

Who owns you? The corporations? It seems so. I'm a former Marine, but I have lost faith in this government, it seems to be but a puppet government for the rich and powerful. They seek only more money, only more power, and they use the government to attain these goals. The most profitable ROI for a corporation is lobbying. That is, the best use of money for corporations is to bribe members of the government to do their bidding. Are you doing their bidding? When your job is done, will you just go back to work for the corporate overlords? Some people don't mind selling out. Where do you stand? These are questions that you should ask yourself, be a self actualized person, decide where you stand.

—Victor Didra, Seattle, WA

Our Founding Fathers established a Post Office to deliver the daily news to it's citizens freely to all, so everyone is INFORMED!!!! We must do the same!!!!!! It is a Common Carrier!!!!!!

—Bob Funkhouser, Chicago, IL

Because a system that by definition gives preference to those who can afford it would never serve the interest of common users like us!

—Felipe Vazquez, El Paso, TX

The internet is a place for us to express our ideas and explore, it is very close to the ideal of freedom and this should not be taken away from us.

—Patrick savill, Wellington, NY

I am a senior citizen living on a small fixed income. I pay for internet service because it is a necessity, and could not manage my life without it. If I had to pay for every website I use, I would have to start making unhappy choices-stop going out for coffee with friends, or no longer take day trips from my senior center.

—Mary Conners, Melrose, MA

Net Neutrality is important because i cant afford to buy more expensive, faster internet.

—Nolan Johnson, King City, CA

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—Shashank Sabniveesu, Morgantown, WV

In America we pay more and get less broadband speed than Estonia and you want to give these people (Comcast , Verizon) the right to slow my Internet even more than they currently do. What are you nuts, or just paid off.

—Gerald wise, santa fe, NM

It's the last good thing we have here in this country to allow us full access to information. DO NOT eff this up. We will not stand for it. This is already a plutocracy. The rich are NOT the arbiters of a democracy. Use your leadership and DUMP this plan

—Beerly Foster, Wayne, PA

Don't the telecommunications companies have enough money and power? It's time to tell these overgrown toddlers NO, and give them a timeout in the corner. They have wheedled, whined, guiled, and bribed to get their way for far too long. Favoritism of this nature will hamper progress and healthy competition. No "hyperspeed" lane for these big babies. It's short-term benefit with long-term detriment. Furthermore, the poor service and diffident attitude of these companies towards those it serves is a serious problem already and warrants investigation, no matter how much lip service they may pay to fostering good customer relations. We all need faster Internet in this country, but this isn't the way forward.

—Carlos Pecciotto, Chicago, IL

Freedom is the foundation of this country, stop ruining it.

—William Wolf Guenette, Chicago, IL

There is no way that I, and the great majority of Americans, can compete financially with those who could pay a premium for "adequate" internet speeds. While many countries have better, faster internet connections than we do, as a matter of course, I, and the other undersigned, and a great many who are unaware of the issue, will be straddled with 'Third-World' conditions. Oh, wait. Many 'Third-World' countries have faster internet speeds than we do.

—David Hull, Wilmington, DE

monopolies and the primacy of Big Business, especially in the media, is killing democracy. Your job is to keep the playing field level for ALL of us, not to go to bat for the big guys.

—J Talbot, austin, TX

Net Neutrality is important to me because I work for a small non-profit NGO. It would be counter-productive if we had to spend a higher percentage on internet costs than we would be able to spend on our programs that help those in need.

—Julie U, Davis, CA

Net Neutrality if part of our First Amendment rights! When we, The People, are concerned about a government Internet watchdog, God SAVE America--and all of us struggling within it! Hundreds of thousands of people have given their health, children, and life in the U.S. fight for Individual Rights. NOW, they are threatened...again. How is it possible, after all the sacrifices The People have made to keep our children and country free????? God help us to always win the Biggest Battle: The sacred right to stay free! Ken

—Ken D. Minor, North Port, FL

If we all don't have equal access, we will wind up on the waiting list to get on.

—Arthur J. Firth, Salisbury, NC

It has to be available to the masses, not the rich corporations.

—Glenn Kramer, Madison, WI

This is another instance of those who are powerful using public officials to remove or diminish the rights of the less powerful general population. Don't you people on the FCC have any pride, integrity or basic morality and ethics regarding your actions and policy regulations? If you were elected officials (which you are not) you would be quickly out of office or probably never elected. I mean, who would elect someone from an industry (i.e., Tom Wheeler) to set and oversee regulations controlling and advancing that industry? Mr. Wheeler, don't you have any moral ethics? I realize you people set up these comment sessions to appease criticism. I also know that NO ONE is going to read or consider my sentiments and I am now basically wasting my time. Please consider representing the 99% who mostly pay your salaries.

Sincerely, Bill Lizewski billizewski@hotmail.com 305-305-6352

—Bill Lizewski, Hollywood, FL

Right now, with the increasingly concerning NSA revelations, tech companies are already starting to reconsider whether they should be basing their operations in the US. If the abandonment of Net Neutrality goes through, that could be the deciding factor for many of them. America should strive to lead in innovation, but continuing handouts to corporate interests are pushing it in the opposite direction.

—Aaron Kunkle, Olympia, WA

The federal government operates as a wholly owned subsidiary of multi-national corporations. It would be refreshing if at least some part of it acted in the interests of the American people it supposedly serves, rather than the corporate welfare queens. The cable and telephone companies already operate monopolistically. They do not need any more opportunity to gouge the American people.

—Edward C Dumchus, Lambertville, NJ

It is demeaning to have to express what is so obvious to nearly anyone with a brain: It is the job of a regulator to regulate. That our FCC regulator was an element of the cable and communications industries lobby is a terrible conflict of interest. It leaves me with a sense that there is very little left of anything decent in the US. Do your job, and regulate the industry. If you are so scared of the industry's taunt to escalate things to the level of "World War III" then you have no business being a regulator.

—Mike holder, Portland, OR

Since the FCC decided to ignore the people's words, I believe it's about time FCC gets a good foot in ass! They think they can get away by making a business out of our business? I say NO! It only takes sadistic idiots to Fuck Shit up! FCC doesn't deserve to exist! They need to be shut down PREMARITALLY!!!!

—Galyn Clarkson-Farrell, Woodhaven, NY

I stand behind Net Neutrality. The internet was developed using they public's tax dollars. It is unconscionable to now give advantages to large corporations. Individuals and small businesses have equal right to internet access. The proposed rules will squelch creativity, access to information, and small business creation and growth. NO. Tom Wheeler's plan is awful and I stand firmly with the rest of the US public against it.

—Dr. Michelle Mills, San Francisco, CA

We need to keep a level playing field. The net belongs to all of us - not big corporations. Classify ISPs as common carriers. Verizon has enough money!

—Rita M. Quinn, Hartwell, GA

Leave the god damn internet alone you slimy god damn greedy bribe takers.

—Ed Hallman, Thomaston, GA

Protect our first amendment rights.

—Jay Treat, King of Prussia, PA

The internet is the last place we can get real information. It is imperative that it be protected, in order to stop the, otherwise, inevitable revolution from taking place.

—Don Garrett, Escondido, CA

The web will become more expensive. The impact on the average Internet user will likely not be felt right away. But over time, websites would probably pass on to consumers the costs of paying for high-speed access. In addition, it could become difficult to view certain websites owned by companies that can't afford to pay for access to an Internet fast lane. On top of Internet users potentially paying more, they would also be more confused. Under the proposed rules, people would need to make sense of a fragmented Internet landscape where the time it takes to load an online video would depend on whether that website paid extra to their Internet provider, which would create a monopoly. Consumers may start choosing their Internet providers based on which websites download fastest.

—Jesse Overton, Centennial, CO

I have a small online business that competes against bigger ones. My business relies on Skype, which is resource-intensive. Right now there is essentially nothing stopping a cable company from harming my company if they had an agreement with a bigger company. But it might not even be about me, it might be that a big cable company wants to force Skype to pay more and in doing so, makes it difficult for us to use this resource we rely on.

—Marla Simpson, Seattle, WA

I AGREE WITH 100+ TECH COMPANIES I write to express my support for a free and open internet. Over the past twenty years, American innovators have created countless Internet-based applications, content offerings, and services that are used around the world. These innovations have created enormous value for Internet users, fueled economic growth, and made our Internet companies global leaders. The innovation we have seen to date happened in a world without discrimination. An open Internet has also been a platform for free speech and opportunity for billions of users. The Commission's long-standing commitment and actions undertaken to protect the open Internet are a central reason why the Internet remains an engine of entrepreneurship and economic growth. According to recent news reports, the Commission intends to propose rules that would enable phone and cable Internet service providers to discriminate both technically and financially against Internet companies and to impose new tolls on them. If these reports are correct, this represents a grave threat to the Internet. Instead of permitting individualized bargaining and discrimination, the Commission's rules should protect users and Internet companies on both fixed and mobile platforms against blocking, discrimination, and paid prioritization, and should make the market for Internet services more transparent. The rules should provide certainty to all market participants and keep the costs of regulation low. Such rules are essential for the future of the Internet. This Commission should take the necessary steps to ensure that the Internet remains an open platform for speech and commerce so that America continues to lead the world in technology market.

—Steven Ivancich, Poulsbo, WA

prove you support the citizens of this country! keep net neutrality help keep monopolies from buying our world! we still have our guns!

—Seanodonnell M O'Donnell, Salem, OR

SCREW YOU OBAMA! YOU PROMISED STRONG NET NEUTRALITY!! INSTEAD YOU WINE AND DINE WITH THOSE WHO POSE THE GREATEST THREAT TO NET NEUTRALITY. AND THEN YOU APPOINT THEIR LAP DOG TO CHAIR THE FCC!@!!! SHAME, SHAME!! BUT THEN I GUESS IT WAS STUPID OF US TO BELIEVE THAT ANYTHING WOULD CHANGE. SORRY I EVER VOTED FOR YOU AND EVEN MORE SORRY I WAS SUCH A FOOL AS TO HAVE EVER BELIEVED IN YOUR EMPTY PROMISES.

—Ken Gunderson, Boise, ID

BIG Business seldom takes into account the best interests of the end user and the general population. Business tends to focus on profits and bonuses for the company leadership. As the end user, I take exception to the loss of Net Neutrality for all user. Why should we become second class users for the profit of a few. I hereby respectfully request you reject the request for Net Neutrality before you.

—Randy Stein, Los Angeles, CA

This is so very unfair to the 99%'ers! If feels 'political' to me as having a 'voice' and being able to sign petitions for issues that are important to me may be a bit threatening to the 1%'ers. Net Neutrality is extremely important to keep and you need to reclassify ISPs as common carriers! You need to do the 'right thing' and keep corporations from taking over even more of our government.

—Janice Ehrenhaft, Mount Vernon, IL

Because it seems to me that if the people we American voters elect do in fact care about the competitive markets and economic growth and, uh, "small businesses" they're always beating their drums about, then they should not pass a resolution that would allow a few (I think the total is three?) huge corporations to reap even more enormous profits at the expense of truly everyone in the country who does not hang out in their boardrooms or own huge shares of their stocks or work at an extraordinarily high level in their offices. Seriously, elected officials of the United States, please just for once take your job seriously and act in the interests of the populace as opposed to a few extraordinarily monied people looking to get richer. (If this sounds histrionic, you should take that as a signal that you are running the United States government in a way that has turned what sounds like a 2AM dorm room rant into a straightforward recitation of facts.) (Also, just to be clear, I'm not at all sure in what capacity my comment will be used or to whom it will be sent. I've only typed this because I'm angry to a degree that simply adding my name and email address below will not lessen.)

—Andrew Heaton, Brooklyn, NY

You have the means to know exactly what I think about net neutrality: Just read my previous rants. Inbox too crammed to search? (snicker) here's a copy: <https://diasp.de/posts/1390692> BTW, the second letter got the same "I'm a strong supporter of the open bla" auto-response, but Wheeler's like that in real life too (a liar): <http://fight4future.tumblr.com/post/87033573953/its-hard-to-ignore-millions-of-voices-calling-for-net> He has to go: <http://cms.fightforthefuture.org/firewheeler/>

—Nimrod Shabtai Kerrett, Ramat gan,

The internet is a "Public Utility" that is owned by all its' users on an equal basis. All users have the right to an internet that operates with equal access at the greatest speed and efficiency.

—David Legg, Milwaukie, OR

Corporations have sold out this country. The only things they are interested in are war and gross profits. So a corporate shill gets named to the FCC, and we're supposed to believe that it's good for us? Spare me. This country used to belong to all of us, as well it should: we the taxpayers paid for it. We pay for the military that pounds the hell out of the rest of the world for profit (we only go to war where there is something to be gained from resources). ARPANET made our military what it is today. We taxpayers funded it. We pay for a lot of the research that private universities do, not the golden goose grants that protect the entitled, but the stuff that gets shared in the so-called commons. DARPA was behind that, and it was a shared protocol. You can make arguments about how "the little people's" emails are a waste of bandwidth. Well, so are the movies and mental bubble gum that passes for entertainment the corporate giants sell -- the A&T, COMCAST and VERIZON et al. Meanwhile, there is the free discourse among citizens, the flow of ideas among inventors, the arguments tried by voters who don't share the 4 networks' silly and inconsequential programming and their downright lies. Bottom line: I want the internet to be available to me so that I can search the world for ideas and argument that aren't tainted by US propaganda and sales pitches.

—Taylor Teegarden, Martinez, CA

It's how I communicate with my friends. It's how I get information from independent news. It's how I pay for medical bills. It's how I organize events in my community. It's how I hope to one day start up an internet business of my own. It's low cost and uncensored. If I wanted to live in Iran or North Korea I would move there. DO NOT KILL NET NEUTRALITY. This is the number one issue for me and my voting will be based ENTIRELY on this and so will every other person I know. This one issue means more to me than any other debate out there. DO NOT PASS THIS. DO NOT KILL NET NEUTRALITY. If this passes internet activity will drop, regardless of who does business on the net.

—Nick Pote, Auburn, NY

I am vehemently opposed to the plan that FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler wants to implement for Internet service providers such as AT&T, Comcast, and Verizon, which would give the aforementioned companies and others like them the power to create a two-tiered Internet. This is rampant and unfair online discrimination that would end Net Neutrality, and permit those who can afford the extra fees these companies would charge the ability to have fast access to online content and applications, while those who could not afford the fees would be subjected to much slower, unfair access to online content. As a retired senior citizen, I already pay to have Internet service; so be it. HOWEVER, I think it would be grossly unfair as well as discriminatory if were to be charged even more to have access to what should be free for ALL online users. I strongly urge you NOT to approve these new rules that would end Net Neutrality, but rather to throw them out and instead, take the fair and right action by reclassifying ISPs as common carriers. Thank you for your attention, and I sincerely hope that you do the right thing.

—Olive Archer, Yonkers, NY

I would like faster internet speeds and the opportunity to start businesses that have an equal opportunity to compete with big companies. The end of Net Neutrality is not only anti-American, it is bad for the economy. Please stop this silly debate and keep internet free.

—Mike Betts, San Francisco, CA

A two-tiered internet works against me as a user and it is outrageous to realize that VERIZON has dared to select this time to raise their internet rates..money gouging from both ends.

—Marilyn e. Darling, Newton Center, MA

This is AMERICA... by the people & for the people.. not just the few CORPORATE CEO'S and investors!!! THINK ACT IN FAVOR of voters WHO NEEDED, Want. can only afford "net Neutrality and .. remember we voted . but will not vote if you put in FCC's controlling corp proposals

—Jean Layton, greensfarms, CT

i LOVE MY FRIENDS THAT ARE ABROAD AND DON'T WANT TO LOST THEM TO NEEDLESS PRICE GOUGING!

—Harry Tucker, Carshalton,

Two Words: COMMON CARRIER! Information carriers must follow the same laws laid down from our first postal service, and carried through every technology since.

—Elizabeth Schrader, Murfreesboro, TN

Stop the sellout.

—Glenn Swanson, Marysville, WA

Throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Mitch Parkinen, Martinez, CA

We must protect competition in our media landscape. Cable companies already operate near-monopolies in most markets across our nation. Giving them control over speed and access will further concentrate their power and ability to make their own rules. It will render both competitors and customers powerless to them. I call on you, FCC, to protect the American public from this power grab. We need you!

—Andrew Klein, Denton, TX

It's time to get rid of all the "rules" and reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Sheila Pratt, Maple Ridge,

Corporations must not be allowed to play God with the internet. Please make sure internet access has common carrier status.

—Linda Alterson Lambert, Wilmot, NH

Absurdity reaches new heights with Tom Wheeler as director of FCC. The fox is guarding the chicken coop, and we are supper. Net neutrality is democracy in action. The proposed changes = capitalism-run-amok oligarchy. Leave the net alone!

—Mallory Pred, Salt Spring Island,

Net Neutrality is the last open frontier we have, and it shouldn't be restricted to those with more money. Practically everything else in life is restricted to those with money.

—Don Beauvais, Pueblo, CO

Common sense.

—Chris Whalley, Topanga, CA

Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers! Wheeler's plan would let Internet service providers like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon create a two-tiered Internet, with fast lanes for those who can afford the extra fees and a slow dirt road for the rest of us. These companies would have the power to pick winners and losers online and discriminate against online content and applications. And no one would be able to do anything about it. This is ridiculously unfair! What about what the people want instead of our country being run by corporations?

—Rhoda Keprta, Arlington, TX

The net has proven to be the one of most powerful entrepreneurial tool so far devised. It is also an unmatched social facilitator. To hand all of this over to the unimaginative, smug rich would be a simply unspeakable tragedy. Please don't do this.

—Gary Otteson, Philadelphia, PA

The internet has introduced the most fertile medium for economic growth and manufacturing technology development in the US in the last 40 Yrs... Why in the world would you put that at risk to pad the profits of a few multinational corporations that don't even want to pay their fair share of taxes in the US???

—David Osinga, San Rafael, CA

Comcast overcharged me for over two years telling me that they had increased their speed? After I complained so much about the cost and never received an answer they included cable tv at no additional charge. Jerry Whaley Lone Tree, CO

—Mr. Jerrold Whaley, Lone Tree, CO

If there is a tiered system only the bias information, lies and vitriol will be pushed by the monied special interests. This will be most of what is seen and this will "buy" opinion.

—Hartson Doak, Pearl City, HI

Please do not create a multi-tiered internet. Keep the net neutral, making the voices and services equal for all. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers and reset your rules.

—Katherine Hasty, Los Angeles, CA

Allowing these corporate thugs to regulate the internet is fucking stupid. If you genuinely don't realise why net neutrality is important then I have to assume the FCC is fucking stupid too. Do the right thing.

—Peter James Cummings, London,

Go Fuck Yourselves, FCC.

—Professor PoopyPants, Nevada City, CA

No "fast lanes" on the internet! It's a public utility, not a private one. Let Verizon build its own net if it wants privileges.

—Michael Berla, Columbia, MD

Our government is giving away our internet to the big corporate entities that are greedily taking everything so that they can meet their payments to their CEO's. The FCC is in our employ, the American people. And though there are the higher ups at the FCC who are no doubt being paid handsomely for favoring Comcast, AT&T and Verizon, I suggest the anger of the American people will make you rue the day you denied our rights for those green gifts. NO DISCRIMINATION! NO FAST LANES! NO PAYOFFS FROM CORPORATE LIZARDS!

—Madeleine Fisher Kern, Los Angeles, CA

I said it once... I say it twice... Don't touch our internet!!!

—Candela Vargas Poveda, Granada,

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—Sue Homer, KAUNAKAKAI, HI

Public communication should never be restricted by ability to pay. We, as a nation, supported the internet's creation and development and we, as a world of communicating citizens, should share equal access to data transmission and speed.

—Judy Whitehouse, Phoenix, AZ

A equal access internet is critical to our country to ensure equal opportunity to speech, innovation, and information. Please protect net neutrality, and do not give Internet service providers like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon the ability to create a two tiered system, or any number of tiers. We need net neutrality.

—Judith Borcz, Woodside, CA

The internet serves as a public utility for millions of business and hundreds of millions of citizens. IT MUST be reclassified as such !!

—Bruce Sims, Escondido, CA

I want to see ALL the channels.

—Margaret Denison, Corvallis, OR

I depend upon an open and free Internet for my tiny business - and, UNLIKE Comcast, Verizon, et al, I DO PAY FEDERAL TAXES - Tom Wheeler - have these big telecoms BOUGHT YOU, LOCK, STOCK, AND BARREL? IF SO, SHAME ON YOU FOR SELLING YOUR SOUL.....

—Patricia Guthrie, Chalfont, PA

Democracy and the free market depend on true net neutrality, not the two-tier system proposed by Tom Wheeler, top lobbyist for the cable industry. As a concerned American citizen, I hereby demand that you THROW OUT THE PROPOSED RULES AND INSTEAD RE-CLASSIFY ISPs AS COMMON CARRIERS. The proposed rules would destroy net neutrality. They are full of deceptive lip service to it, but make no mistake - the actual provisions would let AT&T, Comcast & Verizon pick winners & losers & discriminate against content & applications. I want to live in a real democracy, with a real free market and a truly level playing field. Not a corporate dictatorship where lip service is paid to those principles even as they are trashed by corporate thugs running government bodies like the FCC.

—Judith Silverstein, Berkeley, CA

The internet is ours, it was built by the military with our tax dollars. Take it from us at your peril.

—Matthew Hinton, River Ridge, LA

Do not monopolize free speech and open commerce. The inequality gap is too large already and to permit large corporate control and influence of the net is to exacerbate an already unequal system. A free and open net/economy is the only way to help close that gap.

—Joe Maldonado, Atwood, CA

There is no Freedom without a free flow of information. I wholly support the continuation of net neutrality. Greed is toxic and in no way supports American consumers or our Nation as a whole.

—William Hale, Roseville, MN

I worked on the original internet (US Govt. owned) back in the 1980's, and I was able to conduct official business coast-to-coast without delay. Now a political ad, if the price is right and paid, can take precedence over government communications? That's what Comcast is telling me.

—Peter F Brazitis, Hansville, WA

The net is commons. It should be treated as a common carrier.

—Val Maylone, Tollhouse, CA

Support free speech! Or leave!!  
—Matt Fitzgerald, Denver, CO

It is critical to support competition and keep the monopolies away.  
—Rajiv Jain, Sunnyvale, CA

Save net neutrality! There's a reason so many people hate cable companies. They are near monopolies that have no reason to improve service for which we already overpay. Now they want to bleed more money from their monopolies by extorting money from other big companies, leaving the rest of us stuck with even worse service and permanent second tier access to the internet. Stop this insane plan!  
—Ann Rushton, Sherman Oaks, CA

I do not want yet another form of media taken over by the oligarchy.  
—Steven Solem, Rohnert park, CA

Protect Net Neutrality. Don't let the large corporations win.  
—Lorraine Heagy, Lititz, PA

Equal access to the internet marketplace is essential to the democratic process as well as to the future of entrepreneurial capitalism. To permit established megafirms to price out all possible competition by paying for processing speed that no one else can ever hope to afford is to ensure oligarchy in the 21st century. To permit the virtual monopoly of Internet providers to dictate whose website can be accessed and whose will be systematically buried is an unconscionable dereliction of duty to the public you are elected to serve. We will pay close attention to the vote on this, and remember it in each election year to come.  
—Elaine Apthorp, Milton, MA

We all deserve a chance to have equal access to the internet, including non-profits. It works because it is a free source of communication. Leave it that way.  
—Lynne Nittler, Davis, CA

Who wants big corporations to add on fees for normal net speeds?  
—Fred Karlson, Ferndale, WA

Access to information is important to all people, not just those with money power or influence.  
—Roselee Fleming, clayton, NJ

Internet Service Providers, such as cable companies, developed their businesses on the backs of the public's rights of way. These monopolies already provides us with pathetically poor benefits for their high costs compared with the rest of the world. Do not give them more power to extract outrageous sums from content providers as they do with those of us who are supposed to receive 'service' from them. Do something helpful; maintain Net Neutrality.  
—Greg Vawter, Temple Terrace, FL

Single-tier service is essential to preserving the Internet's democratic essence. ISPs should treat all clients equally, not create different speed and different price lanes. Discarding Net Neutrality will change the essence of the Internet. I completely oppose the FCC's plans to do away with Net Neutrality.  
—Kenneth Ives, Brooklyn, NY

We don't need an internet ghetto. Preserve our Net Neutrality. No fast lane/slow lane. Preserve the democracy of the net.  
—Heather Tinnaro, Asheville, NC

I use the internet for my business and livelihood. I would be concerned if larger businesses could pay for better access and service to phone, gas, or electricity, and so I am concerned that you would allow this to be possible with internet service.

—Todd E. Gantzler, Las Cruces, NM

Net neutrality is important because cable companies already fuck us hard enough. They provide laughable service for more than its worth. I for one refuse to see that rewarded

—Anthony m fargo, Ashley, OH

Net Neutrality means fair competition. Without it, massive money dominates the marketplace....even more than now. The Big Guys don't need more advantage. Keep America the Land of Opportunity.

—Cindy Rybovich, West Palm Beach, FL

Please end cable company fuckery.

—Justin Lyga, Morris, CT

Tom Wheeler, you're an asshole. You are one of the worst things that Obama did to this country. Unfortunately, even if we stop this horrible bill, you'll still get a highly lucrative job lobbying for the cable companies after you leave/get fired. Then we'll have to deal with the next asshole. Wow, this just went from an argument about Net Neutrality (well not much of one) to an argument about Campaign finance reform. Sigh... Please don't fuck over the little guy. This bill does that.

—Jared M Englert, Louisville, KY

ISPs can make their money. If the consumers use more bandwidth, the ISPs can raise their rates. This isn't about the cost of providing Internet service. This is about controlling content. The one freedom that the internet has now is that no business controls the content. Please, for once, stop taking the bribes and do your job. Make sure the Internet is for the benefit of all Americans.

—James Burnham, Chicago, IL

Net neutrality is important to all of us. Access and speed of access should not be restricted, ever!! And there is no justification for charging extra for higher transfer rates when we are already paying the cable company (providers) for high-speed and premium access packages! Look out for the little guy whom you represent (for a change) Skip the lobbyist lunch, please.

—Robert L. R. Wesly MD, PhD, Gainesville, FL

An equal playing field is an important part of this country's cultural and economic growth, and anything else is only going to hurt us. Please don't let the monopolized cable companies have even more power to extort their customers.

—Ryan R Smith, Hyattsville, MD

Corporations must not be allowed to play God with the internet. Please make sure internet access has common carrier status.

—Jay Lambert, Wilmot, NH

Net Neutrality is what has made the Internet a powerful tool that resulted in a huge booming virtual economy that was unforeseeable just 20 years ago. The appointment of Tom Wheeler (a corporate lobbyist for cable and wireless companies appointed chair of the FCC) is already an outrageously brazen move that practically defines "conflict of interest". If Tom Wheeler is given free hand, the people of the United States will suffer, valuable start-ups will be unable to compete fairly with entrenched and monied firms, and the economy will suffer for the financial benefit of a handful of cable and wireless companies. Comcast's throttling of Netflix's bandwidth during its negotiations is proof enough that the companies themselves cannot and will not maintain neutrality. Giving Tom Wheeler oversight of his corporate friends is a travesty, but allowing him to formalize their financial interests ahead of those of over 300 million Americans via a law is a sellout of the American people. Throw out the current proposal and rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Paul Tetu, Manchester, NH

Honestly we're trying to make headlongs with the equality between black and whites, man and women and now we're starting a new class system somewhere else? Net neutrality is what makes the internet tick, it's what makes it a place of ideas, of creativity, of finding people who's vision you share. Taking away net neutrality severely limits, if not destroys all that. And if there's one thing you should be doing, is preventing any breach in net neutrality.

—Vita Rosalie Wijffels, Berlin,

I oppose a two tier internet delivery system. Side with the American people for ONCE~~

—Robbin Zella, West Haven, CT

Corporate greed is the only reason you need to know.

—Mark Reback, Los Angeles, CA

I am sick and tired of big government and its interference and slow removal of the my rights as a US citizen. I can't afford my health insurance let a lone MORE increases from my internet provider! You need to reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality.

—Mrs. Deborah Loll, Mesa, AZ

FCC, you must save the free internet! Stop this most corrupt plan of Communistic discrimination. I urge you to reclassify ISPs as common carriers, and SAVE NET NEUTRALITY.

—Melissa Wells, Sandusky, OH

The internet must offer the same access to everyone, otherwise it becomes just another corporate dominated, profit maximizing institution.

—Robert McNair, Boone, IA

**THIS IS THE LAST DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTION AND IT LOOKS LIKE THE GREEDY COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATIONS WANT TO DESTROY THIS PUBLIC FORUM AND TURN IT INTO AN ADVERTISING WASTELAND.**

—Ana Coria, LONG BEACH, CA

It is unacceptable and greedy

—John Roberts, Los Angeles, CA

I urge the FCC to actively scuttle Mr. Wheeler's plan to create a two tier system for internet providers. I believe such a scheme is inimical to the best interests of the citizens of the USA and create a system where the internet becomes the playground of ISP monopolies. I would also respectfully suggest that Chairman Tom Wheeler recuse himself from these discussions. His previous close relationship with the likes of Comcast, Verizon and AT&T cast doubts on his ability to lobby effectively and honestly for the good of all of us who use the internet.

—Dave Cypel MD, Voorhees, NJ

The NET is not broken! It does not need to be fixed or altered.

—Diane I Knight, West Hills, CA

For those who are seeking to pass this legislation, I say this. Those who have money and power often forget what it is like to be someone who has near none. Net neutrality empowers everyone equally and provides an even playing field for those who seek to better themselves and/or their businesses. A startup company can compete with a major brand name because of net neutrality. A person hoping to educate and better themselves has access to the same information as everyone else because of net neutrality. The proof of the importance of net neutrality is seen by the opposition of this legislation including both everyday Americans alongside large corporations such as Google, Facebook and Amazon. The small voices who are afraid of their voices becoming even smaller are standing side by side with the large voices who would be paying premiums in order to continue to maintain their businesses. Please do not fix a problem where there is none. Please allow the internet to grow as a community instead of driving a spike down the middle and forcing its users on separate paths.

—Samuel Andrews, Oxford, MI

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—Richard Loll, Mesa, AZ

Dear FCC, Wheeler's plan would let Internet service providers like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon create a two-tiered Internet, with fast lanes for those who can afford the extra fees and a slow dirt road for the rest of us. These companies would have the power to pick winners and losers online and discriminate against online content and applications. And no one would be able to do anything about it. FCC, throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality.

—Vicki Giella, Monroe, NH

Instead of going into all sorts of ethics issues, which are true and correct, how about this. ● Ninety percent of Americans use the internet. ● If you screw it up for them, which you intend to do, your party will be out of power so fast your head won't have time to spin. ● Whatever party that is connected to this profit at any cost push, whether it be the Obama Administration or the Republican/Tea Party Congress, will pay mightily for the destruction of something that contributes positively to the economy and makes the electorate happy.

—Jesse Dye, Weatherford, TX

I pay almost \$200 for my triple play. Over 90% of the TV I will never watch. If I take only Phone & Internet, I get penalized an extra \$25 for dropping TV. A two-tiered Internet system would ultimate cause streaming providers like Netflix to pass the extra costs on to me. Because the Internet has become a necessity, treat the Internet as a utility (like phone & electricity) and put limits on fees. I have only one cable provider in my area. It's about supporting the public interest not the interest of the monopolistic cable companies.

—Sol Wieder, New Milford, NJ

FCC, throw out these new rules that would create two-tiered internet speeds, and preserve net neutrality. The Internet should be treated like a public utility with equal access for all. This attempt by cable companies to buy out the internet sickens me.

—Hunter Barnett, Ashland City, TN

A fast internet is essential to a fast economy. Paying unnecessary tolls to eliminate artificially slow internet service puts the squeeze on the average Joe. After fourteen years of flat income while the Chinese middle class has enjoyed a 20% rise in pay and the Canadian middle class has outstripped the American middle class, keeping internet neutrality is good for the economy. All we want is equal footing instead of a disadvantage. Broadband IS a telecommunication service. Phone calls, texts, email, video... These are all done over the internet and are considered forms of telecommunication by the workers and designers in the field. I should know. I spent 22 years at Western Electric/AT&T/Lucent Technologies. From top management to the floor sweepers, we ALL considered the internet as part of our business... the TELECOMMUNICATIONS business. I don't have \$20M to lobby you and Congress to let you know what has been painfully obvious to me since the internet became available to the public. There isn't a single telecommunications that doesn't have or want to obtain an internet service. That's because internet IS telecommunications. I do not want Internet Service Providers to decide which companies win and loose in the market place based upon who can pay for faster speeds. This is a bad idea. I do not want any ISP to determine what I can or cannot see. The same rules should apply to everyone. Throw out your rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Bill B. Fox, Nazareth, PA

I like the internet the way it is. Please don't send us back to dial-up by handing absolutely everything over to the corporations - you know, the way you always do. No God But Money.

—Robert Davey, SCOTCH PLAINS, NJ

"Wheeler's plan would let Internet service providers like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon create a two-tiered Internet, with fast lanes for those who can afford the extra fees and a slow dirt road for the rest of us. These companies would have the power to pick winners and losers online and discriminate against online content and applications. And no one would be able to do anything about it." In essence internet providers would become the equivalent of gangs/mafia shaking down online services if they do not want their content to be throttled. These "protection" fees for high speed access would then be transferred on to the consumer. This will have an affect on the economy as consumers will have less money to spend on a variety of services. Consumers with less money will now have to be more selective on which service they pay for.

—Brenton Trenholm, EDMONTON,

Save the open internet!

—Varick Thompson, Kissimmee, FL

I don't want to pay more for the kind of service I'm getting now. Having to pay more for the same service is blackmail.

—Virginia Mark Downs, Lubbock, TX

I quit my cable company to get away from big business scams.

—Adam J. Sjoberg, Bentonville, AR

Everyone should be able to get the same access and speed on the internet. Many foreign countries are much better than the US in this regard. Also communities should be able to set up their own networks, without interference from the major players.

—David Schultz, Aurora, CO

Net Neutrality is the same as freedom of speech, and the right to read what we want to without it being censored. Big companies do not have a say in what we read and websites we go to on the internet. This is NOT communist China!

—Al Zlotopolski, St. Louis, MO

Tom Wheeler, Really? Head of the FCC? Cronyism at it's finest. REAL NET NET NEUTRALITY NOW!

—Jeff Jones, Albany, OR

I don't want a life full of "premium" possibilities instead an unique good service.

—Emilio José Molina Molina, Nules,

There ought to be something that the people, not just a few minority of the people, can hold onto and have work in their favor. Please, don't let big money ruin yet another facet of life. Preserve Net neutrality, now and in the future.

—Mark Schmidt, Harrisburg, PA

Permitting the internet service providers who have a vested interest and virtual strangle hold on 'the last mile' by destroying net neutrality will be a disaster for content providers and consumers alike. The purpose of government regulation is to ensure a level, competitive market space, not to guarantee large corporate profits. Ultimate this will lead to the destruction of the already compromised forth estate. Do not pass any changes that wouldnfurther erode competition and democracy.

—Mark Zanfardino, Martinez, CA

For research and professional information-gathering reasons, net neutrality is vital to our economy, especially for individuals and small startups on minimal budgets.

—Edgar Cancel, Burbank, CA

I am an IT consultant. Free and open access to the internet is the lifeblood of my profession.

—JB B. Van Wely, Baltimore, MD

Key to the entire digital economy!

—Sigmund VanDamme, Pittsford, NY

As a house bound veteran with two chronic illnesses, my computer is my link to the world outside, I can't afford to pay for faster service. If a two tiered system goes into effect, my world my as well be in the dark and unavailable. Besides that, we the people of the United States, through our taxes, built the internet originally for our military communications. It belongs to us, the people, not the big telecom corporations who have seen a way to increase their profits once again on our backs. Keep the Net Neutrality rules in place, with the designation of ISP's as a common carrier.

—William Haley, Tye, TX

Please keep the internet open and free for all.

—Eric Steffen, Richmond, CA

We the people paid to develop it, and it should damn well remain in the COMMONS...as a COMMON CARRIER!

—Noel Eaves, Red Bluff, CA

Please keep the net neutral. Tying easy accessibility to how much you can pay is a really bad idea.

—Mary Bristow, Brentwood, TN

It is important to help maintain a free enterprise system for now and generations to come. As well as maintaining competition along with a free market place.

—William Miller, Palm Coast, FL

Net Neutrality promotes commerce (and not just for your lobbyists).

—Douglas Lakes, Minneapolis, MN

Throw out these horrible new rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers!

—Barbara McDonald, Wyandotte, MI

Intent Service Providers did not invent or develop the Internet itself and should not be allowed to control access or content to increase profit margins. They should and would increase profits by providing better infrastructure for more reliable service and garnering a larger percentage of the customer base. Allowing huge corporations to buy up competing companies and eliminating competition undermines capitalism and creates monopolies that don't have to be responsive to their customers. Please don't allow this to happen. Thank you.

—Robert Briggs, Palmyra, VA

The internet has to stay OPEN and FREE for everyone. Corporate control will bring the internet down. NO fast or slow lanes period. Cable and Verizon want control to make more money--screw them. Tom Wheeler needs to be fired.

—Ann Cobban, Grants Pass, OR

Net neutrality is essential to close the digital divide and empower low income folks.

—Lucila Vargas, Chapel Hill, NC

YOU ARE DESPICABLE! YOU'RE TYRANNY IS EQUAL TO IRAN! I'LL NEVER GET CABLE AND I'M READY TO SWITCH TO ANOTHER PROVIDER. SAY GOODBYE TO FREEDOM AMERICA!

—Isabel Santamaria, El Paso, TX

For the sake of democracy and equality, and to prevent total telecommunications monopoly, net neutrality must be protected

—Eric Hendershot, West Des Moines, IA

The internet was developed with money from taxpayers and it should be finally established as a utility so that it stays fair for all.

—caroline Good, sherman Oaks, CA

As a handicapped blogger having access to the same internet speeds as big corporations is important. The proposed changes will only benefit the big high speed internet providers who want to milk more money from those sending content on to their users.

—Jerry Cheney, Santa Fe, NM

small businesses are critical to the improvement of the American economy . Net Neutrality is critical for these small companies to grow. Once again Obama, your agenda is clear. Once again the American public is blatantly aware of your lies. Do the right thing. Require Net Neutrality. Please, do what you promised .

—Melody Chord, Portland, OR

Because the big entertainment corporations have been ripping off the public long enough, and we deserve to have our say occasionally in what kind of service we get.

—David Goldberg, St. Paul, MN

The internet should not allow fast lanes ONLY to those who can afford to pay more.

—Judi Poulson, Fairmont, MN

The internet should remain free for all. Equal to all. Ending Net Neutrality will allow behavior harmful to consumers or competition by limiting the openness of the Internet. Stop the nonsense, stop allowing the few with monetary gain, to make decisions based on their wallets and not on what the majority of voters want.

—Barbara L Mahoney, Cleveland, OH

Government agencies' job is to protect the voters/masses; not the interests of large corporations. Cable/internet providers have already been given too much power, creating monopolies. The free market is meant to be open and encourage competition ; not hinder it.

—Edward Gish, roanoke, VA

Getting rid of Net Neutrality is just another example of our the corporate oligarchy is taking over and ruining the United States. We are living in a repeat of the gilded age in which concentrated wealth and monopolies predominate and the country suffers the consequences of an ever shrinking middle class, stagnated wages, budget cuts to important services, and general demoralization and deterioration of those who are not a "member of the club" of the minority of top earners. This abandonment of Net Neutrality is in line with other democracy-killing policies like Citizens United, corporate welfare, and gerrymandering. Is this the nation we really want--one where the haves keep acquiring more and more advantages and power and those who aspire to succeed and innovate have no way to compete with them or even have a voice??? Net neutrality is integral to democracy, so please preserve it.

—Elizabeth Widerquist, New Orleans, LA

Net neutrality is equally important to everyone. It must remain neutral. Some people are not more equal than others. Read George Orwell's book, 1984.

—Lynette L Young, st louis, MO

Not only should the FCC move to protect Net Neutrality, but it also move to make internet service mandatory everywhere. Internet access has become a necessary to find and any many cases, apply for jobs; taking courses and turning in and tracking homework assignments for children in the higher grades in school. If access is limited and restricted based on how much people can pay, this will give those with wealth an even greater, and unfair, advantage and help institutionalize poverty.

—Deborah Baverstock, Fitchburg, WI

Please save net neutrality for this 86 year old and my great grandchildren and those in between. I feel this is a flagrant abuse of democracy.

—Bob Carlsten, Denver, CO

As a limited income Senior, I would be allotted to the dirt road. I've paid enough taxes, voted at enough elections, called, wrote and spoken to enough of my elected officials, and am just as much a citizen as anyone else. Corporations are not citizens and so not deserve to be treated as such.

—Joanne Hafter, Columbia, SC

"For years, the government has upheld the principle of "Net neutrality," the belief that everyone should have equal access to the web without preferential treatment. But now, Tom Wheeler, chairman of the Federal Communications Commission and a former cable and telecommunications top gun, is circulating potential new rules that reportedly would put a price tag on climbing aboard the Internet..." Please tell Mr. Wheeler to not "fix" what is not broken.

—John Marikos, Long Beach, CA

I want real net neutrality! What you are doing is a big giveaway to big business. Please don't hurt little guys like us.

—Mr. Mickie Zekley, Mendocino, CA

The Internet should be classified as a UTILITY just like electricity, gas, water. NO ONE should have to pay more to have faster / preferential speed. The cable companies should NOT decide on how fast you get information because you did or didn't pay them. Blackmailing companies with slowing down their delivery speed unless they pay the cable companies is a MONOPOLY ! MAKE THE CHANGES to keep the internet neutral ! STOP taking the cable companies money and selling out the American people.

—Kathleen CHANLIAU, Manchester, MA

With Citizens United and similar decisions, the net is the last place in America that the people are equal. Do not take that away and give it to corporations. It is a testament to how corrupt journalism has become when it takes John Oliver to point out how bad it is that a former lobbyist for the cable industry is now in charge of regulating the industry.

—Matthew Cleveland, Elizabethtown, PA

Please withdraw your proposal to destroy net neutrality by introducing an internet fast lane. Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers. I have a small internet business as do many independent artists. There is no way I can compete with Wal-Mart or Amazon who offer mass produced jewelry made by prison labor or virtual slaves in other countries, and no way I can pay for faster service to put my work in front of potential customers. Net neutrality has given me the opportunity to compete on the quality of my work alone. Why are you trying to destroy independent small businesses Mr. Wheeler? Nobody wants your plan except criminal companies like AT&T and Verizon (yes, criminal else why were they granted retroactive immunity by Congress?). I'll add Comcast which apparently deliberately throttled Netflix during negotiations with them...how like Mafia tactics, eh? Rough 'em up a bit to make 'em pay? Mr. Wheeler, your industry connections are showing in this awful proposal. The people will not accept your attempt to destroy net neutrality. Shame on you for using your public office to further the anti-competitive agenda of corporate criminals. Shame, shame, shame. Please withdraw your proposals to destroy net neutrality. Then please resign. Thank you.

—Mary Hicklin, Lakeside, CA

A two tiered system only benefits the big players like At&t , Comcast and Verizon. A two tiered system punishes the rest of us.

—Curtis Ludlow, Fullerton, CA

Dear FCC, If at all, you want to do anything good and stand by the people, do the right and save the internet. No slow, fast or hyper-fast lanes. Just the plain good old internet we love. We are paying the ISP for the speed and not for speed per type of service. Better they stay the way they are.. Thank you.

—Naveen Thallati, WADSWORTH, IL

This shouldn't even be an issue. An open and neutral Net keeps the playing field even for all. Get your heads out of your asses!

—Casey Hawley, Phoenix, AZ

Like everything else in this nation, the proposed new FCC rules would create an internet that is profoundly unequal and threatens our future prosperity. The future of our economy depends on innovation; please don't create internet slow lanes which will stifle our economy.

—Edward Savage, Salem, VA

The Internet is indeed a public service like telephone service and should be treated that way. Living in the middle of Baltimore City, I have very little choice of ISP. If you adopt the rule under consideration, it will only worsen the situation for me and for tens of millions of consumers, and it will only strengthen the hand of a few oligopolist corporations that provide our gateways to the net.

—Charlie Cooper, Baltimore, MD

My daughter lives in France. Great internet service in a country run for and by the people. Was the USA ever that?

—Gloria Morrison, Pecos, TX

Greedy lobbyists have hurt an already hurting middle class. Add this to it, why don't you? How do you sleep at night?

—Chris Wrinn, Milford, CT

Allowing a few big telecoms to control the internet is just another way for the oligarchs to control the national debate.

—William Holmes, Enon, OH

The Internet is the only Free Speech we have left in America!

—Jan McCreary, Silver City, NM

second class internet would make Us second class citizens

—Hilary Malyon, 07436, NJ

The U.S. is the leading country in technological innovation. It is perplexing to fathom that we are rated #35 in countries with the best internet infrastructure. We need to stop letting Cable companies dictate the course of the internet so that they can continue milking profits from consumers. We need to oust them and demand new infrastructure that benefits our country.

—Jude Nguyen, San Francisco, CA

To the FCC...Please dismiss your proposed Internet rules...I strongly support Net Neutrality.

—Patricia Finder-Stone, De Pere, WI

The Internet should remain a level play field for all participants. There should be no special treatment for certain companies and no fast lane for more money. We, the customers, are paying for a bandwidth and the providers should deliver that bandwidth to us regardless of its origin.

—Walter J Barreto, San Francisco, CA

Ending net neutrality is as ridiculous as forbidding certain people from going to the library, or buying newspapers.

—Sharon S Dymowski, Alexandria, VA

The FCC needs to reclassify all ISPs as common carriers.

—Pamela Scott, Boulder Creek, CA

Since we can't depend on the FDA and the EPA to defend us we need an open internet so we can go after them without being shuttled to a slower speed. I don't think this is about Comcast and AOL making more money. I think it has to do with the government's fear of social media. And you have given us no valid reason for taking our internet and giving it to a couple of corporations. And if you give it away it could very well be the tipping point. And where is our president who is supposed to be protecting us?

—DeWayne Youts, VICKSBURG, MS

We didn't build it so someone else gets to play!

—James Q. Jacobs, Tidewater, OR

Why change a system that works fine for everyone to a system that hurts everyone.

—Patrick Studt, Madison, WI

Net neutrality is critically important to all users of the Internet. It should not be possible for a company to pay for better/faster access for their content. This practice would be unfair to all but the largest companies in the world, and a real danger to 'average' people and companies since their voice(s) would be overshadowed. This means that not keeping the Internet open to all would serve to further divide the world's haves and have nots. That is simply unacceptable.

—Ryan Bernstein, Austin, TX

Quit being bought by the telecom companies and preserve NET NEUTRALITY!!!

—Jo Ann, Huntsville, TX

Please stop the actions that will kill Net Neutrality. Specifically, disallow "fast lanes" and "dirt roads" for Internet traffic for Internet Service Providers (ISPs). Reclassify ISPs as common carriers so that the Internet remains equal for all users -- content providers and end users. Stop the greed of the big ISPs like Comcast, Verison and Time Warner Cable by disallowing the intentional carving-up of the existing and future bandwidth into segregated and discriminatory channels, driven by money. Allowing this would provide preferential treatment to a few corporations and NO BENEFIT to American citizens.

—Tom Richardson, Union Pier, MI

Democracy needs for free flow of information. Net neutrality accomplishes that to a great degree.

—John E Villinski, Tucson, AZ

Do you expect me to believe a two-tiered internet has anyone's best interest except the major internet service providers? Just how stupid do you think the American public is? It's about time the government and I mean you FCC, got out of bed with these big companies and started to look out after everyone's interests. How about you guys have some scruples not screwples and do the right thing for the average guy and keep net neutrality and an even playing field.

—Robert J Cyzan, Phoenix, AZ

Protect net neutrality, reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Suzanne Roulston-Doty, Gainesville, FL

We already have a mob-like mentality in these HORRIBLE cable companies and you actually want to make it EASIER for them?! NO WAY IS THIS ACCEPTABLE!!! Net Neutrality is REQUIRED.

—Paul Railback, kansas city, MO

Net Neutrality is the fundamental precept that makes the internet such a powerful economic utility for our country and to prevent that for the private gain of the most consumer unfriendly industry in America is a crime!

—Eric Bernhard, San Diego, CA

Net neutrality makes economic sense to everyone but the cable monopolies. We need to foster innovation and entrepreneurs, not raise the barriers to enter the market so that already too large companies can reap more profit they don't deserve while maintaining what should be an illegal monopoly. The FCC is meant to protect the public's interests, so please do so.

—Jennifer Irwin, Baton Rouge, LA

The internet is the one place where everyone gets a fair chance at having their voices heard. Don't ruin that.

—Ashley McAllister, Portland, OR

If the FCC dismantles net neutrality by granting a "fast lane" to certain companies, it will be a tragedy of epic proportions. It may cause extreme civil unrest and could possibly even trigger World War III. DO NOT DO THIS!

—Thomas H Lichtenstein, Burnsville, MN

Big corporations and special interests should not control the internet. Corporations in this country control enough!!!!

—Kelly Tracey-wood, woodridge, IL

Net Neutrality is important to be because I am a musician and a writer and I have a web site that reflects all of that. Like anyone else I don't want my site and blog relegated to a slow lane or any kind of tiered system where people may not be able to get to it. The importance of net neutrality is it made everyone who had a site equal. Equality is what the Internet is supposed to be about. All that needs to be done is to change the classification of the internet, so please just do it, and listen to the people as opposed to major telecom, cable companies and other broadband providers.

—Peter Brown, Philadelphia, PA

A fast lane and an other lane is not net neutrality. We are not fooled, and you must not capitulate to this corporate power grab. No "tiers" on the internet! You must maintain a level and equal playing field. Throw out these rubbish rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—mathew Michaud, White Bear Lake, MN

The internet is slow and expensive enough in America, due to the few number of carriers and their decisions to not compete with each other. Again, this is America, where we ostensibly like free markets and competition, not highly-socialized Europe, where they have hundreds of private companies scrambling to compete on price and quality. In the last decade, we have gone from envy of the world to a laughingstock. Adding toll roads to the internet for faster service will invariably allow slow speeds to continue and perpetuate. Allowing giant companies to consolidate will only make the problem worse--a feedback loop of bad practices. I know you're being lobbied pretty hard from all sides, but I ask you this: what are the motivations of the people lobbying you? Are they in the interests of the American people, or a tiny subset of us who work for telecoms? We always think about best and worse possible outcomes of any decision, so I ask you to make that estimation. Do you want America to continue down the path of oligarchy and find yourself in a hundred years lumped in with the Warren Harding, Andrew Johnson, and Franklin Pierce administrations, or do you want to do something for the future, for the people, and for yourselves?

—Mr. Allen Shull, Henderson, TN

With a slow lane, only sponsored propaganda and marketing will get through. Instead of being a world wide web, we will be stuck with market specific content, like the Chinese.

—Jeffrey Tischler, Monterey, CA

Throw out the rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality.

—Janis Barnes, Nashville, TN

Without Net Neutrality the ordinary people, not corporation, will be forced to pay significantly more for access!

—Michael H. Sodos, Frederick, MD

I would like to request that the FCC throw out its proposed Internet rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers. There will be no gain for the citizens of the United States of America if these proposed Internet rules are approved and I believe it will have a terrible impact on our freedoms of speech and relationships with the rest of the world. I strongly urge you to throw out these proposed Internet rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Gavin Mackay, Seattle, WA

The internet is not simply an information service anymore. So many people depend on it for very important services. Many many people have it as their only phone service now. The homebound and elderly can even order food and have it delivered. It has become a very important part of everyday life. Can you imagine how much commerce would be halted if telecoms start charging everyone to send their traffic unobstructed? Prices WILL rise for the consumers and people will do without things that they desperately need as they cut out internet because they can no longer afford it. It is truly a scary thought. Please do not let the telecoms and the big guys crowd out the marketplace that has become a great equalizer in this consumer driven economy. The internet has probably created more jobs than any other invention ever in the history of the world. Do not let this come to an end on your watch!

—Laura Klebs, Eagle Mountain, UT

This will disrupt internet entrepreneurship by placing an unfair burden on up and coming web-based businesses who can't afford "fast lane" prices. It will also increase the consumer's burden by raising the prices of internet services that need to ante-up to fast lane services to remain competitive. Basically, it holds the internet hostage by a few geographically separate monopolies. The internet should be classified as a utility.

—John Pivovarnick, Dunmore, PA

It is important for everyone to have free access to all information whether it is for research and other reasonable purposes.

—Andrew Costigan, Norwood, MA

Preserve net neutrality in its entirety. It's the only hope for democracy in the USA.

—Faye Steuer, Mount Pleasant, SC

My wife and I run a small business and Net Neutrality is integral to allowing us to compete with bigger companies. Without Net Neutrality we would be at a huge disadvantage and would cause us to lose a great amount of business to companies who could afford to pay for the "fast lanes".

—Joel Cook, Temecula, CA

Those of us in small town America who are served by small ISPs are already at a competitive disadvantage to urban America with its faster and more reliable internet service. This fast lane plan will only hasten the digital divide, making it more difficult for us to attract businesses and access digital media. Regional ISPs such as PenTeleData will not be able to compete for lucrative fast lane contracts and our local economy will suffer as a result. It's bad enough that internet access is practically a monopoly already. This kind of move is only going to drive more call centers and data bank companies overseas.

—Patti Frawley, Allentown, PA

Remember what happened to the old AT&T when it got too big? Bounced into Baby bells by the disgruntled public. That's what will happen to the FCC, the resurgent AT&T, Comcast and the other Corps that think they're too big to have to worry about public opinion.

—Ian Price, McHenry, IL

It really doesn't matter what is typed in this little box, or any other anymore trying to persuade our government officials. They are no longer our representatives, they haven't been for a long time. The only thing that matters to them is lining their pockets with fundraising money. I could tell you how monopoly's are terrible and that corporate interests are just what it says. However that won't matter dollar bills are blocking your vision. The only thing we have left is trying to guilt you into doing your job and actually representing the individuals that you are supposed to. The tax payers that go and bust their asses in factories, fast food restaurants and all the other dirty shit jobs that none of you ever had to deal with. Of course here I am a man whom broke his back working and can't even get SSI benefits trying to convince what has become a soulless puppet for big banks and corporations to have a heart. Try for once thinking in the long term. try to see that what you get in the short term will not last and these people that you swore oaths to represent will still be around paying taxes, dealing with excruciating pain, and living with the choices you make today. Thanks.

—Steven Brady, Halethorpe, MD

I am an internet professional and a journalist. I do not want to have to work for Fox News or some other large conglomerate in order for my voice to be heard. Please get rid of these ridiculous "Fast Lane" restraints on net neutrality so we can go back to living in a free country with a free and open Internet.

—Paul Pelkonen, Brooklyn, NY

DO WE REALLY HAVE TO EXPLAIN THAT? I WOULD NOT THINK WE WOULD HAVE TO TELL THE FCC THAT WE, THE LITTLE PEOPLE, DEPEND ON IT FOR COMMUNICATION AND OUR DAILY LIVES! WE ARE SICK AND TIRES OF GOVERNMENT SELLING US OUT! THE INTERNET IS NOT YOURS TO DO WHAT YOU WILL!!!! IT BELONGS AS MUCH TO US AS IT DOES TO YOU CORPORATE WHORES!

—Maggie Schafer, Boulder, CO

Ending Net Neutrality in the U.S. would stifle innovation, economic growth, and freedom of expression. It would cripple our ability to compete against other more progressive nations. Preserving Net Neutrality is of paramount importance.

—Mr. Jason Fourier, Toluca Lake, CA

ISPs must be classified as common carriers to insure net neutrality. Corporations already have too much control over our choices and our lives.

—Jean Teach, Vancouver, WA

I am appalled at the possibility of a tiered internet that will further corporate control over the free flow of information. I understand the threat posed by an informed public to those seated in power, but I also understand the degradation of humanity posed by a system predicated on the control and surpression of information. The evolution and ultimate liberation of humanity depends upon unincumbered inquiry and distribution of information. This is a dangerous and unnecessary legislative consideration, advanced only by the few individuals who will gain tremendous financial and political benefit while harming humanity as a whole. Please create a world that elevates all -- your grandchildren will thank you.

—ben Ks, rockville, MD

We need an end to the cable/internet/tv monopoly, NOW! True Net Neutrality - where each of us has an equal opportunity to send and receive information through the internet at EQUAL speed, at a FAIR and equitable price, is VITAL to anyone with a phone, tablet, TV or computer. The internet and its content should not be owned by ANY CORPORATION, it belongs to everyone, not just the monied few. I urge you to support NET NEUTRALITY, reclassify ISP's as common carriers. Thank you.

—janet bernson, Sherman oaks, CA

Fairness is so important! Big corporations who can afford the extra fees should not be privileged over the rest of us. Net Neutrality is vital to society's well- being.

—Sallie Teutsch, Langley, WA

America thinks it is a hub of innovation, but its fast becoming a backwater. Shut down net neutrality and you are freezing in the winners and the losers of the current marketplace, and freezing out all newcomers. Innovation goes on elsewhere though, so we can expect the next waves of innovation to come from Scandinavia or South Korea. Take a close look at how connected Americans are, and how much they pay for internet access compared to what happens in other countries. The connection from my house to the outside world should be a regulated utility, and I should be able to choose between many vendors, as I do with my phone carrier. That is what happened in Europe, and it clearly works better than the sad inefficient monopolies we have here. When the cellphone market took off two decades ago, Verizon was a vicious thug; stealing customers from other carriers without their consent, and sticking them for all kinds of unexpected fees. This company is still one of the most aggressive collection agencies in the Nation. They cannot be trusted to abide by agreements or play nice. Comcast and Time Warner are no better, and have proven track records of abusive business practices. If the customer cannot switch to another carrier, we are stuck paying whatever they demand, regardless of their service quality. I understand that their money speaks louder than the voices of the paying public; that corporations are more powerful in this country than government. But the eventual consequence of this is that America will become a backwater, and nations where innovation is protected long enough to take root will be the eventual winners. We are so very vulnerable to disapproval on the international stage after all the revelations about NSA spying. The rest of the world is not beholden to us any more than our military can force it to be. All the bright minds who dream of coming to America will soon enough realize the hollowness of that dream, and set up shop in Australia or Canada instead.

—David Carter, redlands, CA

We need Total Open Net Access Forever

—Sean Cash, pahoehoe, HI

The American people don't want a two-tiered Internet, with fast lanes for those who can afford extra fees and a slow dirt road for the rest of us. Companies like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon would have the power to discriminate against online content and applications. The FCC needs to throw out its rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This will protect Net Neutrality.

—Susan Puscheck, Ypsilanti, MI

I'm an 80-year-old retired veteran on limited income, and use the Internet to maintain contact with family and friends, make political and other contributions, and generally keep in touch with the world. I cannot afford the extra expenses of a two-tiered Internet. Anything less than a neutral Internet would constitute discrimination based on income inequality.

—James J. Boone Jr., Malden, MA

If I have to tell you, the FCC, why net neutrality is important to me then you are the wrong people for the job. You, the FCC, should know why net neutrality is important and not even be thinking about the proposed new rules. Who among you would tolerate such restrictions to internet freedom?

—Suzi J. Schaum, Willow Street, PA

A two-tiered internet gives providers too much power over individual's access to information. It basically tells companies that you must pay to be heard. This is not freedom of speech. Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—A Vandervort, SEATTLE, WA

To maintain an open and free internet, I strongly support Net Neutrality

—Bill Capasso, Lincoln, VT

I don't want Comcast and Time/Warner to have any advantages over the rest of us. I don't know about Comcast because their monopoly doesn't exist on the West Coast. I do know about Time/Warner because their monopoly exists here in California. I pay way too much for what I get from them and I really resent that the lobbyist appointed to chair the FCC is arranging for them to get even more than they deserve. We need net neutrality.

—Diane Olson, santa monica, CA

The internet belongs to all of us. I am outraged that the FCC would allow evil companies like Verizon and Comcast bribe their way into getting the ability to "fast lane" some content over others. Shame on you, Mr. Wheeler for even considering this. We demand an honest Net Neutrality now!

—Steve Clemens, Minneapolis, MN

I shouldn't have to even be writing this but here we are: please stand up for my rights! Thank you

—Julia, Cincinnati, OH

Internet service providers must be regulated as common carriers. If rate classes are established, they must be cost-of-service based. Please, throw out the proposed rules and ensure true 'net neutrality.

—Gary E Richardson, Boise, ID

A two-tiered system is a clear signal to Main Street that WE are not important; that only those with LOTS of money and/or influence are important. This is also an Orwellian scenario that is being proposed, and once in place, WE WILL NEVER BE ABLE TO CHANGE IT. It is inherently wrong, and it is EVIL. It is, once again, a proposal to throw feces in the faces of the regular Joes. Tom Wheeler is a FOX IN THE HENHOUSE; he is a DRUG ADDICT OVERSEEING THE PHARMACY. The choice of Wheeler as FCC Chairman is almost as disgusting as Tim Geithner as chair of the SEC. It is as bad as putting Adolph Hitler in charge of Jewish Relations! Who is Obama trying to fool with this "Good Old Boy" network appointment?

—Milton Bosch MD, Napa, CA

Net neutrality is important to me because I use the internet for my entertainment needs instead of subscribing to overpriced, monopolistic cable television service. If we allow these same companies to put a premium on and/or discriminate against online entertainment providers, I will again be facing climbing rates until I can no longer afford to subscribe (the same reason I am no longer a cable TV subscriber). Additionally, I actively seek out unique local products using the internet instead of going straight to the big-box stores and their online equivalents. If those online equivalents of big-box stores are able to pay a premium to be given a further competitive advantage over the smaller purveyors of unique products I prefer to patronize, there will be less of those smaller retailers in existence. Small business is where job creation and economic growth overwhelmingly come from in the U.S. - please don't damage it further. Thank you, Melissa Tamedl

—Melissa Tamedl, Brooklyn, NY

Please, FCC, throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Thank you for your serious consideration, Susan Jaunsen

—Susan Jaunsen, Norcross, GA

Information and the ability to self-educate myself should not be obliterated by greedy corporate interests.

—Natasha Breckenridge, Morristown, TN

Net Neutrality is freedom, purely and simply. Freedom to research and have access to knowledge for all. Not just for those who can afford to pay. This is extremely important for our democracy which presently has enough pressure from all directions. Also, why does EVERYTHING in the United States have to be packaged and sold??? Greed is disgusting!!!

—Jeanne Szczehowski, Bay Saint Louis, MS

Real net neutrality is the only power the American people have left now that presidential elections are stolen, the NSA is spying on us, the media has been consolidated, journalism is dead, politicians work for corporations and the Supreme Court has gone crazy. Please let us have some voice in our governing. Some freedom.

—Marc DiPaolo, Weatherford, OK

It prevents selfish ignorant and inept old people who care about nothing more than money from using money and unjust/unfair tactics to steal something that everyone should have access to.

—William Randolph Pearce, Beaverdam, VA

no more big corps'es

—Rob van Horn, SURPRISE, AZ

Perhaps I would be more receptive to making the Internet run on a capitalist model if the companies providing Internet service didn't have such a horrible track record of incompetence.

—Ben cohen, Brooklyn, NY

This is just the most obvious monopoly scam I have seen in a while. And to have the fox (FCC Chairman) in charge of this chicken house should make all of us cringe! NET NEUTRALITY!

—Doug Simmer, Austin, TX

I depend on net neutrality to communicate person to person, organization to organization. I don't have much money. I shouldn't be asked to pay more for timely service.

—Lynn Shoemaker, Whitewater, WI

I am an agoraphobic who goes to school online. What effects will this decision have in how I can research topics if the only research is from those who have the money to fill the Web with their bias? The only communication I have, besides therapy and a close knit group of family and friends, is my lifeline. School might actually be my saving grace in finding a way off of SSI and SNAP. Government talks of wanting people off of programs and takes away methods to do so. The big Internet companies began as start ups which couldn't afford the costs that will be required. What happens to the next guy or girl with an idea? We are already seeing moves toward Internet monopolies. This must stop!

—Robin Anderson, Westland, MI

Internet access today is the functional equivalent of basic local telephone service in the past. Internet access should be designated as a common-carrier utility service. DO NOT adopt the 'premium service' rules in the proposed Internet rules.

—Glen Myers, Jersey City, NJ

SAVE THE INTERNET!!!!!!

—Lourdes C. Garcia, Torrance, CA

Dear FCC, Please maintain net neutrality. Comcast, AT&T, time-warner all function like monopolies already. Do not give them permission to do more to squelch the little guy. Obama appointing a cable industry lobbyist speaks to all that is going wrong with our government today. This man is not representing the needs of regular people but the needs of the cable companies. Maintain net neutrality and find a chairman who is a consumer advocate and represents the voters. Thank you, Deirdre Jameson 50 east Chestnut St. Chicago, IL 60611

—Deirdre Jameson, Chicago, IL

Throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Dr Bruce Blacknight, Holly Ridge, NC

- No to discriminatory practices. - Equal services for everybody. - Stop monopoly.

—Rafael Ormino, Silver Spring, MD

Please, please, please protect net neutrality. I will be so disappointed in our government if you don't; it will just prove right all those people who say our democracy is ruled by big business and people with money. There is no defensible reason to destroy net neutrality. Please don't.

—Katharine Phelps, Panama City, FL

Everyone should have access to as much information as possible. That is what makes us better people.

—Marya E McCloskey, North Kingstown, RI

The internet must remain open and neutral to what it carries. It is shameful that the US, the inventors of the internet, has the worst speed and reliability in the WORLD. It is obvious that the internet carriers care nothing about the service they provide, only about the money they receive. They do not need anymore money. DO NOT ALLOW TO BE IMPLEMENTED A MULTI-TIER INTERNET. KEEP THE INTERNET NEUTRAL. A better proposal would be to prevent communities (cities) from entering into monopolistic agreements with cable companies and internet providers. More competition is required not less.

—John Morrison, Fountain Valley, CA

Protecting Net Neutrality prevents monopolies of our channels of communication, which is exactly what the FCC is tasked with...All Internet websites should be equally accessible by all; the Internet was designed as a means of free and equal communication. Giving telecom companies the power to discriminate against other sites and fast-track their content for premium customers is unfair because it eliminates competition, which is the only fair way for capitalism to thrive. I strongly disagree with the proposed discriminatory "tiered" Internet access.

—Christopher Cooper, Delray Beach, FL

An open internet is crucial to preserving what is left of our democracy. We need democracy, not the Chairman's hypocrisy!

—Ron Rattner, San Francisco, CA

Net Neutrality is the last bastion of freedom in America. If you hand pay-for-play to the Big Telecoms, only the Big Corps will be able to speak...while all other voices fall to the wayside. Our Government is already owned by Big Corps, don't give them our communication as well.

—Cindy Abernathy, Midvale, UT

Duo much of our life is ruled by money. It would be nice to have one forum where no one has that advantage, where the field is equal for all. It doesn't exist in government, education, or the justice system. The internet is a resource that can be truly equality conscious, or it can be corrupted by capitalism at its worst. Do the right thing and don't let voices be silenced by big money.

—Richard Thietje, Olympia, WA

Leave the power with the people not with the corporations. This issue is so very clear- the net must remain neutral.

—Tim Gemmill, San Francisco, CA

As someone who needs affordable, fast and reliable internet, whose small business is dependent on being able to quickly respond to her clients' needs via internet, I ask that you do the following: Please throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality.

—Brenda Corderman, Brea, CA

As a Senior trying to make it on social security, a free internet is vital to me as a telephone and electricity. I live in the Arizona desert fifty miles to the nearest town, I do a major portion of my business on the internet (banking, bill payment and some buying of needed items). It is a lot cheaper and quicker to do things this way rather than two hours road time and \$20 fuel. If you let the providers implement this tiered internet, just to fatten their pockets, you will greatly restrict the life style that I am having to live with and add to the cost of living on Social Security. Also you will be muzzling the last place that freedom of speech has in this Country..

—David Blakeman, Dolan Springs, AZ

Internet is a basic human right in 2014 and it will be even more fundamental to the cause of freedom and democracy in the next decade. Phone companies and power companies are subject to common carrier laws-- Internet access is just as important a basic service. Who talks on the phone these days anyway? We're communicating via computer and smartphone and the passageways for that communication need to be treated as sacred. Fire Tom Wheeler. Block the mergers. Protect the net!

—John Stefanic, Glendale, AZ