality! Reclassify ISPs as common carriers!
—Kyle Rockett, Virginia Beach, VA

The internet is our public commons and should not be handed over to corporations to control the content, speed and access to the internet. I believe the internet has the ability to connect people all over the world and transfer knowledge at a speed never seen in human history. Let's not make the mistake of allowing a few corporations to profit and control the internet.
—Gabe Walker, McKinney, TX

Reclassify ISPs as our common carriers
—Naomi, Waterbury, CT

Like the phone service, all people should have equal access to information, and equal ability to distribute information, on the inertnet. Keep broadband internet a truly level playing field for all players. It is vital to the maintenance of democracy. Reclassify broadband internet as a telecommunications service. Thanks you.
—Mr. Tim House, Upton, MA

The internet as it is is pretty much the only shred of freedom and democracy we have left in this country. It is also an educational tool. There should not be more but much less outside influences controlling access to citizens. It is all we have left, don't screw it up.
—Jill McKeever, Kansas City, MO

I want Real Net Neutrality.
—Ward Curry, Lincoln, NE

I should not even HAVE to write you on this topic as YOU THE FCC should already see the implications that this will have to all Americans who use and rely on the internet for daily life. This action IF APPROVED, will transform the internet into a form of communications WHERE IT WILL BE 2 CLASSES. THE HAVES AND THE HAVE NOTS. The INTERNET was created to allow everybody who had an idea and a dream, to be allowed to express it. Now and IF NET NEUTRALITY IS ELIMINATED, the future of the internet and future advancements in learning and technology will come to a near and almost complete standstill. The internet service providers (ISP'S) should NOT be allowed to decide and control what they want, AS WELL AS CHARGE " SPECIAL AND EXTRA FEES" FOR THE ABILITY TO ACCESS THEM. THIS IS DISCRIMINATION !!!!!!!!!! AND YOU THE FCC SHOULD HAVE BEEN THE 1ST ONE TO SEE IT, AND HAVE RULED AGAINST THIS BEFORE IT GOT TO THIS POINT. Keep the internet free from being held ransom by the ISP's who ONLY WANT AND CARE TO MAKE MORE PROFITS. THEY COULD CARE LESS ABOUT THE COMMON USER LIKE ME. THE FUTURE OF THE INTERNET AND FUTURE TECHNOLOGY IS LOOMING ON THE EDGE OF DISASTER IF NET NEUTRALITY IS ALLOWED TO EXPIRE. DO YOUR JOB AND DUTY, AND RULE IN THE FAVOR OF THE INTERNET USERS, AND NOT PAY HOMAGE TO THE "CORPORATE MACHINE".
—T Reid, Hanover Park, IL

The internet should be treated more like a utility (as it has been since it's inception at least as a public resource). Allowing providers to negotiate and determine more important access and content is really counter to what the internet should be - easy, reliable, fair access to the entire spectrum of content available.
—Kelly Gray, Cincinnati, OH

The FCC's proposed Internet rules are 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.
—Philip Berry, PLLYMPTON, MA

I believe that it is in the best interest of the public and reclassifiy ISP's as common carriers.
—James OMara, Florissant, MO

Keep the net neutral. ISP's are utilities. If this government can't find a motivation other than profit for the powerful we are heading towards a dark place.
—Barrett McCarstle, Plano, TX

The cable industry already enjoys a monopoly in every market as they are the only cable company allowed in each market in Ohio. There is no competition. You have done nothing to change this, despite the fact that due to digital programming versus analog, it is now nearly impossible to get television reception without paying for it if you live in a rural area. If you kill net neutrality, how will it be any different? The providers, largely cable companies, will use their power to control the internet to further restrict what people can and cannot see, maximizing their profits along the way, and further bilking us for every dollar just to have access. You are literally HANDING them a second monopoly, with a pretty little bow on top. Do you recall when cable was first available? You paid relatively little for the service, and only paid for the add-ons you selected, like HBO - which was a pricey option. Now, you pay a ton of money just for the reception, and much less to add on features like HBO. This pricing structure allows the cable industry to profit immensely regardless of whether or not you add on anything additionally. How do you propose to keep the same thing from happening with the internet? It is already expensive to receive service, and it will only get worse. You have the power to stop this. You have the power to do what is right for the people, and not what is best for a few moguls who only want more, more, more for themselves. Do the right thing. Surprise us. And while you are at it, you need to revisit that whole first monopoly you handed them by not forcing them to be competitive in a free market. Aren't we supposed to have a free market in this Democracy? If so, you will demonstrate it by upholding that ideal and killing the legislation that would end net neutrality.
—Mrs. Karia Lanken, Shalersville, OH

SAVE NET NEUTRALITY. THE AMERICAN PEOPLE HAVE SPOKEN. NO EXCUSES
—Desiree Garrett, Kennewick, WA

No pay for play (or speed), corporations shouldn't dictate anything about the internet.
—Sarah, Florence, MA

Net Neutrality is about equality - please keep the Internet free!
—Kate Wang, Richmond Hill,

Net Neutrality is critical to modern free speech. The first amendment doesn't limit one's speech to dark abandoned alleys where no one can hear you; it covers all public spaces. The internet is one of these public spaces---in fact, the most important public space of our generation. Don't destroy it.
—Katherine Johnson, Fort Myers, FL

Dear Fcc, An equal playing ground for creatives allows the most resourceful to rise to the top. Not the one with the most money. Keep it a level playing ground.
—Steph Braithwaite, Toronto,

The proposed internet rules that would allow big name cable companies to control the internet signal handily destroys the free-speech on the internet. The internet is the one true last bastions of humanity, a sanctuary where everyone's voice can be heard, whether or not those voices are nice to hear. By allowing cable companies to control the internet by having different lanes of traffic, it jeopardises the fourth amendment of the constitution. Cable companies will be able to discriminate against the people's voices, taking away our rights and removing our only voice in this world. This is not JUST an American issue. This is a WORLD WIDE ISSUE. The internet is used everyday by millions across the world, connecting people in ways unimaginable fifty years ago. Tyrannies have been toppled by the power of the internet and previously unknown issues have been brought to light because of it. By allowing cable companies to create a two tiered internet, this allows them to potentially censor anything they don't like and potentially destroy small businesses in the process. I urge you to not allow this vote to pass in the senate, our freedoms are at stake, not just ours but your as well. Don't allow this happen. Internet service providers should be reclassified as common carriers, opening up an even playing field for all businesses.
—Russell Mellalieu, West Kellowna,

I want to be able to make my own decisions on what I want to find and do on the internet. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers please
—Cindi Edwards, Irving, TX

As someone who works retail in a store where we talk internet connections and cable connections all the time, this will affect our entire nation. I want a free internet, Don't take the one place I am free to be myself still away. Don't do this to the talent, the new creators, new programmer away. Dont limit the dreams that start online.
—Cassandra Martinez, Stafford, VA

This action could diminish the internet accessibility for most of the users and it could destroy online business for millions of businesses that use it on an ongoing basis. What motive is behind this? Who would benefit from this action? The FCC needs to throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Pamela Bernath, Jacksonville, FL

Tom Wheeler, stop pushing for two lanes on the internet! The people started the internet, not the Big Telecoms. They have no right to charging anyone, any business for internet use. This will drive small businesses and websites to close leaving only the large corporations and the wealthy in the internet. Who do you work for...the Mega Telecoms? The people will know after you vote. Do what is right.
—GGmaSheila, Willmar, MN

Please reclassify broadband internet as a telecommunications service.
—George Buck, Charlotte, NC

Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers & allow net neutrality so all of us living, breathing, real citizens have a chance & some fairness. Thank you.
—Ms. Daphne Bradshaw, Frostburg, MD

The internet does not belong to any corporation, it is a realm of communication open to all and you have no right disabling content, manipulating space or interfering with our access to it equally.
—Ms. Vicki Johnson, Centralia, WA

I support maintaining Net Neutrality. I do not feel it is in the best interests of the consumer to allow ISP companies that already have a near monopoly in my community and others around our country to dictate to me what I can and cannot access freely without an additional toll. The internet works well because we, as users, can make our own choices on what sites we view, visit, or access. Giving my ISP the opportunity to limit my access to site unless I pay additional fees that may or may not have anything to do with their business costs is unfair and an unbalanced approach to internet access and use. Keep access to the internet open and neutral and do not increase the power of companies that already have massive control over what I can and can't see on cable. I simply do not see the value in adding to the government and court responsibilities by forcing them to determine what fees are fairly and unfairly applied.
—Chris Yeats, Broken Arrow, OK

FCC: PLEASE reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Net Neutrality is VERY important to me and my small online business. Without Net Neutrality it could literately ruin my business and livelihood. Thank you for hearing what I have to say. Again this is extremely important to me and my small online business. ISPs need to me reclassified as common carriers.
—Jantzen Ray, Dallas, TX

The internet was created as a neutral environment. Please allow it to stay as such.
—Terry Maher, San Mateo, CA

Net neutrality must be maintained. It is a commodity open to all people in the world. Do not allow the telecom corporations to control how it delivers service. You work for us, not them. Pull up your big girl panties and earn your salaries. skg
—Sharon Gannon, Sioux Falls, SD

just one thing this country was based on freedom and that the Internet should be free to everybody everybody and not be regulated by our stupid corporate government thank you
—Gloria Gates, Yorkville, IL

FCC - Revise your rules and classify the internet service providers as common carriers. This is the only conscious decision you can make!
—John Thomas, Springfield, OH

The internet should not be restricted by corporations looking to make more money off the consumer.
—Heather Fairweather, Wilmington, MA

FCC, hear the people and defend our civil rights!!!!!!!!!
—Leônidas, Washington, DC

having net neutrality is, at this point, impeccable to society as a whole. I can see many ways that ending neutrality could be harmful, such as in education, reinforcing negativity, and our many rights as a United states citizen. In education many times we, as students, are required to watch videos, do horribly long research papers, and look at two views on issues. Wheeler's idea does not elliminate descrimination against online content, creating a faster connection even though you are not slowing the other one still creates a lag, why go to fox when cnn is faster? if i am writing a paper about a contraversial topic and i have just tonight to type the 5 page essay then i don't have time to use a website that is slower. do you really want your children to be persuaded in the education one way just because someone can make more money? don't you want a future generation that can be innovative, independant, and can make choices based on facts and not bias? Imagine when your daughter say to you "i want to be smart" and not "i want to be beautiful". wouldn't that put the biggest smile on your face? but if a provider knows it can make more money by speeding up or aiding in the process of directing your young girl to a website that markets unrealistic beauty campaigns your daughters self esteem would plummet, along with thousands of others, young and old. do you really want your public's deppression on the rise? do we want more oppression, maybe more eatting disorders? how about your child commiting suicide because they feel they will never be good enough just because beauty campaigns will pay more for providers to increase their connections? what about our rights? freedom of religion, press, and speech and incredibly important. what if a ceo is christian and i am part of an online pagan community and all of the sudden IT'S NOT LOADING. what if i want to see the news from fox and the ceo doesn't then it is restricting fox's freedom of the press. and many people go on the internet to be heard, who are you to make it so that it is more difficult. unconstitutional? wow i think i just heard the ground crumble underneath you.
—Cheyenne Kelly-Moll, Shakopee, MN

Corporate America has far too much control over our private lives as it is. Do NOT let them have control of the internet as well. Please stand tall & don't let Net Neutrality fall to the corporate giants.
—RPh Al Ludwick, Granbury, TX

The internet should not be for only rich people. What about the school children that need the internet for education?
—Krista Slavin, Keego Harbor, MI

America doesn't quite own the world, but where Yankees go, Tories follow. Therefore, you need to stop this idea of nerfing my internet site in favor of anyone who can pay more. Allowing 'one site to go faster' means everyone else is slower. Seriously, my phone company doesn't get to choose who I call. Why should my ISP?
—Alison, manchester,

I am Douglas Hegley, the Director of Technology at the Minneapolis Institute of Arts and former General Manager of Digital Strategy at The Metropolitan Museum of Art. I have experienced first-hand the benefits that an open internet provide for resource-poor institutions within the cultural heritage sector. Please do not remove net neutrality, which would be a destructive course of action and essentially a direct attack on America's cultural heritage sector. The proposed regulations, which favor large corporations and media/entertainment companies, will crush the efforts of galleries, libraries, archives, and museums collectively share cultural memory with our citizens. Basically, cultural institutions only competitive advantage - the rich and deep content we produce - will be drowned out by the for-profit noise that is delivered as favored content while all but the largest cultural institutions remain in the internet “slow lane”. Galleries, libraries, archives, and museums lose. Please reconsider the proposed regulations and the terrible waves of destruction they would wreak. Keep the internet open. Thank you.
—Douglas Hegley, Minneapolis, MN

Free the internet!
—Ben Oscar Andersson, My Hometown, IL

Allowing corporations to create a tiered internet is corrupt and destructive. Leave the internet open, reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Sammy, El Paso, IL

As an entrepreneur, I won't have the means to buy my way to the top of the search engine the way the big companies will. As a working parent, I won't be able to afford tiered service. A free and open internet is the only way to keep free speech and an open exchange of ideas and opinions flowing freely, which in turn keeps us a better informed public.
—Paula Adams, Pittsburgh, PA

Net neutrality is important because it allows every citizen access to the internet which is access to information. To discriminate against people who cannot afford fees imposed by private companies is the epitome of what it means to be unequal.
—Francisco Garcia, Pasadena, CA

Dear FCC, I am a college student amoung many who use the internet everyday for many reasons besides social media. The internet allows me to access books, scolarly articles for research and to use sites that will help me build my career. Sites like WIX , Info.graphic, and many more. The point is many of these sites are cruical in helping me succeed if net netruliaty happens these sites along with me suffer because access is slowed down and people who are trying to build and grow themselves and company are not given resources. Fair resources, the internet company already has a lot power. The people with power control the resources. My question is why are big companies limiting the resources available to all people. They are not the govermentment and yet have more power than the goverment? Their is a problem here where there are equal access to resources and no fair competition there is no democracy. Things to consider are realistically non profits, private schools and similar organizations will not be able to affort ' fast lane internet' or for that matter the fastest track of internet. This is an injustice because schools should have same priority to big companies. Everyone should because it is our right to have access to information and at the same speed as everyone else. I would like to note that in trying to post my comment the internet stopped working and everything I had written down so thoughtfully dissappeared. Therefore I have to write down everything all over again. I think many other comments might have dissapeared this would be an issue I think is worth looking into becsause nothing is ever entirely erased and can be recovered. On another note, I do not want to feel like the internet providers are treating us like the chinese government. Yes I am aware that the information wouldnt be entirely restricted, but basically if they could legally make this happen they would so they could then charge everyone. The few big companies the ones that also own the internet they do not understand the concept for the greater good (progress) of the nation or the value of innovation. Their worldview is investments, stock market and dollar signs. As soon as their given more power they will try to have more and that is just how it is. They push limits they are bussiness men. They do not see how this will impact the future of Americans and the access to information they are limiting. The internet is now a big way everyone access their information regarding many subjects and big companies have a bigger advantage because they can knock out compition before it even has a chance to to get its name out there. The internet has allowed those small companies to succeed. Further more, I am able to access non profit news organizations through the internet because big news shows only offer entertainment .Through my eduation I have learned to get out of the bubble of accessing information through the " typical news shows" and to be critical of everything I see, hear and read. Internet providers are part of the big few companies with power and they have no interest in showing us news we need only the news that makes money. Therefore, I learned to read from different places where I could find about the real world events that are going on. Also, if internet companies or the companies are part have controversial issues the public should know about who going to cover these issues and then if they own the speed to internet whose going to have access to this information. Lets be real whoever owns internet and its speed owns the ability to control what goes out and what does not. Speed all of sudden becomes internet has stopped working because a program was not working correctly. This has impacts everyone becasue we only have a limited frame of places we can recieve our inforamtion from . Then there is the issue of international public who access our American websites. Are they going to have to pay extra? Probably not and is this fair, I do not think so. Also, I might be wrong, but werent internet providers given money years back to be able to provide fast internet for everyone. What happened with that money? What ever happened to that money I understand the past is in the past , but history is our greates teacher. History has taught us that where there is a lack of equality negative consequces proceed I would like to end by saying I hope the value of equality is more important than capatilism. P.S Sorry for the grammatical errors I needed to get this comment done quickly before the internet stopped working agian.
—Karlia Villalobos, Whittier, CA

The internet has become an indispensable communications and commerce carrier. The infrastructure was built and paid for by government as a public service. It is a mistake of historic proportions to allow private telecommunications carriers the right to segment this vital artery which is effectively a common carrier linking individuals to their desired respondent. Please don't abdicate your responsibility to the public by outsourcing regulation to the very corporations you are charged with regulating. The FCC needs to face reality and return ISP's to common carrier status and protect the consumer who depends upon the service.
—Larry Town Council Bragman, San Rafael, CA

Without Net Neutrality, the open exchange of ideas and communication will be unfairly limited in favor of those with greater financial resources, at the expense of the greater good of society and humanity overall. PLEASE get rid of these new rules and reclassify ISP's as common carriers.
—Will Alovis, Los Angeles, CA

Net Neutrality is important because, quite frankly, ISPs have shown themselves to be unable to act in the best interest of their customers, and should not be handed more power to regulate what their customers have quick access to. I believe the best solution is to simply reclassify bandwidth as a Title II carrier. In this day and age having access to the Internet is more a utility than a luxury, and the US is already lagging behind most of the free world. I've worked at a number of Internet startups in the 7 years since I've graduated college (into a recession), and all of them needed a level playing field to even having a hope of succeeding (and becoming a REAL job creator in this economy). The idea that one company could simply pay money to have an advantage on the Internet will simply lead to a stagnation of innovation within the US.
—Lansing Cookson, Austin, TX

Things such as TV and Internet have become unreasonable and just plain criminal. They work as hard as possible to crush any new providers and stop all forward progress in allowing the public to have better, faster access to programming and the internet. This has to stop. We seriously need to, at the very least, reclassify all ISP's as common carriers so that we can limit their control over the internet. They do no own the internet, only connection to. Also, I would go even further to say that we need to reclaim control of all transmitting lines as government owned utilities so that a single company cannot run their own wire to a building and not allow another company to run connection through that wire. We need to create a single open connection system where the consumer, who is giving their money for service, is in control.
—Timothy Ames, Seattle, WA

This is just pure Un-American. Tom Wheeler, what ae you trying to do to my free country? The last time i checked everyone was Equal and high speed internet was available for everyone not just people who are more "well off" get yourself together and realize where we live. What you are doing to me looks like a money hungry stunt, you are trying to make money off the people in totally Un American ways. Work hard like the rest of us.
—Mike, Westbury, NY

Hello to the FCC Staff, The information age probably started with Benjamin Franklin's analysis of distributed intelligence, now you are planning to undo net neutrality and attempt to control cosmic powered biology manifest as human and corporatize human communication. You have been enthralled with the wrong side of history on this issue for quite some time now. Some people are authors, their job is to communicate events, experience and knowledge; journalists and authors are among those who supply information as fuel for the information age. Other citizens are doctors, teachers and mothers, part of a human myriad of possibilities that together constitute the vessel of distributed human intelligence. Totalitarian dictatorships always fail for the same reason; they cut themselves off from distributed human intelligence and as a result become too stupid to exist.
—Garrett Connelly, Greenfield, MA

I am opposed to the new rules proposal to create a two-tiered internet. The FCC needs to reclassify ISPs as common carriers as opponents of Tom Wheeler's plan have suggested. The recent Netflix debacle clearly shows how what are essentially monopolies will gouge every last cent out of everyone to increase their profits. The internet is a public good and a responsibility. It should treated as such.
—Paul Odle, Wheaton, IL

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Coreen Sarran, Canyon Country, CA

New Neutrality is in principle a hearts one of democracy and individual freedom. Take this away and you have fierce competition and monopolies that will only enforce forms of structural inequality.
—Sean, Brooklyn, NY

Dear FCC, It is an abomination for the likes of AT&T, VZ or any other carrier to be classified as anything other than a common carrier. This is nothing but a ploy for them to make even more money, choke the networks except for those who pay.
—Mary Ann Gillespie, De Pere, WI

As an internet publisher and radio show host, the fact that my internet usage might be put at a premium or given advantages or disadvantages is appalling. Use of the internet in our modern age is a utility we all need, and therefore should not be affected by big business plotting or scheming. Make the right choice please.
—Alexander Ancira, Garland, TX

impartial transmission has always been the main advantage of INTERNET, and filters would downright destroy the purpose of the INTERNET and the freedom to access.
—Krishna, batonrogue, LA

The Internet has replaced phone service in my home. My internet connection is a vital utility that my children rely on to make and receive phone calls, my wife relies on for email, and I rely on to telecommute. Mr. Wheeler, you need to protect it as such, a vital utility. Put down the fork, and Stop eating from the cable lobbyists plate. Tell Comcast to go find another revenue stream and step up to protect the public interest. Net neutrality is the First Amendment of the Internet, the principle that Internet service providers (ISPs) treat all data equally. As an Internet user, net neutrality is vitally important to me. The FCC should use its Title II authority to protect it. Most Americans have only one choice for truly high speed Internet: their local cable company. This is a political failure, and it is an embarrassment. America deserves competition and choice. Without net neutrality, a bad situation gets even worse. These ISPs will now be able to manipulate our Internet experience by speeding up some services and slowing down others. That kills choice, diversity, and quality. It also causes tremendous economic harm. If ISPs can speed up favored services and slow others, new businesses will no longer be able to rely on a level playing field. When ISPs can slow your site and destroy your business at will, how can any startup attract investors? My friends, family, and I use the Internet for conversation and fun, but also for work and business. When you let ISPs mess with our Internet experience, you are attacking our social lives, our entertainment, and our economic well being. We won't stand for it. ISPs are opposing Title II so that they can destroy the FCC's net neutrality rules in court. This is the same trick they pulled last time. Please, let's not be fooled again. Title II is the strong, legally sound way to enforce net neutrality. Use it.
—John Sills, Stockton, CA

Stop catering to corporations and think about the people. Net neutrality should be a right.
—Jc, Los Angeles, CA

reclassify ISPS as common carriers. stop being greedy
—Colin Wilder, sharon, MA

Net neutrality is important to me because, as a College student, I don't have the money to pay for a faster internet service, and some of the stuff I like to look at may be slown down or completely blocked. Plus, who doesn't love an all day Netflix session? I couldn't afford it with out net neutrality.
—Allayna Dail, Oriental, NC

Please let us keep the internet as the level playing ground it already is! Protect Net Neutraility!
—Rebekah Linzmaier, Granbury, TX

When the Intrenet was created the purpose was to allow Other s to communicate freely long distance, to give information to areas that are remote but now you want to charge because a guy who formerly worked with comcast now wants to charge. .that's bs..how much of a kick vack are they recieving if this goes forward? I bet you if the creator of the internet decided to charge these companies that use his ideas they would be up in arms and mad ..even fighting in courts because they would lose so much money but the irony is that that's what they want to do to us and there's no impartiality in this decision because the new director is a former employee of comcast.. I remember this was once tried and struck down why do it..is it for profit? If so pay the guy who created the internet if not then leave the internet alone as is..prices will soar because other companies going to have to compensate and pass the bucket to the consumers in hidden fees and charges.. leave the net neutral
—Brandon Cabanillas, Harlingen, TX

The internet is a public utility. The FCC is paid by the taxpayers and should leave the internet alone and not allow it to be taken over by businesses.
—Ron Sonesen, Ocala, FL

The internet is a necessity for most of us. Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers. We should all have equal access to internet as with water and other utilities.
—Helen Porter, Phoenix, AZ

Please do not give ISPs the power. They are obviously providing plenty of money to make you vote in their favor, but think of the rest of the country and, hell, the world. This has bigger ramifications than you can possible fathom. Please do the right think and retain net neutrality.
—Taylor Hoyt, San Jose, CA

Net Neutrality is critical for the free expression of human thought. It is the FCC's duty to prevent corporations from "curating" free speech.
—Jack DeWald, Long Island City, NY

Allowing corporations to create a tiered internet is both corrupt and destructive and once we've broken it, there'll be no fixing it. Please leave the internet open, reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Yuri Lowenthal, Los Angeles, CA

Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers. My internet connection to AWS IP addresses has gotten worse at home since the court overturned the rules, which is effecting my work.
—Travis Young, Everett, WA

Net Neutrality is important to the free flow of information. Information is a right, not a privilege. Allowing ISPs to interfere with this restricts freedom of information, public education, and many other necessary services.
—Lauren Meszaros, Hartville, OH

It's stupid. If people have the same service provider they should have the same base connection speed. The only thing that should change that speed should be how good their connection is in the first place; like if they're out in the country or something.
—Joseph McKnett, Columbia, MD

The internet is a utility and everyone should have low-cost, equal access.
—Kathryn Kohn, elkins park, PA

I would appreciate it if you would reverse your rulings and to support Net Neutrality. The Internet that has become a significant part of our lives and that is something we do not want big companies to take control of. We want an Internet that allow us to create, express, and maintain our freedom to post what we want on the Internet. We as a nation do not want big corporate companies to become monopolies and obtain more power. Please consider our concerns and that this is a major issue for our future. Thank you.
—Casey Hang, CHARLOTTE, NC

I remember the days where the "internet" was a walled garden, where you could access only the content that your ISP doled out. Do we actually want to return to that model?
—Mike Benedetto, BROOKLYN, NY

I get service far worse than I pay Comcast for now. If they get even more power, we'll end up with no meaningful internet access that we can afford.
—Brian Porter, Belcamp, MD

Allowing corporations to create a tiered internet is corrupt and destructive. Leave the internet open, reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Nicole Surratt, Los Angeles, CA

Keep the Internet open! It should be free and will always be free. What you are doing is corrupting the very idea of America. What ever happened to “the land of the free"?
—Leon, Henderson, NV

As a blogger, net neutrality allows me to reach my reader base in a timely and efficient fashion. If I can't provide my fanbase with an efficient and enjoyable experience, I can't keep them entertained, and if I can't keep them entertained and informed, I might as well not do this. I enjoy doing what I do, and I really shouldn't have to suffer through wait-times due to unnecessary prioritization.
—Lee Roberts, Faith, NC

The internet is the most important technological piece of our age. In order to truly get the most out of it, it requires equal access, equal speeds for access, and a certain amount of anonymity. Please support full net neutrality. Unless we want to be known as the generation that broke humanity's greatest achievement, we have to stop this before it starts. You're not just making a decision for the United States of America, as Canadian Telcos and those of many other countries are watching this very carefully, hoping for the opportunity to increase profits at the expense of user experience.
—Cory Thorp, Edmonton,

We should be showing an example of equality and freedom in every way we can as a representative of the free world.
—Adam Rombough, Gardner, KS

Because this going ahead would be perhaps the worst thing to ever happen to the internet.
—Colly B, Bolton,

Reclassify broadband internet as a telecommunications service and reclassify ISPs as common carriers. The internet needs to be viewed as important infrastructure for all, not just the wealthy.
—Edward Baseman, Appleton, WI

Net neutrality is more important than the ISPs would have you believe. Everyone needs proper access to the internet without these big companies forcing smaller companies to pay to get the people they need to visit their website.
—Myles McCormack, Hillsborough,

Please stop the FCC and insure net neutrality!
—Christine Christine, Romania,

The internet is such a vibrant and interesting place for people to work and play because it is open and available to everyone. Please do not allow ISPs to become gatekeepers to innovation.
—Alan Rawkins, Gibsons,

The Internet is a necessity in our modern world. Everyone deserves access. Other capitalist, developed nations treat Internet providers like utilities and have great success. Faster speeds, more secure connections, entire cities routed with wireless service. Letting companies control the Internet your proposed way will increase the already monumental divide between "haves" and "have nots", both for current and future generations.
—Seanna Hundt, Fort Worth, TX

Allowing service providers to determine which websites may be accessed more easily defeats the very purpose of the Internet as an organizational and communicative tool. In order for free speech to prosper, in order for independent businesses to thrive, in order for individuals and groups to be able to function on equal ground, Net Neutrality must be preserved.
—Robynne Blume, Santa Cruz, CA

Net Neutrality is why we have Google instead of AskJeeves, Facebook instead of Friendster, stable web browsers instead of America Online, etc. Neutrality is why online services need to be good at all, and if you won't recognize that it's important, then you're implicitly saying that your oafish greed to be paid off by big-name ISP telecomms is more important than the entire world's vital communication infrastructure for the next century at least. That we have even reached this point in the discussion is nothing short of shameful.
—Archie Brown, Washington, DC

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Monica, Pico River, CA

We do not need a 2 tiered internet. It gives the ISPs too much power. Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers. C. Maloney
—Chad Maloney, Frisco, TX

The Internet is a tool, not something that can be moderated for greed. Creating a tier-system is only going to incite problems.
—Connor Turner, Rock Hill, SC

There really is no choice. It must remain neutral because major media outlets are corporate owned and are heavily censored and slanted to excite and incite their demographic audiences. It remains the purest compendium of information there is and the powerful and greedy would just run it into the ground, just as they have with other innovations throughout the annals of Human history. No corporate owned internet.
—Reese, Hendersonville, TN

A free and open internet is very important to me and the citizens of the United States. As one of the greatest technologies of our culture, it should not be controlled by corporations. By placing your personal interests ahead of the public's, you are doing irrevocable harm to our nation. You are working to destroy freedom of the internet. You are stifling entrepreneurs and hindering businesses who need a free and open internet. Ending Net Neutrality will have negative repercussions for decades. Please work to keep an open internet.
—Sara Hodder, Redmond, WA

It is not right that the powerful can push out the less powerful. Everyone has a right to a free and open internet. Don't be on the wrong side of history.
—Debbie Canfield, Las Vegas, NV

The FCC's recent decision to allow ISPs the ability to destroy net neutrality is utterly and unjustifiably wrong. It will be a violation and abuse of power affecting the citizens of the United States of America in every community. I support the reclassification of Internet Service Providers as Title Two Common Carriers. Only then can the internet maintain net neutrality.
—Vanessa, San Benito, TX

Allowing corporations to create a tiered internet is corrupt and destructive. Leave the internet open, reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Tara Lowenthal, LA, CA

Net Neutrality is important to me because the internet can and must be a level playing field for all who use it. As a writer and creator of my own web series, in addition to blogging about web series and the industry as a whole, the open internet provides that level playing field for filmmakers and consumers alike, myself included. It gives filmmakers who could not otherwise get noticed by the big studios a chance for their talents and their content to be discovered by major industry players. It gives viewers a much needed choice for new and innovative forms of scripted and non-scripted entertainment that mainstream Hollywood doesn't currently provide. The FCC's proposal on net neutrality will undermine those options for both filmmakers and consumers, plus it will drive rates up for paying customers whose internet is currently connected to their cable provider. I urge the FCC to completely shelve this misguided "two-tiered" proposal and leave the internet free and open for all of us, with no discrimination against any web site by any of the big telcos and ISPs. The web has succeeded thanks to net neutrality. It's important to keep that success going - and to keep net neutrality alive. Sincerely, Chris Hadley Creator/Writer, THE LATE, LATE NEWS Web Series Blogger, SNOBBY ROBOT Writer/Reviewer, FILM SCORE MONTHLY Online
—Chris Hadley, BATON ROUGE, LA

I use the Internet everyday. It's my way of relaxing after work and how I keep in touch with my friends. If net neutrality ends, it would be much harder for me to do these as the sites I visit a lot are small ones and they wouldn't be able to afford the top tier lanes and I would hate to lose access to these sites.
—Beatrice, Chesapeake, VA

We need a free and open internet to: Communicate Go to Online Schools education Do our Jobs Connect with people and news sources all over the world Free and open exchange of ideas and information Provide Non-Discriminatory Access Freedom of expression Thank you
—William J Stahl, Jamestown, CA

Don't start charging for sites
—Breanna, Neenah, WI

I have to worry about alot of things in my life already, I don't need my most useful tool's performance being held above my head if I don't pay a fee, or use a particular service.
—Tyler Moles, Oak Ridge, TN

Dear FCC, I am in full favor of Net Neutrality and would be against any movement that could put it in jeopardy. These large corporations have a terrible history with abusing consumers rights and have participated already in movements that would make us a controlled, censored and even policed state. The internet is a lifeform that must be allowed to grow on its own, our future depends on it. It depends on the views and ideas of people everywhere and should not be filtered through large profit based corporations based on what works best for their business. Everyone should have the same access and the same voice to the very thing that has truly opened up the world to each other. We already have among the slowest and most spied upon internet in the world, let's not make it purely a playground for the Big Company providers to do what they want with.
—Brian Mahoney, Baltimore, MD

How about you lot don't kill our internet to line your greedy pockets? That would be nice.
—Emrah Bir, Kruså,

An end to Net Neutrality is unacceptable. The internet should be free and open to everyone without discrimination. Internet Service Providers have too much strength as it is, and an end to net neutrality would give them more power to abuse. Make the right decision. Keep Net Neutrality in place.
—Jack Bohlen, Howell, MI

The internet has grown into a amazing place where the free trade of ideas and content has brought people together on a global scale. We can't lose that.
—Ben Harden, Chula Vista, CA

big business has no right or reason to lobby for more control. it is the american people and customers of these companies that should be priority #1. Giving in to these outrageous demands will only further limit competition and give corporations more opportunities to abuse the power we the people are responsible for giving them. whether you are a politician a rich person or a poor person someone you care about will inevitably suffer for this decision. the recent embarrassment to comcast is just one example of how out of hand isps and other service providers have gotten because in most places people have only one option.
—Hilary, san diego, CA

Dear FCC , Just like you seem to say that we The People deserve our right to express ourselves . The internet is one free thing that we have that actually shows equality for everyone. If one wants to strive the internet is a great tool to do so. It is the new type of freedom for the newer generation.
—Michelle Ortiz, Lodi, CA

net neutrality is what makes the internet great, Big business has enough money.
—Brittney, kirkland, WA

Don't you dare do this.
—Annabelle Toler-Scott, Seattle, WA

My internet activity shouldn't be determined by my financial circumstances!
—Kate Regan, New York, NY

I strongly believe that Net Neutrality is vitally important to maintaining an open internet for all Americans. As a PEG Access advocate I would also like to take this opportunity to tell the FCC that True net neutrality would include a reclassification of broadband so, like cable television, broadband could be regulated. Here in my home state of Vermont, cable TV regulation has resulted in one of the most robust PEG access public benefits in the nation. We're not asking for full regulation of broadband, just enough so that local franchising authorities could negotiate PEG access provisions with broadband providers just as it does cable TV providers. Help us save the internet and prepare for a time when video services will be delivered primarily through broadband technology. Why should the birth of the internet mean the death of PEG Access Television?
—Lisa Byer, Bennington, VT

I work alot from home, using large data files pulled over the web. A two-tiered internet created by the new rules would make it much more expensive for me to do my job. Its also not clear how the proposed rules would prevent ISPs from choosing favorites among online content. Keep net neutrality; reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Steven Saar, Belmont, MA

Keep the internet free and fair
—Neil Kapit, Los Angeles, CA

As a student of computer science who has also worked with commercial industries I know how valuable the transfer of information is. I believe it is in the best interest of this countries citizens, students and businesses to maintain a free and open internet. A free and open internet allows everyone access to telecommunication services that improve quality of life, education, communication and the economy. Allowing certain "information providers" to restrict access to the internet essentially refutes the ideas of free speech and the first amendment. Technology is no longer a luxury, it is absolutely essential to the our way of life as Americans.
—Adam Rock, Morrisonville, NY

The unfettered exchange of information is far more important than capital gains.
—Michael Moore, Horsham, PA

No single company can, or should, own the internet. Throttling stifles competition, and ultimately leads to the loss of free speech. Discrimination is wrong, no matter who is in charge.
—Lynette Miles, San Jose, CA

Because this is the land of the free.
—Liz Dodd, Knoxville, TN

Allowing corporations to create a tiered Internet is corrupt and destructive. Leave the internet open - reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Anna Sciolino, Buffalo, 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. You would be hurting ALL local businesses and putting people's personal information at risk. You need to reclassify ISPs as the common carriers they are.
—Megan, vancouver, WA

The world wide web is a trust that was donated to the public by its inventors and its access should not be regulated by a private company. Anti-net neutrality laws will harm the growth of the small businesses, entrepreneurs and the exchange of information by people everywhere.
—William Dale, Brooklyn, NY

The Internet was founded on the principle that it does not discriminate, and all have equal opportunity regardless if you're a big business or a small web start up. Giving bandwidth priority to companies that can afford it will fatally affect smaller sites as bigger sites continue to siphon more bandwidth. ISPs should not have that level of control. In this day and age, the Internet has become far too essential to daily life to allow such a thing. Tiered internet will poison the very founding structure of the Internet established almost six decades ago. As a web developer, the fact this is even being considered as a sane maneuver by the FCC frightens me. It should have never had any leg to stand on. Leave the Internet open and pure. ISPs should be reclassified as common carriers. They can find ways to innovate and help the Internet thrive, not lock it down in favor of building their already bloated coffers.
—Sergio Montealegre, Miami, FL

As a filmmaker/artist who uses the Internet to display my work, advertise my work, find people to help on my work, and search for other work, Net Neutrality is obviously very important to me. I don't make a lot of money and I'm always struggling to make my work happen. Net Neutrality means I can do what I need to do without worrying about paying extra to greedy corporations. Please, consider the American people and not the American dollar.
—Ronald Short, Austin, TX

In a world where the Internet is increasingly important for communication, discriminating behavior such as restricting high-speed access to individuals with sufficiently deep wallets is inherently destructive to the general public. The right to communicate should not be restricted according to personal wealth.
—Raymond Darnell, Hillsboro, OH

Please don't end net neutrality. As a blogger, it is vital to my work.
—Ami Kane, Austin, TX

To the FCC - Please change your rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers, it's only fair.
—Diane Poirier, Lewiston, ME

Hey FCC. Reclassify the Internet as common carriers and stop messing with that neutrality. Please. Please. This is ridiculous and it won't last. Stop it.
—Brian Meredith, Scottsdale, AZ

The net should be kept neutral and free for all people. That doesn't mean the law breakers shouldn't be monitored and prosecuted.
—Michael Kirkby, Toronto,

Dear FCC, Net Neutrality is one of the most important issues. Please, please listen to the public as you are overwhelmed with requests via email, letter, and phone calls from the public to save NET NEUTRALITY and to AVOID a two-tiered Internet with fast lanes reserved ONLY for those who can afford the higher fees – corporations and the 1%. This leaves a slow road for the rest of us – the 99%. PLEASE...THROW OUT YOUR PROPOSED INTERNET RULES – they are terrible. Simply reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Debra Jean Rawdin, Santa Monica, CA

Net neutrality is important for free speech and access to information .
—Tara McCarthy, gresham, OR

71 years "old" widowed Female = Medicare Part B took another $100/mo from me = Lot rent on my Mobile Home up another $100/mo = No $$ for food, I go to food pantries (Feeding America & Churches) for food = CAN YOU HELP ME????
—Evelyn Zerin, Largo, FL

The only way you are able to protect the neutrality of the internet is to reclassify ISPs as common carriers, so the internet remains decentralized and carriers can not choose to give higher band with to a subject, making it the common knowledge. This would give them the ability to control elections by publicizing the candidate they want, over the other candidates. People need to be able to research all sides of an issue, and lets face it, these day's that occurs on the internet.
—Leah Bates, Arlington, TX

Broadband internet is now the same type of necessity that home phones were in the 20th century. The same policies need to be applied to maintain net neutrality. I urge you to reclassify broadband internet as a telecommunications service.
—Marilyn A. Knak, Sterling Heights, MI

If comcast charges more for internet, I won't be able to have internet! My boyfriend won't be able to finish school! And I won't be able to start my own business.
—Samantha Pruitt, Laurel, MD

It is unfair for larger corporations to be able to control internet speeds based on who can pay them more. This will severely limit the ability of smaller entities on the internet to function and compete.
—Joseph Geier, Lexington, OK

We're on the streets every day of our lives facing some kind of judgment or discrimination. It's sickening that even from our own homes we're going to be punished and hated against, the one place that we can sit in the comfort of out living rooms and feel like we still have some control over our lives. Net Neutrality is vital. Without it, we as a country are doomed to fail. We've spent so many years building up technology and basing every single little thing in life around it, and now we have to suffer because someone else got carried away with power? Asinine.
—Katrina Convey, Port Richey, FL

All of us (the people not corporations) are asking you to please throw away the rules that will impede on Net Neutrality. We do not want to create a 2-tier Internet that will allow extra fees onto an already suffering society. We also do not want to allow AT&T, Comcast and Verizon to dominate the internet, giving them full power to what the public can and can not see. This as I see it takes away my rights as an American to be able to choose my own internet provider, to read and watch what I want to watch, this is my right as an American, least I used to think it was. Please prove to us all that you stand by the people and not big time corporations. Do the right thing and reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Michelle Malinoski, OJAI, CA

Net neutrality needs to remain as is, if not you saying that those with money are more important than those without. In America, we are all created equal & that includes our internet service.
—Cindy Miars, Pekin, IL

Please reclassify broadband internet as a telecommunication service. I believe this is vital for freedom and affordability of communication and hence, the protection of democracy.
—Rev Carolyn Clarke, Strafford, NH

The internet ought to be considered as a public service like electricity and water. Neutrality is key to public service. Restricting such service to richer is not the way I want my world to be governed. Everyone has the right to a free internet.
—Julien Chaupitre, Burnaby,

Net Neutrality is important to me because, as a website designer, my livelihood and my clients livelihood are at risk. Many of my clients are able to be found and have small businesses online - because of an open and free internet. AT&T, Comcast and Verizon already make record profits from services. If they are allowed to create a two-tiered Internet, with fast lanes for those who can afford to pay and a slow dirt road for the rest of us, then this is completely unfair. The FCC would no longer be servicing the American people (they would just be in bed with the big corporations - just like the Supreme Court). The internet is a utility. Everyone needs to have access and the SAME access. I am for Net Neutrality. I encourage FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler to do the right thing for the American people and for people worldwide. I hope the FCC puts fair rules in place by the end of the year to protect consumers and small businesses. Thank you.
—Concetta Halstead, Los Angeles, CA

Keep the Internet free! This would give the companies too much control and make the Internet unaffordable for many people.
—Shane Daugherty, Charlotte, NC

I live and work on the Internet, and Net Neutrality is a fundamental principle. This principle was baked into the DNA of the Internet at its inception and is essential for its ongoing value to civilization, and the global economy: Users get to decide where they go on the network. I urge you to reclassify Internet service providers as common carriers, I am a voter and I will remember and I will continue to advocate for as long as it takes.
—Havi Hoffman, Palo Alto, CA

I'm already limited to one of the worst ISPs for speed and reliability in the country. Please don't enact rules that will make it even worse for those of us that don't have options.
—Meghann Smith, Albert City, IA

Dear FCC, I voicing my strong disapproval of Wheeler's plan. I don't see how this plan would be in the public interest, only large corporations will benefit from this proposal. -Michelle
—Michelle Xin, Los Angeles, CA

The free flow of ideas and services on the Internet need not be hampered so a sole corporation, or group of persons can profit at the expense of the day-to-day Internet user. The fees we pay for access in the first place are egregious enough in some cases, and the individual services that charge for content access on the Internet as is are all we need.
—James Bogle, North Tazewell, VA

I wanted to express my opposition to the proposed two tiered system for the internet. This development would create an unfair advantage to those who have the resources to afford high speed internet. Please keep the playing field even.
—Imam Nadim Ali, Atlanta, GA

Net Neutrality is important because without it the internet providers becomes a free range dictator without the checks and balances it needs in order to serve customers and also keep information free and equal throughout the country. Without Net Neutrality the fast lane would also become something available only to the upper classes. This eliminates most families and students. As a current University student and future teacher I find this disturbing. Eliminating Net Neutrality would be an example of exactly what is wrong with this country financially. Instead of eliminating Net Neutrality we should be reinstating it through categorizing ISPS as utilities and processing it the same way we already process utilities such as electricity, water, heat, ect.
—Amanda Sabah, Green Bay, WI

Please keep a level playing field on the internet with net neutrality. I think this is one of the triumphs of our modern age, with no discrimination of information that the majority of the public has access to.
—Jennifer Meyers, Westminster, CO

Net neutrality is important because it allows free communication amongst the populace, in a modern version of the community of citizens that Thomas Jefferson envisioned! We are still involved in what used to be referred to as "The experiment in Democracy," and we can not afford to have it fail.
—Mitchell Dormont, Monroe Township, NJ

Net neutrality should be a basic human right!
—Krista Bickley, Austin, TX

It is high time that we as a country look at what is best for the population not corporations with big pockets. ISP's need to be reclassified as common carriers.
—Karen Binder, Menomonee Falls, WI

Equal access to the internet is vital to ensure free speech. ISPs should be classified as utilities in order to maintain equal access.
—Ramona Hayes, Pollock, SD

I am sick to death of the greedy, gluttonous corporations sucking the working class & the poor dry of billions of dollars. How much money do you need?? Stop your censorship & discrimination of those who have less money than you! Shame on you for trying to make the internet into another form of communication that you regulate & control just because you have so much more money! The internet should be open & uncensored for all people. At least there we can get the real truth of what is going on in this country that mainstream media hides from us because they're afraid to lose their cushy jobs & all the perks that come with it, not to mention the outrageous salaries they pull down every year. No one should be able to take away the rights of free speech & expression just because they've got all the money. ISPs should be common carriers for all, not bought & paid for.
—Joy Brannan, Lander, WY

The internet should remain free for the Mom & Pop shop on the corner; the independent film desperately trying to gain awareness through a crowd-funding site, breaking news stories faster than media stations, generating jobs, creativity, freedom of speech. If you take away our internet, you take away the livelihood of many creatives. What about video bloggers who make their living making videos? What about artists' sharing information on their local show? How will we connect with our distant friends and families? If the little guy can't use the internet, the big guy will eventually fail, and leave you broke and penniless. Don't charge or tax for the internet. You're stealing from a culture and from your children's futures.
—Tom Martin, Chicago, IL

I urge you to reconsider your proposed Internet rules. Net neutrality is vital to the ongoing success and competition on the internet. I use the web often when planning lessons for my fifth graders and cannot afford extra fees. Listen to the public!
—Morgan Heckscher Aiello, Glendale Heights, IL

As it turns out, I'm a subscriber to Sonic.NET which pledges that its service will always honor net neutrality for its service. However, I know that there are millions of people who do not have this option and are locked into a service which could potentially drop its support of Net Neutrality. The latest rules proposed would not only do nothing for Net Neutrality, it would put people into a place of complacency where they believe that they are experiencing a free internet but, in fact, are not -- they have various unseen toll roads which they may never see. I urge you to reject the latest proposed rules as proposed by Tom Wheeler. It will do great harm to everybody, even those of us who will have the luxury of still have the option of a free speech internet.
—Robert Brown, SAN JOSE, CA

The internet has become the source for news for me! I have 3 Grandchildren living with my wife and I. They use the internet for a majority of their schoolwork and for entertainment. This needs to be made a Title II utility if we are going to be able to depend on it for the future. These big telecoms DO NOT need to throttle speeds. They will if given the chance. I also DO NOT support the idea of telecom mergers. There needs to be competition! No to to Time-Warner/Comcast and NO to ATT/DirectTV. I use at least 2 of these services and I know from experience that their prices will increase if they are allowed to merge. There is NO GOOD REASON to allow this!
—Sid Pevear, Oroville, CA

Net neutrality is important to me because it creates a global connection that makes everyone equal, no matter what country they are from, and no matter what social status they come from. Net neutrality allows the sharing of information; anyone with a connection has instant access to knowledge and a way to succeed. Taking away net neutrality will handicap our future; it will hinder those hungry to learn, and potentially gimp the achievements of those who cannot afford a higher paywall. You will be taking individuals who have a chance of creating a positive impact on our world by taking them off the global playing field.
—Connie Davey, Tehachapi, CA

Please let it be known that we need to continue to allow Net Neutrality for all internet and cable service providers. Not doing so will give too much power Internet Service Providers. Please let them make their money by doing what they are supposed to do. Connect me to the internet or cable television. Thank you
—Blake Church, Arvada, CO

Net Neutrality maintains freedom of speech and expression in the medium of the internet, and works to promote these ideals in parts of the world that are otherwise devoid of said freedoms. Ignoring and eliminating Net Neutrality just so ISPs can make more money in a completely underhanded way is morally repugnant and completely unethical.
—Amanda Rood, Spokane, WA

Please do the right thing for the citizens of this country and protect our right to Net Neutrality and our right to what has become another of the "utilities" that every home and citizen has a right to connect to as at a reasonably affordable and protected necessity.
—Eunice Clemons, Spring, TX

Please don't ruin the internet. Just, please.
—Mr. Jim Schroeder, Valparaiso, IN

Please reclassify the ISPs as common carriers carriers. Please reclassify all types of broadband access as a telecommunication service. Please save Net Neutrality. Please... A tiered internet will only further divide us, Forcing unneeded pain and stress in a time when we need to stand united to promote positive growth and change. Please...
—David, Lords Valley, PA

Net NEUTRALITY goes back to the values this country was built on. Government and laws are supposed protect those rights, even from large conglomerates like cable and telecom companies trying to make even more billions. You the FCC are an entity of that government and it is your duty to protect "we the people" from allowing anyone to take our right to information from us, all in the name of the almighty dollar. The internet is the most powerful information resource ever created and they are trying to take it from us and control what we have access to. DO YOUR JOB AND STOP THEM!!!
—Kimberly Aicone, Olympia, WA

net neutrality works fine, leave it alone
—Carlos Ontiveros, el paso, TX

I do not want to be restricted on what sites I chose to go to. I want to be able to learn and educate myself without having to fork up more cash to go to certain cites. The knowledge that is on the internet should be provided by our isps at a flat rate. Let alone it would be alienating costomers who are business owners most of them wouldnt want to provide internet or complementry wifi if they are held under these restrictions. Which woud lose business for ISPs which would reflect appon the costomers who are buying for home use. Prices could be raised to cope with losses. Jobs would be loss from the ISPs which in turns would lose more costomers. This needs to not happen. There needs to be net nutrality. We cant let such a learning tool go by the way side.
—Paul Hogan, ventura, CA

The internet needs to remain on a level playing field where all sites are equally accessible without restriction. Thank you
—Cliff Marticorena, Claremont, CA

FCC: do not change net nuetrality regulations so that nuetrality is lost. Keep net nuetrality alive and well.
—Brooks, San Francisco, CA

By treating the infrastructure of the internet as a commodity and not a public good (roads, water etc) we are creating an exponential series of problems downstream. Already american broadband internet lags the world because the massive isp's in the US are forced to act short-sightedly to keep quarterly profits up.
—Rob Heineman, Omaha, NE

This is the basis of capitalism. Without net neutrality we would have plutocracy.
—Stacey Olstad, Corvallis, OR

It is a threat to our society at large that you have proposed rules that would put the power of communication into the hands of the richest among us. That is not true democracy. Your plan would give Internet service providers the ability to impose pay-for-priority schemes that would be a disaster for startups, nonprofits and everyday Internet users who cannot afford these unnecessary tolls. Power would be channeled to the few who could wield enormous and disproportionate influence. I implore you to scrap reclassify broadband as a telecommunications service.
—Margaret Faye, Woodland, CA

Dear FCC, Net neutrality is so unbelievably important that I feel it even more important that it is even more important than freedom of the press. In many ways net neutrality has come to replace traditional news sources to provide people with a source of information that is current and relevant to their lives. Net Neutrality is of the utmost importance. Thank you.
—Ben, Auburn Hills, MI

The internet is the greatest invention of our time, and probably of all time. It's intended purpose is for everyone to have access to information-this is the only way our species will survive, evolve and become the best it can be. Please do not allow short-minded, money-driven ideals to corrupt such a wonderful gift to humanity. Money means nothing if our society eventually crumbles in its pursuit. Please think of the future and of those who will inherit it.
—Sira Laurel, San Francisco, CA

Because it is freedom of speech and this is the United States!
—Larissa Dougherty, New York, NY

Please keep ISPs as common carriers. Don't let corporations create a tiered internet.
—Karin Weekes, Tijeras, NM

It's an escape from the obvious,life. Everyone needs and deserves that escape.
—Spencer Williamson, Albany, OR

As a young college aged American citizen, the proposed changes to the regulation of internet content in the United States worry me deeply. The changes are preposterous, dangerous, and an infringement of our first amendment rights and every human being's inalienable right to the means to better themselves and their situation. Creating a "two-tiered" internet is allowing for a monopoly and undermining the free market principles of the internet and of America by divorcing content access and content control from the consumer. I urge the reconsideration of this drastic and disturbing proposal, for it has in my opinion the power to destroy everything innovative about the internet.
—Jarod Rutledge, Colorado Springs, CO

Please keep isp's as common carriers
—Jordan Palmer, Oaklyn, NJ

Net neutrality is very important for a fair and equal society. It allows smaller companies the same speed to get their products seen and bought by everyone, and it allows bigger companies to keep their costs down. If the proposed rules are accepted, that will end, entirely. Big business will be the only companies that can afford the internet, small businesses will be driven out of the market by this advantage they have. But at the same time, consumers will suffer as big businesses put up their prices to afford the faster services. No one wins except the Internet Service Provider companies, who will be able to charge whatever they like for a service they should provide at fair prices. Please reconsider these rules to keep the economy a fair place for business.
—Matthew Shaw, Chester, PA

Its bad enough that basic lousy slow DSL costs so much and that fiber optic is not more readily available and cheaper, now you wish to create more of what this country does not need and that being the rich get richer and the rest are left to get the scraps...this can not stand..fast and i mean blazing fast internet needs to be readily available to all for a vastly more reasonable price then is out there today..the big companies can not be allowed to do as they please in a slow and untimely manner
—Mike Hibberd, Phila, PA

Dear FCC, You're screwing everybody except yourselves and big corporations by taking away net neutrality. Please stop being douschebags.
—Adam Feutz, Mooresville, IN

Information for the masses shouldn't be trapped behind a dollar sign. those who wish to self educate should be able to do so, and doing anything to limit ones ability to do so is idiotic, and only hurts our collective ability to deal with any real situation beyond breathing.
—John, brooklyn park, MN

Net neutrality is important to me because I rely on high and constant bandwidths to run my small business from home. If cable companies could charge extra for premium content, that could compromise my profits, as well as tens of thousands in my situation.
—Jeremy Tabor, Los Angeles, CA

The competitiveness provided by net neutrality grants every US citizen a level playing field and is essential to the internet we know today. Please try to put selfish desires to the side as they conflict DIRECTLY with the FCC's stated goals. If you refuse to acknowledge this you are no longer capable of successfully doing your job.
—Ross Borchers, Cape Town,

This is critical to basic fairness for all in light of the power that money otherwise holds to dominate. I like being able to see what the little guy has to say just as much as the big guys
—Skeet Frazee, Encinitas, CA

Information should be for all the people, not just those who pay the most.
—Caesar Thompson, Chicago, IL

Net Neutrality is the only thing that still exists in this world that gives anyone with a dream, a voice, an opinion and an idea and equal shot at expressing and achieving it. The internet belongs to all humans not just the wealthy ones.
—Andrew Bowen, Saugus, CA

please keep isp's as common carriers
—Candida Frederickson, Kalispell, MT

The people deserve an open internet with which to innovate.
—Heather Decker, Wood Dale, IL

The Internet is flawed. It's full of messy, dirty things, and usually those are the kinds of things we don't want to believe humanity's capable of. But it's also full of an incredible amount of beautiful, absolutely amazing things too. And net neutrality is the only reason many of those things exist. So please, do the right thing. Don't bow down to lobbyists. Keep the Internet equal and free. Please.
—Penny Blalack, Elmendorf, TX

Please do not infringe on anything. Theses.companies continue to monopolize the American people.
—Denice Haberkorn, Waterford, MI

please keep isp's as common carriers
—Eve Eschenbacher, Newcastle, WA

Allowing corporations to create a tiered internet is corrupt and destructive. Leave the internet open, reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Rachel Priebee, Lower Hutt,

I do not want my internet provider dictating what websites I can go on by charging me more for certain ones.
—Diana A, Berkeley, CA

I think Net neutrality is vital because if it's not conserved it will mean that major companies who can afford to pau for faster speed will rule over those who can't. Of course that's what somebody (i don't know who) wants because profit, but this is not what the internet was meant for.
—Gabriele lioy, Roma,

A government-controlled system of regulation is not only unnecessary, it would almost invariably raise costs and prices and interfere with the rapid and organic growth of the internet we have seen since its commercial emergence in the 1990s. Many business owners especially small ones will be plowed under; as well as many employee's even from larger companies losing jobs thereby;burying the economy 6 feet under the 6 feet it is already in. Do we really need to dig 2 graves on top of one another.
—Loni Richard, Monaca, PA

As Mahatma Gandhi once said, "The world has enough for everyone's need, but not enough for everyone's GREED". Stop the profiling
—Jeffrey M. Blickensderfer, Long Beach, CA

The world is already favours companies over consumers far too much. I do not think a company should have the right to be able to favour one set of voices over another based on arbitrary and possibly discriminatory reasons. Consider that ending net neutrality could feasibly allow a net provider to discriminate against gays or certain religious or political groups over others if this is allowed.
—Leila J Brookhyan, Gardner, MA

Opposing Net Neutrality means the loss of Internet freedom as big businesses will sell access to the highest bidder and to their business friends. For once, don't be greedy. Do the right thing instead of the thing that lines your pockets. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Gregg J Wanciak, Livermore, CA

Stop taking Pac money and support the Real Net Neutrality. It a double insult having some paid mouthpiece like Lata introduce legislation to prevent Wheeler from Reclassifying like the internet. Why must the country that support lobbies that provide moneu
—Eric, Lake Worth, FL

Why the initial mistake was made is still a mystery. The major ISP's involved have been making record profits. Chairman Wheeler. Chairman Wheeler please reclassify the Internet with a "Real" Net. For this me and other veterans would know we fought our rights liberty, Free speech, and basic human rights. Rights are not "rewards" given as some politician said on an interview. Rrghts are a set of code for Democracy. Many Americans have fought for and died for. Chairman Wheeler please reclassify the impact its global. Reclassify the Internet because it is the right thing to thing to do for the benefit of the American People.
—Eric, Lake Worth, FL

Please do not destroy the internet. These huge internet companies are already monopolies on phones, tv and internet when it comes to quality and pricing. Please do not allow them to control something that should be free for all to use at the fastest speeds they can. So much is learned and taught with the internet and this would ruin all of the free thinking that the world has. DON'T DO THIS!!!!
—Thomas Newcome, Lawrence Park, PA

Just leave well enough alone! Just another section of the peoples lives that a board and/or committee wants to control for added profit. If their product is archaic and cannot evolve, let it go the way of the dinosaurs instead of infringing upon the internet. FCC, throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers and protect real Net Neutrality.
—Mikeal Schofield, Apopka, FL

Not fair, not ethical, not equal.
—Katherine E. Schomp, Lafeyette, CO

The internet is a valuable tool and I am a poor person who cannot afford to pay more for it. It
—William Bird, Tarrytown, NY

It's not fair to decide who gets to use faster Internet service. For me, the Internet is the best way to stay connected to my large family. It's especially important to me now to share with them updates and pictures of my infant son. Without Net Neutrality, updates to his grandparents, aunts and uncles will become nearly nonexistent. Being four states apart, visiting in person is a rare occasion. Please let my family stay better connected, for my son's sake.
—Alyson Brislain, Madison, AL

Net neutrality is essential. The internet to me is an open line of communication to the information contained throughout the world accessible by computers. Allowing companies to dictate speeds and access to certain sites on the internet seem a pretty terrible idea. Please allow the internet to be free access for all.
—Aaron Hottenstein, Sparks, MD

Please reclassify broadband internet as a telecommunications service. Internet is as necessary for all U.S. citizens today as basic telephone service was for our people in the early 20th century. We cannot continue to be a leading country in the 21st century without all citizens have access to internet services equal to those available to wealthy individuals and corporations.
—Mary Ann Ghosal, Richmond, KY

NET nEUTRALITY IS WHAT THE INTERNET IS ALL ABOUT. Don`t decide that Big Greedy Corps. should have a foothold on free speech.
—Lionel Alkinburgh, fuquay varina, NC

Net Neutrality is important because it fosters creativity and innovation. It also helps lower the barrier to entry for entrepreneurs, and gives choice and power to consumers. If Net Neutrality is taken away than it will become one more step on the road to oligarchy.
—Lauren Kelbel, South Bend, IN

Net neutrality is important as it allows the internet to not be controlled by powerful organizations. This in turn will allow new ideas and creativity.
—Christine Schaetzl, Garrison, NY

This new set of deregulations and laws are all set towards the proliferation of income for ISP's, so the case must be made to address this concern. Putting the obvious limitation diversity and individualised content to the side (I appeal to the very lobbiests for this bill as they ultimately decide), there are economic and competition isues that can be stagnated by these laws which could hurt big businesses,the very ones which wish to use this bill to their advantage. The concept of money to get your website or product all over the net is a great way of spreading the product, but in that very process it can be used against said business or corperation and especially everyone else. The richest and most powerful brands can use these premium spots to hurt all competetors especially their large rivals by taking up as much search space as possible and leave those with less market power in the sand or in a massively taxing bid war which will only fill ISP's coffers, not in interest of any aspiring or well known country. Net neutrality truely allows for true competition and effective marketing, allowing the use of an (currently) unbiased platform on which they can attract consumers and customers for their carefully crafted media and marketing pitches which spreads through word of mouth (tweeting, facebook, forums, etc). this bill can serverely limit or enhance this media campain based on how much money you want to spirit away into a bidding war which could be better spent creating products. Net neutrality, for all those who don't have a dime to add, from the spreading of their message, business or ideas derserve a chance to be competitive and heard which the country is founded on, democracy and capitalism respectively. I ask you please allow the greatest and so far longest lasting hub of equally opputuinity for all and the wide spread healthy competition for business owners, CEO and small.
—Scott, Melbourne,

Throw out the rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. We often comment on how scary and controlling it is that the Chinese government what parts of the internet users can see or not - it is just as scary if Cable companies and ISPs have that power. Keep the internet free and innovative.
—Karina Robinson, Brooklyn, NY

Remember when cabletelevision was commercial free because you paid for it? Now look at it. You pay for it and watch the commercials that also pay for it. There isn't a big business operating today that can be trusted. GE paying no taxes in the USA. Housing bubble, Enron, Saving & Loan scandal just to name a few. Our news stations being paid to to air stories or not to air stories. The free internet is the only way to find out what is happening in the world. Control the information and you control the people. The internet of today is the radio free Europe of yesterday.
—Robert Malloy, Buffalo, NY

Make the Internet available to all equally…Do not limit our access to information…Do not discriminate against the have a little versus the have a lots. Big business should not control online content and applications...
—Carmela Minckler, Norwich, NY

Stop allowing less choices and let freedom, nuetrality prevail for all businesses.
—Kristin Thompson, Sacramento, CA

What is more important is getting rid of people like wheeler who are beholden to the cable companies yet have the top job at the FCC, WTF? You should not be the head of this agency, period. You are there to do the bidding of the cable companies NOT the real people who use the internet and I think it is disgusting. Do your damn job NOW and save the internet for what it is supposed to be and has been for the people!!!!!! Keep your slimy cable hands of off our internet!!!
—Dee Noblett, Mechanicville, NY

We don't want an internet discriminated by internet service providers. Where does the freedom go?? Not everyone has a pocket filled with dollars!
—J Schreurs, haelen,

Please keep isps as common carriers. Allowing established big corporations to push this through will only slow innovation and American economic growth further.
—Zena Stoudt, Allentown, PA

This will effect the Seniors,and students who may not be able to afford more money. When would it stop AT&T,Comcast, and Verizon all make enough money they don't need to add the extra fees, at a time when a lot of jobs only pay mim. wage or just above. Students need the internet to do their school work, this could/would inpact them and our nation for years to come. What about job seekers if you can't afford to pay the fees would you loose out on a good job if these companies pick who and what the content would be? This is America leave the internet alone so everyone can use it at a good speed, not just a few.
—Caroline Micek, St Charles, IL

To ensure equality and protection of rights on the internet
—Anne, Baltimore, MD

Net Neutrality is important to me !
—Chaupitre, GARGAS,

This will have a terrible impact on startups and innovation. Ending net neutrality means you hate america and innovation.
—Elaine, okc, OK

The U. S. Used to lead the way in respecting equal rights to all. It has been a rocky road but generally moving in that direction. Internet neutrality is today's fight and corporations have coopted the conversation. Anything less than complete net neutrality should be criminal
—Christopher Southall, Little Rock, AR

Keep the internet free and safe. Reclassify ISP's as common carriers.We need Net Neutrality. No more discrimination.
—Marcia Hoffman, Berkeley, CA

Dear FCC, Please do not institute the new internet rules that have been recently proposed that would remove "net neutrality." The internet has become a public arena for speech that must be accessible to all, regardless of income or clout. Sincerely, Jon R. Norman
—Jon Norman, Chicago, IL

These so called "rules" will have profound implications that will stretch globally! This isn't an issue just isolated to the USA as many people think. Stop letting big corporations control this! Listen to the people! The people who pay for your salary! You yourself are affected by these "rules" as well and by passing such you will be hindering the ability for an open internet for all and our future generations.
—John Stine, Auburn, NY

Please keep the internet neutral. We all deserve the same access to information and knowledge.
—Paul Walker, Portland, OR

Please support small business and don't let a few big companies control the innovation of the American people - support net neutrality.
—Jeremiah Greco, Rhinebeck, NY

ISPs must be classified as common carriers. The use of internet should be equal for all.
—Lyudmila Nemtsev, CHICAGO, IL

Net neutrality for all the people!
—Mathilde Halcomb, Baton Rouge, LA

Dear FCC: The internet is a utility and should be regulated accordingly under Title II common carrier rules. Thanks.
—Seth Ashley, Boise, ID

Large ISPs already have too much power over users in the form of regional monopolies. Additional fees and "slow lanes" are a terrible idea. Giving them potential control over the free exchange of thought is dangerous. The proposal would not only hurt the mass of American citizens, it will put the country at a disadvantage globally. Please PRESERVE Net Neutrality!
—Laura Covello, Ulster Park, NY

Net neutrality is important to me because the Internet should be open and free. If we give companies with deep pockets better access just because they can afford to pay for it then what happens with someone who can't afford that. We should not give certain people faster access & I will be very upset if this happens.
—Stan Overby, Baltimore, MD

Please support net neutrality as this is important to our society
—John P, Chicago, IL

Don't let the corporations get their hands on the Internet!
—Paul Acheson, North Port, FL

Dear FCC, I am a professional in the website maintenance and marketing. As a small business it is very important for me to keep the internet free and equal. Already we do not have the huge budgets of the corporations but if you allow companies to pay to rule the free and open community that the internet is supposed to be you will destroy the innovation and growth of new and small businesses. Everybody have one vote, an opinion on how the world wide web is supposed to be operating but you are taking away that vote by allowing corporations and companies with deep pockets to bend your ear and cast multiple votes. Keep it free, open and equal.
—Daniel Botha, Stamford, CT

I pay a fair amount of money to use the Internet. I enjoy what I can stream. If they get their way I'll just no longer invest in future technology products because it will be to expensive to use with the new Internet. I'm sure many people will do the same thing
—Joseph medina, Albuquerque, NM

Net Neutrality is important just as freedom of speech is. It's a platform for anyone who has an opinion. Once it's gone, established corporation gets all the say. We'll be help the rich gets richer.
—Michael But, Markham,

Are you kidding! Allowing ISP's to control internet speed is a huge mistake! If approved, the rules would effectively give them the power to control the internet content we view. The FCC must maintain Net Neutrality by reclassifying ISP's as common carriers. The proposed rules are not the answer, and will result in the loss of choice for internet users.
—Steven R. Langlois, Hope Valley, RI

ISPs should be reclassified as a common carriers.
—Douglas Igelsrud, Greenbelt, MD

Innovation comes from our small business and start ups as a society. Apple, Dell, Google, Facebook ect all started as small businesses. Discrimination for online content stifles innovation. We are currently living in the Information Revolution, and much like the Industrial Revolution it is the path of economic progress for this country. The established corporation has the revenue and capital to flourish under the proposed policy the FCC is advocating. This is wrong and against the principles of the American markets, or at least it should be. Internet is a utility and should be considered one. How many businesses cannot function without internet access? Help our start ups not our already gluttonous ISPs.
—Jason R Carlson, Colorado Springs, CO

I am writing in support of Net Neutrality, the principle that protects free speech and innovation on the Internet. The public should decide where to go on the internet without cable companies and deciding how fast they get there. The FCC should treat Internet service providers like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon as common carriers, and prevent companies from blocking, censoring or discriminating against Internet traffic.
—Tim Harms, Brooklyn, NY

Americans built the framework for internet commerce, like we built roads and other infrastructure. For one segment of private industry to claim it as its own is offensive, as if one industry can claim the nation's highway system. The net should be neutral -- citizens paid for it, and they shouldn't have to pay more for access again..
—Jana Byington-Smith, Chesterfield, MO

Because we need the internet to be a place of free and interesting thought, where everyone has access and can be heard.
—Ian Hagen Fyfield, Portland, OR

The Internet should be available to all people living in the city or country. Corporations don't care about the FREEDOM of the Internet. Allowing them to divide it up and give others advantages is wrong. Do the right thing Tom Wheeler. Don't let the corporate goons intimidate you. Where is your courage to stand up for and do what is right? Throw out your FCC rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. That's what they are, carriers. Do the right thing Tom Wheeler.
—June James, clinton TWP, MI

The last thing that is needed is to have the Internet, a mode of communication and major enabler of free speech, to be moderated by any entity. Allowing this would seriously widen the gates to further actions to undermine THE PEOPLE's power to quickly voice concern, dissent and any other expression they may wish to share with multitudes.
—Nick Charles Goins, Denver, CO

The Internet shouldnt be broken into a slow lane and fast lane. The Internet needs to be free to grow and a free place for exchange of ideas without being hindered.
—Benjamin Freck, fort Walton beach, FL

Net neutrality is necessary in a democracy so that all citizens have the same potential to equally access sources of information. In the digital age, knowledge is created through and located on the internet as a medium; treating access to the internet as simply a product to be sold denies the reality of how we as citizens use the internet for speech, education, commerce, and communication. Selling speed to the highest bidder and slowing other content functions as an inherent limit to those fundamental rights we guard fiercely in the physical world, namely freedom of speech and universal compulsory education. Creating a tiered system of access to the internet is functionally not very different than institutionalizing inequality to access a library or a school. The internet is a public good, not a private business.
—Ms. K Goldstein, Bloomington, IN

I believe in equal access to speech and to vital utilities and I think both are in jeopardy if net neutrality is not maintained. Please don't let big, profit-driven corporations win on this one!
—Margarita Nafpaktitis, Los Angeles, CA

The cable companies have already made viewing television unaffordable for me. I don't have the income for premium channels and my basic channels are being whittled away each time I turn around. Do not let corporations have control over the internet. Allow "the people" to have freedom to content and access to the internet at affordable prices.
—KIm Swider, London, OH

Net neutrality protects my freedom of speech and that of the human populous. This country needs free men as our founders have stated in the bill of rights.
—Jared Lieberman, huntingdon valley, PA

Please, for the love of all that is good and holy, keep our internet as it is. It is one of the last true freedoms that we, as a united earth, have to share with each other.
—Rachel, little rock, AR

FFCC, net neutrality has enabled me to learn all my crafts without going to school. I make a living out of knowledge acquired from the internet.
—Carlos Mats, Tegucigalpa,

As an employee of a tech start-up company, Net Neutrality is an extremely important quality of the open Internet. Undermining Net Neutrality strikes at the heart of American innovation and capitalism. Further, if Chairman Wheeler's proposal is allowed, an effective data monopoly would be set up, with only the largest tech and service providers at the top. Setting up a two tier Internet system is un-American and should not be allowed. The FCC is on the doorstep of a terrible decision; please make the right choice and support Net Neutrality.
—Michael Howard, Canton, OH

Because this is where my freedom of speech really truly shines.
—Madeline G., Cedar Park, TX

Protect Net Neutrality. FCC, throw out the rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. I do not trust these companies, they will abuse their power for profit while leaving countless others such as myself, voiceless and powerless.
—Amorette Young, Bryan, TX

It ain't broke, so don't "fix" it. You're just pulling your forelocks for a few greed-crazed fools.
—Tex Wood, Stuart, VA

fcc do your job and protect the people. throw out the rules proposed by tom wheeler and reclassify isp's as common carriers.
—John P Mabey, san jose, CA

Net Neutrality is part of what makes the internet such a great resource. Everyone should have equal access.
—Joshua Braska, Chicopee, MA

I am staunchly for keeping Net Neutrality on the internet. Chairman Wheeler is wrong in pushing for the end of Net Neutrality. The FCC needs to stop this plan to end Net Neutrality and should reclassify internet service providers as common carriers. Please keep Net Neutrality!!!
—Brian Bakker, Nashua, NH

You proposed rules are unfair and biased towards the large corporations. It doesn't benefit at all the user and will end up generating more distrust and animosity towards the government.
—Louis Knight, Rio Piedras,

Please don't make it even harder to have a level playing field where all voices are equal. Don't let money outweigh actual speech more than it already does.
—Laura withers, Portland, ME

Internet providers are already charging ridiculous rates and making astronomical profits. Why would anyone assume that creating a 'two-tiered Internet' would promote neutrality?? A two tiered format will immediately create inequality within the system. In a country, in which income equality is already a serious problem, why would any rational thinking person want to add to that growing issue? Please, for once, use some common sense and see though the dollar signs being offered-up behind closed doors..
—Erin Gajic, Warren, OH

Because I'm being over charged and ripped off already by my Isp, do you really want it to be worse?
—Matthew Hall, boise, ID

Dear FCC, Please stick with the Net Neutrality approach that made the Internet the revolutionary tool for communication and commerce it is today. Don't give ISPs the option to charge companies a premium for faster service than the rest of us. We don't need a dirt road running alongside the information superhighway. Best regards, Emily S. Greco Arlington, Virginia
—Emily S. Greco, Arlington, VA

The net should be reclassified as a public utility, not privatized to enable a few big players to profit and hold ordinary citizens hostage to the profit motive. At this point, the internet is becoming an essential aspect of communication, and the trend indicates this will only become more true in the years to come. Open access to communication tools and the ready exchange of information and ideas is the cornerstone of a free and democratic society.
—Helen E Ensign, Atlanta, GA

The internet is not broken. It works beautifully. We already pay cable companies (more than!) enough. Let's don't let them rule our internet space any more than they already do.
—Sheri Featherston, Macon, GA

Not that this matters because you guys are going to do whatever you want, but maybe voicing my opinion for net neutrality will influence some of the employees at the FCC.
—Tain Collins, Sunset beach, NC

To: Tom Wheeler/FCC I strongly oppose your proposed plan. Policy should not favor those who can pay the most. Please classify ISPs as common carriers to protect equal access to the internet for all.
—Tim Barber, Spokane, WA

My parents are barely recovering from bankruptcy. They work from home now from sunup until sundown trying to pick up the pieces and support themselves. They do EVERYTHING online, from their taxes to just doing business. They finally have a chance to recover, and if you force them to pay extra just to operate at optimum, you're going to put them right back where they started. Do us a favor: be human for five damn minutes and think about what you will be doing to these people.
—Stephanie, Portland, OR

Getting rid of Net Neutrality, would go against the Freedom of Information Act and the Freedom of Speech Act. By letting the rich and Corporate America control the flow and content of information we receive. Sorry but I don't want to live in a world that was depicted in the Novel and Movie of George Orwell's Nineteen Eighty-Four, sometimes published as 1984. If you haven't read the book or seen the movie I suggest you do one of them. Here is a link to the movie trailer. <iframe width="420" height="315" src="//www.youtube.com/embed/Z4rBDUJTnNU" frameborder="0" allowfullscreen></iframe>
—Mr Danny James DeTora, Citrus Heights, CA

Classify ISPs as common carriers now. Do you serve the citizens of the USA who pay you salary? We are paying attention.
—Judy Daniels, Birmingham, AL

I believe net neutrality is vital to a free, democratic future for all Americans. I do not support Chairman Wheeler's plan; instead, all Internet Service Providers should be classified as common carriers.
—Kelly Miller, Los Angeles, CA

The Internet is far beyond what many expected it to be and it is very important to not only myself but to others around the world. It is more than an information infrastructure but a necessity for those to communicate openly and freely. The main reason the Internet was established was so that people could quickly access data from sites as well as programs over an open architecture network. Without net neutrality, consumers and businesses will be in the hands of ISPs to be taken advantage of even more. By not supporting Net Neutrality you are going against the main goal of what the Internet was suppose to be. To add even more, right now the United States is already behind in Internet speed ranking in at #14, while places such as Hone Kong (#1), South Korea (#2), Japan (#3), Singapore (#4), Israel (#5) and Romania (#6) are focusing more on providing their citizens with high quality speeds with 1 Gbps costing as cheap as $40 dollars in Singapore. In the United States 50 mpbs is costing around $80. They are receiving 20x the speed for half the cost. Does this even seem fair to you? We have to put the average family household in perspective when making these decisions and rules. Instead of wanting to create fast lanes, we should be focusing on creating better technology and faster speeds as well as making sure that everyone has equal access to all data and paying a fair price for the Internet like other countries, otherwise the United States will continue to lag.
—Charla Littlejohn, MEMPHIS, TN

As someone who has made their living making content and working solely on the internet, I feel Net Neutrality needs preserved rather than face the changes the FCC is suggesting. My professional life as an entertainer would be heavily affected as well as my more civilian use of the internet.
—Kris Wilson, Fort Collins, CO

Dear FCC please don't allow discrimination against the artists in the world. Remember the earth without art is just "eh". I wish to one day make a living from my art, please don't make that harder than it already is. Tell the FCC to throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Thank you /Robin
—Robin Karlsson, Goteborg,

As one of the developers of what may have been only the second web site in the US (the site for the SLD High Energy Physics Collaboration at Stanford University), I have watched the blooming of the web as one of the greatest spinoff achievements of all of international science (and a great tribute to the foresight of the US research community). It is due to openness, to net neutrality, that this bloom has been so vigorous. It is essential to a vigorous economy that the US retain Net Neutrality.
—Joseph Perl, Oakand, CA

As we move into the future, the internet will become pervasive to our lives in ways we can only begin to imagine. Surely, within a few years time one could say that pretty much all of our personal experiences will somehow be online (i.e. google glass technology, augmented reality, etc etc). Everything we do will be dependent upon our connection to the web. Keeping this in mind, breaking REAL Net Neutrality and allowing private entities to control the flow of that information is a fundamental threat to freedom of speech, freedom of press, and any other basic rights you can think of. Once you give a company the ability to decide which data takes precedence over other data, you are allowing a private company to regulate our very basic freedoms. Make no mistake, by giving up on Net Neutrality and awarding this power of decision to private companies is a breach of civil rights on a very large scale. Whomever is in charge, whether it be Tom Wheeler or some other lobbyist organizations, they should know that breaching Net Neutrality is the most unAmerican thing one can do in this day and age. You have been given the job of representing the American people and protecting our online rights. Do your job and protect Net Neutrality as it is defined. It is your responsibility as an American, which should supersede your loyalties to cable companies and lobbyists. That is why you have this job. Do not fail us. This is THE most fundamentally dangerous rewriting of rules i have seen in my lifetime, and the level to which it has not been reported in the media is overwhelmingly disturbing. Please, do not breach Net Neutrality. Information and our ability to communicate with each other does NOT belong to the private sector. It is a fundamental right.
—Mr. Alexander Haupt, Havertown, PA

I will not see private corporations be able to make the Internet theirs, it is all of ours. I know they say their intentions AR good but I don't believe it. A tiered Internet is just the first step, next comes the throttling and censorship of websites that they don't agree with. It sounds a little like China Web censorship in the future. Don't give away the only level playing field we have left. Being born in America is already like joining a monopoly game when all the property is bought, the Internet is the only glimmer of actual freedom and hope.
—Brenden emery, Los angeles, CA

To The FCC: as a citizen of the United States, I urge you to Protect Net Neutrality, reclassify ISPs as common carriers. It is the right thing to do, based on our history of acting to support and enforce the Bill of Rights. In this question of the people vs huge corporations, the government MUST side with the rights of our citizens and act to protect the common good.
—Iris Chow, Ventura, CA

Please create a free and open internet and declare the internet a COMMON CARRIER. Make rules that allow ALL people and communities to have EQUAL ACCESS to the internet and the highest possible speeds. Make specific rules that allow and encourage local MUNICIPALITIES to develop their own ISP services.
—Steven Ballantine, Los Angeles, CA

Capitalism only works so long as there's competition. The telecommunication giants work in collaboration to fix prices, and limit competition. These are monopolies that hurt consumers. And for an open Internet. For equal speeds, and I am against the FCC trying to sell us out to corporate lobbyists.
—Tyler Lyle, Santa Minuca, CA

Because I want my children to grow up in a free society where information is available to them regardless of what ISP their parents pay for; RECLASSIFY NOW.
—Diandra Mezta, Imperial Beach, CA

Free and open access to communications and information is one of the foundations of our society. The internet should be open to all, at the same level of access and not become a mufti-tiered platform whose services are provided to only those that can pay a premium. Even large providers like NetFlix, who use a large amount of bandwidth, already pay for it and should not be forced to pay extra just because they are doing well in their business.
—Theo ten Brummelaar, Altadena, CA

Since I was born I had always believed in freedom, that our minds and bodies are only limited by our thoughts. This thing that we all use the internet should be no different than our minds, it should accessable to anyone, it should work at its highest level, it should be limitless amd continue to grow. I do not believe in money, It is the ultimate tool in the enslavement of our minds and capabilities. Allowing money to influence the running of the internet will lead to the same enslavement that has kept us all in the dark for so long, please consider the core principals this government was founded upon and make sure that the decision being made is for the people and not the corporations. Thank you.
—Patrick Weingarten, niskayuna, NY

Your proposed rules, dreamt up by a telecom lobbyist, further the death of capitalism through the rapacious ravaging of the few American consumers still left. Capitalism depends on the flow of capital. Once everyone has been completely decimated, the inevitable downward spiral will follow. Tom Wheeler is still young enough to have a chance at living out his 80s under a bridge somewhere.
—Zoltan Boka, Nowhere, NY

Wheeler's plan benefits Internet service providers - that just WRONG. The American people paid for the development of the internet with their tax dollars. The rules need to be reclassified to benefit the American public, NOT the companies who already have highly lucrative profit margins, and will be able to commit highway robbery/rape because they can afford to hire lobbyist's. Where is the AMERICAN PUBLIC'S protection? The fact that we have to even have this conversation is indicative of the power money has in our political system.
—Laura StClaire, Sausalito, CA

Net neutrality IS important to me. It levels the playing field for free speech and gives everyone an opportunity to be heard. It ensures that I'm not just getting what a communications corporation thinks I should want. And it helps ensure that my children will have better access to information in the future. Additionally, net neutrality means I can research information for work and get a wide variety of useful information, rather than just what some company pays to inform me of. Keep the internet free and keep it neutral! Thanks for considering my opinion!
—Will Stutz, Ballwin, MO

A free and open internet is vital to democracy in the Unitied States especially in light of Telcom 96. Please keep the Net free and nuterial.
—Jay Marvin, Littelton, CO

The FCC is bought and paid for by the lobbyist's who work for the Internet Service providers AT&T, Comcast, Verizon. That is the problem. Period. The Internet was developed with Americans tax dollars, and should be accessible to all Americans regardless of their ability to pay. Our elected officials used to represent the American public, but not anymore.
—John Kassar, Sausalito, CA

Internet is purely of the people,by the people ,for the people hence is Democratic. Sir , it's now time to remind the lines of Declaration of Independence that states "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness." and this should apply to the Internet also in terms of Datas & Information. "Internet is the most useful & powerful invention made in the History of Human evolution till date." There's so many ways an open internet impacts the life of every people who use it and learn from it, be it education or security,peace or prosperity .etc .Over the time Internet has become a friend & part of our life.It is on of the most necessity tool for the development of our World.So putting discrimination in it will make the things even more chaotic.Can you afford it Sir?Can you take the responsibility for putting the lives of billions and billions of people into misery ,who directly & indirectly benefit from internet ,hence the consequences? Please do n't.People all over the globe irrespective of their differences have united to pledge for net neutrality.Don't it seems like a good sign?This is the power of Internet. Hope You & FCC 'll take care of rest. Thanks & regards.
—Anupam Kumar, Cuttack,

Many years ago I gave up on the idea of a government by the people and for the people. Now it's clearly by the rich for the rich and corporations. Congress continues to to either repeal older laws or enact new ones that are clearly in the interest of corporations, to make more money at the expense of the rest of the 99% of us. In fact I'm continually surprised that so few citizens in this country are aware of all this. Please, do not allow these companies to get control of the internet. Take a strong stand for Net Neutrality and what's best for the people of this country instead of what's best for a few rich and powerful people and companies. Stop selling out this country and it's government to the rich and powerful.
—Mr David J Behr, Phoenix, AZ

Wheeler's two tied plan does not benefit the American consumer - we lack the lobbyist's effort on our behalf since our elected officials no longer represent the American public. The internet was developed and paid for by American Taxpayers -NOT internet service providers. 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's not right, the FCC needs to stop being influenced by lobbyist money and do the right thing and protect our rights to real Net Neutrality.
—Lauren Marguglio, San Francisco, CA

Keep it available for everyone!
—Lynn M Paslick, Louisville, KY

I am grossly upset by the already existing internet service quality I hear my online friends banter about. We don't need even more tools of oppressive money-grubbing by the companies permitted to provide such an important service. If you're not careful, competition will come your way and your ruin will be on the horizon.
—Myufi Blackketter, West Richland, WA

Freedom of speech is important to me, and this will take those away not allowing me to have the freedom to go and do as I please with the information that I have and what I wish to gain. As a small business owner I depend on the internet to place my business out there and without it my business would likely die in in the weeds.
—Karen Parquet, Alexandria, VA

The internet belongs to the progress of the world, and to all of humanity!
—Ms. Dinah Kudatsky, Amherst, MA

Preferred Internet access if granted to deep-pockets competitors would threaten the survival of small businesses. We already pay hefty fees to Internet providers, who make huge profits. This would upset the great principles that America stands for. The FCC to uphold the principles of 'Net neutrality.
—Mr. Mark Holberg, Watertown, NY

FCC, throw out proposed rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Protect Americans and Net Neutrality, not huge corporations who want to control what we read, see, hear and know. NO, NO, NO to the Wheeler Plan! No to two-tier. No to Republican thuggery.
—T Owen Thorne, elkton, MD

The FCC must preserve Net Neutrality by designating broadband as a telecommunications service under the law. Failure to reclassify Internet Service Providers as common carriers is an attack on our rights to connect and communicate. Net Neutrality is required for an Internet that enables and protects free speech. Please keep the Internet open for everyone. Please do not make a class-based Internet where information can be stifled. The Internet providers should not be allowed to charge different companies more or less for their data or to slow down, or block, access to Web sites and services they don't like or which with they compete.
—Mary M. Sifferlen, Melrose, MA

Reclassify internet service providers as common carriers. If the internet becomes a pay for speed medium, then the FCC should be obligated to implement a Fairness Doctrine.
—Ayman Hossam Fadel, Augusta, GA

Re: FCC Dockets 14-28 and 10-127 I am writing to comment on the above-referenced docket numbers. I oppose the proposed rules. Neutrality must remain the bedrock of the internet. A level playing field is essential, both to promote and ensure the commercial innovation that has made the internet such an exciting and useful tool, and to ensure that there is no discrimination in the dissemination of ideas, facts, and political opinions through this essential medium. The proposed rules would not maintain net neutrality, but would open the door to discrimination. The internet is tool that was developed at public expense. It has allowed certain large, private companies to acquire massive wealth. There is not necessarily anything wrong with this, but these companies should not be given the ability to effectively privatize this public resource by restricting its use. In exchange for their right to use this public resource, corporations must be required to provide access to all in a non-discriminatory manner. The FCC appears to be doing the bidding of a few large corporations, not doing what the American people overwhelmingly want. Net neutrality must remain an absolute and inviolable principle of the internet. Communications companies should be reclassified and regulated as common carriers so that this can be accomplished. Very truly yours, Richard D. Barish
—Richard D. Barish, Albuquerque, NM

Dear Fcc, Time Warner charges me ridiculous sums of money each month for a connection that only works a good 2 hours every day, I am currently on their "fastest plan" because the lower plans were intolerably slow when they were actually working. On top of that the FORCED me to rent their equipment (modem/router), even though I already had my own that I had set up, all the technician needed to do was activate the internet connection to my home, but said he was not allowed to turn on the connection until I purchased a modem/router from them, for an extra 20 dollars a month, that was their cheapest one I could rent, and it is vastly inferior to my own modem/router, theirs BREAKS all the time, the hardware sucks, and its broadcast range and signal strength suck. I have spent more money renting this piece of crap equipment than I spent buying my own. On top of this TWC slows my connection when I am online gaming, or streaming music/movies in the least subtle way possible, I test my speeds when using Media streaming services and gaming all the time, I also do regular speed tests when I am just doing regular browsing, the speed difference is astounding, when I had just recently been streaming something my speeds will be 10-20 Megabytes slower than what I am paying for. This is unacceptable behavior by TWC, but they are the only choice I have in my area, since this is how it works throughout america, I am completely outraged that ISPs are not treated like utility companies and other "natural monopolies". Not to mention the money these companies put into the political system to keep new competitors out, did you guys even realize Comcast and TWC have spent millions lobbying for more restrictions on new ISPs and people trying to lay down new infrastructure, specifically in the 3 states where google fiber is now available! Don't these practices seem even a bit unethical to you? if you cared even the slightest for the people of america, you would help preserve Net Neutrality. I work hard for my money, and I would prefer to keep it, cause right now I'm spending almost 1/6 (i only make 600 a month if I'm lucky) of what I make each month on sub-par service, that is un-necessarily expensive, and forces me to pay for equipment I do not need, and even if I had option for another provider, they don't even let you cancel, I tried to when moving to an apartment closer to my university, and even though I told them I would not be living their anymore, the woman on the phone REFUSED to cancel my plan, she then hung up, this happened 3 times before I screamed at one of them, was then transferred to some Supervisor or something, and then I was allowed to cancel my services. The industry as a whole is messed up and needs someone keeping it fair for the consumer. Please and thank you, From, a struggling college student with a 63,000 dollar a year tuition, and an 8.50 an hour job
—Michael Petrillo Alvarez, Troy, NY

Free communication and speech between individuals and/or groups is vital for the growth and betterment of humankind.
—Faisal Boyer Clark, Los Angeles, CA

Please think about others before along a decision. Is it really fair?
—Jason Cohee, Bowling Green, OH

Net neutrality is the absolute necessity for the growth of small business.
—Ying Zhao, Evanston, IL

I don't want internet companies, some of which also own news outlets, to be able to determine/control what I look at on the internet. We should be able to access what we want, when we want as it is now. The internet is a national resource that these companies should not be able to profit further from and everyone should have equal access.
—Russel Sher, Van Nuys, CA

I feel that net neutrality is endanger if the rules are not changed to reclassify ISPs as common carriers. A "faster" lane of traffic is more than just data speed, it is information manipulation. As a consumer, if I pay for a certain speed of access, I expect to receive that what was paid for. From a business point of view, one has to pay for internet services as well, but to be able to pay for priority is just like bribery to the ISPs to get ahead of the other competitors. It will squash startups leaving only the established businesses left with very little diversity/choice for consumers. Please reconsider and reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Tara Cheung, San Leandro, CA

Dear FCC: Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers and protect real net neutrality. Protect net neutrality!
—Fermin Fontanes, San Juan, PR

Keep the net nutral and accessible please
—Michelle, gladstone, MO

Pease don't mess up my internet and give it to the evil corporations our country is messed up enough as it is.
—Timothy Thompson, Sammamish, WA

Chairman Wheeler's proposed plan of de-regulation for internet providers is godawful! The F.C.C. should be ashamed to even consider it. Please end these misguided rulings supported by Chairman Wheeler. Thank you!
—Matthew Bush, Columbus, OH

I can't afford the extra fees for something as simple as internet, money that could be going towards my education or greater goods. I DO NOT approve of Net Neutrality!
—Sarwat Siddiqui, New York, NY

We DO NOT want an option for opening a fast-lane for data to use and connect. All internet traffic should be treated equally. Nothing should be blocked, all data should be delivered equally at the same speed, always. We don't need Internet Service Providers intentionally slowing down connection speeds and data delivery to and from sites such as NetFlix, or other Video Media sites just so that they can have people pay for an internet fast lane. Once that happens it's guaranteed that only big companies like Google, Amazon and others will be the only ones able to cover the costs of the fast lanes, while leaving out the start-ups from joining as they won't be able to compete with companies on capital. Internet fast lanes practically dooms the "other lane' to oblivion and would leave users and companies to ensure that they pay up for fast lanes to enjoy content as expected. Why should I haveto pay for connection speeds twice? Why should I have to pay to have internet data connected to my house and then have to pay again to have it stream at a reasonable and enjoyable speed that isn't intentionally slowed down? Why haven't Internet Service provider taken the initative of upgrading their infrastructure to handle faster speeds and practically making up lies that ammerican public don't want faster internet speeds (TimeWarner CEO), only because they haven't found a solid way figuring out how to squeeze out more profits from it? Do we apply the same tactics to water? That you pay for water to your house, and if you want a steady stream of it, you have to pay again? No, we don't. Internet is now an essential part of life, it should be treated like a utility. There should be no introduction of an internet fast lane. Internet Service Providers should be treated like basic utility company. Just like water and electricity is set for all, and not intentionally slowed down, so should internet traffic - treated equally for all users regardless of where the data is coming or going to. We do not need internet fast lanes. We need to ensure internet service providers treat all data equally without intentionall slowing down connection speeds
—Emmanuel Calder, Bridgeport, CT

Keep the internet off your lobbying and campaign fund agenda.
—Paul, Sunnyvale, CA

Gentlemen, An open internet is essential to our Countries productivity. This is going to smother small business advertising. I have put much time and effort in to my content. This law would minimize my hard efforts and the same for millions of others. I am a solo attorney who has relied on a level playing field. The internet must remain neutral, or it should be unplugged for advertising. Feel free to contact me at my office at 614-575-1188. Find out from a small business, solo practiconer that relies on neutrality and works hare on up to date relevant content. You have my name and phone so call me and here what the AFFECTED have to say.
—Scott R Needleman, Columbus, OH

I am for a FREE and OPEN internet! DO NOT ALLOW THE CABLE/TELECOM GIANTS TO RUIN OUR INTERNET!!! You cannot allow this or it will stifle business and innovation for decades! Corporate greed cannot be allowed to prosper on the backs of citizens!!!
—Stephen Harrington, Andover, MN

Establing monopolies by destroying net neutrality will ruin equitable access to information. I oppose the fast lane concept.
—Peter Hendrick, Alstead, NH

Because I value diversity, free speech, innovation, and unfettered access to information.
—Emil Marmol, Tustin, CA

Dear FCC, Net neutrality is the First Amendment of the Internet, the principle that Internet service providers (ISPs) treat all data equally. As an Internet user, net neutrality is vitally important to me. The FCC should use its Title II authority to protect it. Most Americans have only one choice for truly high speed Internet: their local cable company. This is a political failure, and it is an embarrassment. America deserves competition and choice. Without net neutrality, a bad situation gets even worse. These ISPs will now be able to manipulate our Internet experience by speeding up some services and slowing down others. That kills choice, diversity, and quality. It also causes tremendous economic harm. If ISPs can speed up favored services and slow others, new businesses will no longer be able to rely on a level playing field. When ISPs can slow your site and destroy your business at will, how can any startup attract investors? Even if an ISP doesn't technically "slow down" any traffic, the proposed Fast Lanes will have the same effect: smaller developers and businesses that are unable to pay for the Fast Lanes will end up on the slower side of the Internet road. My friends, family, and I use the Internet for conversation and fun, but also for work and business. When you let ISPs mess with our Internet experience, you are attacking our social lives, our entertainment, and our economic well being. We won't stand for it. ISPs are opposing Title II so that they can destroy the FCC's net neutrality rules in court. This is the same trick they pulled last time. Please, let's not be fooled again. Title II is the strong, legally sound way to enforce net neutrality. Use it. Please classify Internet traffic and service providers/companies the same as Telephone/voice traffic and Telcos. Sincerely, Naveed
—Naveed Mahmood, McLean, VA

The internet is important to me because it is a representation of freedom. The internet does not discriminate because it does not have the ability. Internet in it's current state allows a person the freedom to search, explore, learn, communicate and create openly and freely. Having a neutral internet is absolutely imperative if we want to continue to be able to communicate with the world and learn from one another. Recently, a simply seal on my motorcycle broke. I looked up and watched videos (from a guy in London), for free, that taught me how to change it. I saved $350. I shouldn't have to make up that saved money by spending it on paying for better internet so that I could watch the video. That's just one example out of millions.
—Sean Hasenauer, Toledo, OH

Dear FCC!! I am a newly working artist and I get all of my work from online sources and commissions- PLEASE throw out your rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers!! Please protect net neutrality!
—Abigail, Issaquah, WA

Save the free and open Internet!
—Noah T. Winer, Philadelphia, PA

Keep net neutrality! Reclassify ISPs as the common carriers. This is ridiculous.
—Jenessa Belvin, Seattle, WA

Dear FCC, I strongly oppose to ending Net Neutrality. The FCC should start imposing more regulations and expand for more backbone providers. The current rules are not working and to help reign-in your agency's regulatory authority, reclassify Internet Service Providers as common carriers. Thank you.
—Brian Arakaki, Los Alamitos, CA

Dear FCC: Throw out your exisitng rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality.
—Timothy Egan, Sugar Hill, NH

Democracy cannot flourish where those with the most financial resources grow in their domination of our public media space. ISPs should be classified as common carriers.
—Anne E McLaughlin, Portland, OR