

PLEASE throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers for all.

—Jeremy Jorstad, Black Creek, WI

I do not believe a business should be able to limit access in any way to the information available on the Internet. Once any characteristic of that access is for sale, the remaining characteristics would not be far behind.

—Patricia Bell, orlando, FL

Protect the open internet! This BRITISH reporter is more American than the cable companies trying to break net neutrality! (no offense Britons)

—Wesley Milan, Laguna Niguel, CA

Because cable companies are arseholes, and Net Neutrality stops them from being arseholes (to a certain degree).

—Matthew Wasik, Cary, IL

Dear FCC, I urge you to preserve net neutrality by not changing the current rules to give some internet service providers fast lanes, but instead to reclassify ISPs as common carriers. It's the right thing to do, and will be for the greater good. Thank you, Carol Jackson

—Carol A. Jackson, Honolulu, HI

Ending net neutrality will allow big corporations to pay for faster connection speeds, that smaller companies cannot hope to compete with. This will ruin the current level playing field that makes the internet such a remarkable opportunity for anyone to be heard. It will open the door for strangulation of any content based on the source, which is dangerously close to controlling freedom of speech. Do not let the internet service providers control the speed of transmission, but keep equal access to all legal content.

—Rebecca Schuetz, North Syracuse, NY

We must have a level playing field and not give the mega corporations total control.

—Susan Clark, SHERMAN OAKS, CA

The internet should be the same for everyone! Big companies shouldn't be able to purchase faster lanes.

—J Hynd, LOS ANGELES, CA

Net neutrality is the best way. True freedom and equality .

—Matthew miertschin, Houston, TX

Ending net neutrality? No!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

—Marguery Lee Zucker, Eugene, OR

Please don't allow a two-tiered Internet with a fast lane -- reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Molly Greer, New York, NY

Please preserve net neutrality. Please throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Vincent Linberg, Morgantown, WV

Plain and simply, we ALL own the Net. Not you.

—Dr. Wayne Sygman, Levittown, NY

Net Neutrality is absolutely, incredibly important , both for the preservation of Democracy and our freedom.

—Thomaswadams, BROWNS VALLEY, CA

Without the internet being free and neutral I would be even more isolated as a disabled person. I know that mainstream media is corporate controlled and get my information from non-corporate sites on the web as well as current events in as unpolluted form as possible.

—Jack Couch, Sacramento, CA

ISPs should be classified as common carriers. The internet is a communications and collaboration gateway that should be open to all with nobody, especially corporations, having the ability to discriminate about who has access. Additionally, corporate interests that have control over the delivery of content and also produce and sell content will by definition attempt to discriminate against their competitors. A wall must exist separating entities that carry content and entities that produce content.

—William Brown, Narberth, PA

It's important because free speech is important.

—FJ Logan, Lombard, IL

same speed for everyone. No matter what.

—Evan Skallerud, Vero Beach, FL

The internet concept and technology was paid for by the US taxpayer through research funding. It is criminal to violate such a trust by the American people to big corporate interests and not the peoples interests.

—John Piety, TACOMA, WA

I already pay to have poor internet access. The companies that want to extort additional money from selected content providers should not be allowed to cheat the system. Tom Wheeler and the other two "Democrat" FCC commissioners that agreed to this obscene scheme should be prosecuted for taking bribes. When Tom Wheeler gets a multi million dollar 'salary' from the same cable companies in the future, it is plain that it's a payoff. They call this net-neutrality when it is nothing of the sort.

—Kathy Reimer, Los Angeles, CA

No company should have the power to discriminate against online content and applications and taking away the power to do anything about it.

—Martha Spann, Blowing Rock, NC

Its our freedom !

—Tara Gale, north attleboro, MA

Net neutrality is important because it ensures that cable companies do not have the power to discriminate against online content and applications. While the corporations currently involved in advocating for this bill claim they will leave the internet open and free, there is absolutely no guarantee of this, and there is certainly no oversight in place that would make sure that corporations act in their users' best interests. Throw out these rules and maintain free market competition - if these rules pass, there will be an even greater monopoly within the internet service provider industry. As it is, as a consumer, I only have two options for an ISP - if you allow them to further restrict my choices in internet browsing by creating a tiered system of internet service, we as consumers will be even more powerless than we already are. Please maintain net neutrality, and reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Carmela Chan, San Diego, CA

Internet Service Providers should be classified as common carriers. This should always have been so, but it is even more important to do so as the technological capabilities to identify and shape internet traffic flow improves. As of now, NO ISP, NOT A SINGLE ONE, gives consumers the right to dictate traffic shaping for packets inbound on their last-mile connection to the internet. Yet, these same ISPs intend to charge companies for favorable traffic-shaping policies and then IMPOSE THOSE POLICIES ACROSS THEIR ENTIRE NETWORK, including the last mile to consumers' devices. The consumer now pays the ISP for a license to let the ISP sell the consumer's limited bandwidth to the highest bidder. If ISPs are going to engage in traffic shaping, the only truly fair way to do so is to turn traffic-shaping decisions over to the people who pay for the bandwidth. IOW, let customers decide how to shape traffic traversing their last-mile pipes. Once traffic enters the ISP's backbone, traffic-shaping must be customer-neutral and policies used by the ISPs must be made public, so that customers can make an informed decision about whether the ISP's traffic-shaping policies meet their needs. Allowing ISPs to shape traffic without these restrictions is a recipe for transforming the internet into another public relations soapbox for large corporations.

—James J. Moore, city, PA

Net Neutrality is what allowed Netflix and Google to happen. We need to let businesses and people launch like they did.

—Griffin Henderson, Renfrew, PA

Net Neutrality is important to me because the internet should never be throttled because of greed. It is the internet service providers greed that is behind this. Do not their greed win over consumer rights to an open internet.

—Charmaine Webb, Aurora, CO

I think the internet is like water at this point-- we can't live without it and it needs to be fairly distributed. Please don't let greed get in the way of a fair playing field for information, goods and services. Let the free market prevail-- monopolies are bad--- etc.... etc.... It will restore my faith in government if net neutrality is saved. I will know that greed is the king of this great nation if it is taken away. We have so much to be disillusioned about. This could be one less thing.

—Dezerae Nash-Spacek, Nashville, TN

We cannot have more places where money buys you faster access to everything.

—Vanessa Gonzalez-Green, Towson, MD

Internet Service Providers (ISP's) need to be classed as Common Carriers, the same way that Telephone Service Providers are classified. My telephone company doesn't get to vary my bill each month based on what individual people I talk to, or what we talk about (not that they \_should\_ have any idea what is said!!). And there is no reason that ISP's should be able to decide how fast Internet content reaches their customers based on which websites those customers choose to use. Or, worse yet, vary their customers' bills based on the content they choose to view. Maintain Net Neutrality!! Keep the Internet Democratic!!

—Matt Loach, Plattsburgh, NY

As a computer scientist the future of my career relies on the competition allowed by the freedom of the internet. If ISPs are allowed to downgrade and eventually censor most of the internet, it will cost the jobs of hundreds of thousands of people like me and significantly damage one of the only American industries that has continued to grow through the recession. America will fall further and further behind the rest of the first world nations until we become the laughingstock of the world.

—Stephen Dawley, Fredericksburg, VA

Seriously - Tom Wheeler as FCC Chair??? That is one sure fire way to let America know that this is NOT going to turn out well for us. The internet is a PUBLIC utility, and should be treated as such. Honor Net Neutrality. Thank you

—Steve Saviano, Spring, TX

As co-founder of a software company, the FCC's proposed new rules, effectively ending Net Neutrality, will adversely affect my company. My company will be negatively impacted by the new rules. Please, continue to allow the internet to be a place for transparent sharing of information.

—Luke, Moorhead,, MN

Net neutrality is so important - what happened to avoiding monopolies?! We can't have a competitive internet economy (which is where half of the economy is competing) without net neutrality. Also, what better way to damage the amount of money Americans are willing to pour back into the economy then taking an additional cut of their spending money just to go to internet costs. These companies who spend MILLIONS of dollars on just LOBBYING each year don't need more money in their pockets - PEOPLE do. Please, please stop the bullying of the cable/internet companies against Americans.

—Megan Johnson, Saint Paul, MN

Good evening monsters As you may know, There have been many bills gearing up against the Internet in the Name of Anti Piracy. PIPA, SOPA, ACTA, CISPA, TPP ( intellectual propriety chapter), and so many more that never even made it off the ground. These have all failed and your plans to stick the internet into a slow lane will fail as well. You can reason with it as much as you like; however, when you start treating one companies information over another. What you are doing is attacking the freedom of speech and the innovation that made the internet what it is today. The Internet is not: and I will repeat myself: NOT the Television company, it is not a Television Channel, it is NOT the radio and it is NOT the radio stations. It is the worlds, first, only, and last vestige of open channel where everyone and every connection is treated the same as every other connection. To give special connection speeds to someone else in the name of money, power,greed or Pseudo-innovation and pseudo-customer service is appalling and a flat insult. The Internet must remain open and free to everyone. Start up comanies will never be able to compete with the services of the multibillion dollar industries that WERE treated fairly and succeeded to be where they were BECAUSE of net neutrality. Imagine if I made a website back when Google was first started as a company; however, I paid premium out of pocket for a much faster speed and service to provide for my customers. Google would never had been able to compete with my and would had gone out of business and fall into obscurity ( much like yahoo's search engine lol ). Google never would had prospered and I would win. THAT is the danger you are putting everyone into. If net neutrality fails. Every possible start up that could ever hope to innovate the world will fail as well and it will be YOUR fault. Do not betray the Netizens of the world. Do not continue with your destruction of Net Neutrality. -Jesse T. Chenoweth.

—Jesse Chenoweth, Medford, OR

The FCC needs to throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Geoffrey Hach, Chagrin Falls, OH

Allowing corporations to regulate internet access impedes fair competition and citizens' freedom of choice. Internet/cable service providers shouldn't be allowed into a position which enables their bullying of other internet-based businesses. It's contrary to the American way to undermine capitalism in this way. Upward mobility has already become obscenely constricted in our country. A two tiered system is impractical, unfair, and will lead to other issues. Leave well enough alone. The only ones who will benefit from modifying the status quo are the cable/internet companies. They're making enough money dominating area markets and leaving consumers with no say in providers -- another issue entirely that really ought to be remedied.

—Colleen Pea, Indianapolis, IN

The Internet is the world's best open space, everyone is equal to participate. Don't ruin that.

—Jayne Hamilton, Bloomfield, MI

I don't want my government controlled by the cable and telecom companies. And I don't want the internet hijacked because of their incredibly disproportionate lobbying power. Maintain net neutrality.

—Mr. Neal Foard, Rancho Palos Verdes, CA

--18 million in lobbying by Comcast--the most spent by practically any company or organization? --hiring Tom Wheeler to be the chair of the FCC, who was the guy who used to run the cable industry's lobbying arm good lord, what were you thinking? -these companies are destructive to having open access to the internet which is one of the best attributes of the web--its ability to be used fairly equally by all. I have to ask myself why Amazon and Facebook and google are against this move to allow cable companies to create different levels of service. they KNOW that it is based on pure greed and profit and power hunger, and that you, the government, should do all in your power to oppose the end of net neutrality. Reclasisfy ISP's as common carriers.

—Janice Darling, Silver Spring, MD

Mr. Wheeler, With this plan you have to know that this will create a two - tiered Internet service, with Verizon, At&t and Comcast dictating the winners and losers. I do not want these for profit Monopolies telling me what I will see and what I can access on the internet and please don't say this will not happen. If the Corporations can make one more dollar by limiting the Internet service they will. They have never had the Public interest at heart or they would never had suggested the "Wheeler Plan". Monopolies give control to a few corporations which are not competing to provide high speed Internet services.... Is this a capitalist's monopoly dream ( a monopoly is exclusive ownership though legal privilege, command or supply) or an oligarchy dream ???(an oligarchy is government by the few..... a small group exercising control especially for corrupt and selfish purposes.) or both. Marlin W. Deacon

—Marlin Deacon, Pittsburgh, PA

Net neutrality is important to my family in many ways because we have so many different interests. Some of them seek information from sites that are public service organizations and will not have the funds to pay fees to access rapid speeds. We do not wish Comcast or any other company deciding what we will access to. Any promises they make are as worthless as the service they now provide. It worsens daily and if I could I would make internet access a public utility with local or state regulations and controls.

—Mayellen Henry, Bellevue, WA

Most of my 70 + years I have gotten by quite well with out Internet use. I still can, How ever, for those caught at the relative youth full time in their lives, due to habitual navigating, will in fact fall hostage as a result of corporate control!.

—Raymond Polson, Auburn, WA

I don't want big corporations with lots of dollars to spend to be able to send content faster than anyone else. Fast lanes are not a good idea; we need to maintain true net neutrality. In order to do that, you must reclassify ISPs as common carriers. You know it's the right thing to do! Be heroes! Stand up to the big money and champion the people!

—Sami Plotkin, Brooklyn, NY

We live barely outside of Hattiesburg, MS city limits. We already have very bad DSL connection, can't get cable, and can't get a 4G cell connection. In rural areas like ours, doing this will make our ability to connect even worse, no matter what we pay. I thought the Internet was supposed to be the great equalizer. This tier method would further isolate those of us who live in rural or poorer areas of the country, thus making it even more difficult to obtain a quality education and eventually, get a good job. AT&T charges us too much for horrible service as it is. Please don't give them more power!

—Jane Brockway, Hattiesburg, MS

As an IT professional I know for a fact there is plenty of bandwidth available and we do not need a tiered system. We must treat all ip packets equally so everyone on the Internet is treated equally. This will only hurt the economy while the isp's will get more rich and the consumer will end up paying more in the long run.

—Tim Klein, Germantown, MD

First, for Tom Wheeler to be the Chair of the government agency that is meant to regulate his former master.....enough already. Second; do we really have to tell you why this is so important? YOU know already. To make two "lanes" is insanely unfair, undemocratic and benefits ONLY the cable companies paying to have the changes made. It is extremely difficult to not use foul language when trying to articulate just how very wrong this is. Get your heads out of your cable inputs and assure that EVERYONE gets equal treatment and keep net neutrality, NEUTRAL.

—Kathleen McGee, Bowdoinham, ME

Please, please, please, do not permit a multi-level Internet. We don't need another loss to competition in this country. Reinforce net neutrality!

—Paul Paul Schloemer OFM schloemer, Louisville, KY

I believe that the job of government is to balance the power that the advantaged have in society. I believe that the actions which your commission is contemplating will eliminate any sense of fairness on the internet and crush any prospects of innovation and advancement of the internet in North America. PLEASE RECLASSIFY ISP'S AS 'COMMON CARRIERS'!!

—Richard Cleveland, Whitby,

Stop the Cable Companies F%ry!

—Alex Filatov, Chicago, IL

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

—Joseph A Diggs Jr, CUMBERLAND, RI

Do not cave in to these wretched companies. Do not allow them to buy you off and screw the American Public. Do not allow Net Neutrality to end. Do not allow Internet service providers to create a two-tiered internet system. Reclassify Internet Service Providers as common carriers. This is important! Please listen! Larry L. Wheeler Peru, Indiana 46970

—Larry L. Wheeler, Peru, IN

Throw out the rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Nancy Roberts, Trout Creek, NY

Net neutrality, now and forever. Don't let big corporations buy you!

—Steve Dorr, orlando, FL

NO TO BIG BUSINESS. AND YES TO NET NEUTRALITY.

—Reg Hayes, orbost,

Net neutrality has been instrumental in fostering innovation. Fast lanes and slow lanes would be a hindrance to this and hurt the public. The internet is essential to life in the 21st Century. Children need it for learning. All businesses depend on it. The right thing to do is reclassify it as a utility. It is as vital in this day and age as electricity. Do the right thing.

—Paula Cronin, Hooksett, NH

Please protect net neutrality and reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Sarah E Sloane, Ocean Park, WA

Net neutrality is important because it encourages innovation. The Internet has grown and had such a positive effect on our society precisely because all traffic is equal. Everyone pays for their access to the Internet, so the howls about "bandwidth hogs", is a load of manure. The ISPs need to provide Internet access and stay the hell out of what people are doing with that access. If someone's doing something illegal - let law enforcement sort it out. If someone comes up with a way to reduce costs for the rest of us, and that happens to cut into some business that the ISPs got into - that's THEIR PROBLEM, not ours. Just as the music industry tried to control the music, the Internet gave us streaming, MP3 players, storage lockers, and more. Now the same is happening with video and the cable companies are seeing an end to their cable TV gravy trains and they're shitting themselves. To protect their profits, they want to have fast and slow lanes - screw that. Let them be common carriers and provide the service at one cost to all...

—Mr. David Greenberg, Highland Park, IL

Comcast, Verizon, and at&t are very anxious to monopolize the internet service and create a two-tiered internet. People and businesses that do not have the resources for top line connection will be left in the dust. These large corporations do not need to push smaller competitors out. America should not be an oligarchy controlled by the few. Instead, the field should be level and everyone have the equal access. That should be the American way.

—Karen C. Palmer, Cumberland, RI

The other media is rigged these days. The net is only way to get "legit" news and differing opinions.

—Linda Sullivan, Huntington Beach, CA

Prove you have some courage. Don't be the only institution foolish enough to fall for this nonsense. Throw out your rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Net neutrality has to be protected.

—Mike Wodkowski, Los Angeles, CA

One main reason for net neutrality for me is that fact that with much hard work I founded a charitable organization working for a special cause. Our website is a major tool for reaching out to support our cause and to raise funds to support it. In the new slow lane proposed our organization could not afford what it takes in communication to win our cause and be effective.

—Jean Atthowe, Stevensville, MT

Net neutrality is the foundation of the Internet. Don't give it to Time Warner and Comcast!! The Internet is for the everyday common person and there's precious little left too. Leave us the Internet without interference!

—Katie V, Creedmoor, NC

FCC you already know what the content of the commentaries are going to be; you are only buying time for yourselves.

—Jose Rosario, Jersey City, NJ

Preservation of net neutrality and improved internet with competition is what the people want, not anti-competition which is what cable lobbyists receiving support from large ISPs.

—Jude Nguyen, San Francisco, CA

Because no competition leads to mediocre and worse standards and products. It's outrageous that Europe has better internet access than the US which so prides itself on being top dog in everything ...!

—Valerie Lehman, Seattle, WA

I do not agree that there should be any tiers or alternative "speed" lanes from the content providers I choose to utilize. Keep it level ! I pay my provider for data transfer. That does not give them the right to charge more to my choice providers because they are popular... Or penalize the guys in the garage at home that would be able to displace netflix. I ask for a data packet... I should get a data packet. That's what I already pay them for... To let me get data packets from any point A to my point B... So what if one content provider is supplying most of the worlds Point A starting source.... We pay for our allotted transfer rate, speed, and capacity... Not what we choose to use it for. Stop the lobby money madness and open your eyes to what made the internet insanely powerful to begin with. Perhaps with 6-8 choices for a provider in my home town (instead of the ONE available in my entire county) I would have more faith that competitive capitalism would hold it's own industry to stay honest. But if you can't see that high speed internet isn't the CLEAREST form of a monopoly in the 21st century... You are more corrupt then I thought.

—Joel Colombo, Sanborn, NY

The Internet is not something that can be bought! Throw out the corporate fast lanes and keep the real Net Neutrality laws intact!

—Brent Yamada, Newark, CA

A two tier system is unAmerican.

—Lance A Silkes, Memphis, TN

TV had already been ruined by your lack of oversight. Please do not ruin the internet too! Keep the net neutral.

—Josh White, Arkansas City, KS

The internet needs to stay open to everyone. Please throw out the rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Lynnea Forness, Minneapolis, MN

privacy...privacy...privacy. freedom to express myself. finding data and research that's not been ruined by those who would keep one from learning something different. free skype.

—Ms. Sarah Elliott, osage, IA

For the love of God keep the internet neutral !

—Tracy Taylor, Rico, CO

There was a time when only the rich could afford a telephone to communicate, television or newspaper to learn from. Now knowledge is available to almost anyone via the "web". More than ever open publishing and other ways of disseminating important information is available. Critical knowledge that may save a scientist from making the same mistakes, or encouraging a young child to become one. Creating a "pay per" internet will hamper the flow of information that is so vital to the common interest of humanity.

—Dr. Theresa L. Chinnery, Freedom, WI

Keep the internet free and keep the corporations from controlling it!

—Melinda G. Brovelli, ROSEVILLE, CA

The Internet does not exist for the purpose of giving large telecomm companies more ways to make money. We already pay enough for our cell phones and other technology on which we've become wholly dependent. And it's crazy that we actually have to \*pay\* for text messages on our phones when they cost those same companies virtually nothing to send, and they're not even storing them permanently anywhere! Please make the madness stop. Draw a line in the sand and promise that the Internet will remain neutral with equal access for everyone.

—Mark DuRussel, Madison, WI

Net Neutrality is very important for America's progress. Please keep it Neutral. FCC, please do your job and protect the internet for people not for corporations. Thank you!

—Mr. Fred Talari, Morris Plains, NJ

FCC, please throw out your proposed internet rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Joy Perry, Dallas, TX

I need Internet access to do my job & I already get screwed enough by Verizon & their ilk for you to give them a license to rip me off even more.

—Maria Williams, Albuquerque, NM

This is wrong. These companies have enough money, they shouldn't have the ability to make consumer's pay even more for the ability to use the internet. This is WRONG, This is WRONG, This is WRONG !!!!!!!!!!!

—Charlene Lauzon, Lynnwood, WA

Net neutrality is important to me because I want an internet that is not biased and does not have an agenda. I want everyone to have equal access. I want this to be true for businesses, individuals, institutions, organizations, and any other group of people.

—Brandy Lawson, Clarksville, TN

znetNet neutrality is essential to keep our basic protections from Monopolies, special interest groups, or those with uneven influence from destroying this lovely free market system we have. This is one place where free enterprise should stay that way: free. We do not need laws to limit people, but laws to protect people from losing freedom to see what's out there. This so smacks of rigid governmental control, very similar to those nations under dictatorship or communist control. Unless this is the endgame, STOP this insane, forced control and let us have our rights to equal opportunity web access. FCC do your job and KEEP NET NEUTRALITY!!!!!!! Reclassify ISPs as common carriers .  
—Marie Turley, Nashville, TN

It is critical that ISPs be reclassified as common carriers. The future of democracy, and of a free and open society, depend upon it.  
—Anne Perusek, Cleveland Hts., OH

So much of our world is for sale to the highest bidder leaving the majority of people behind, giving the wealthy few more and more power. We need to continue with net neutrality, that has been the beauty of the internet. It has been the great equalizer, putting people around the world in communication. Money should not be allowed to destroy the internet.  
—Joyce Kliman, Victor, NY

Only a corrupt person would be afraid of an open platform for free speech, free enterprise, or the gathering of like minded individuals. While I may not agree with everything that is posted online, I respect everyone's right to their own opinion. I do not see a need to slow down their speech simply because I disagree with it. I do not feel threatened because their business model might be better than mine. I do not care if they wish to gather in a virtual environment and say bad things about me. That is what makes this country beautiful. We are individuals united in freedom. We have the opportunity to better ourselves. The internet is the great equalizer. Youtube would never have succeeded with the new rule proposals. The same is true for netflix. Why kill the next great American venture before it has a chance to live?  
—James Molesky, West Palm Beach, FL

I lived through "dial-up", still have one of those old, slow modems and I don't want to go back to it. I know this isn't exactly the same, but it would feel the same to give up truly high speed broadband for who knows how relatively slow, second class service. With a name that starts with 'W' I know what it means to have to always pay extra to get to the front of the line, and I don't think it's fair, equitable or in the best interest of the public to put everyone but the privileged few in that position with the Internet.  
—Joseph Wathen, Louisville, KY

The internet is at the heart of American freedom, communication and education. It is a utility that we depend on as much as electricity and as much as roads. Without it, we will no longer merely lag the rest of the world in the quality of our service and in the high prices we pay, but we set our country back into almost certain decline. Infrastructure is the key to all future economic success, and this must be saved from corporate takeover.  
—Fred Adler, Salt Lake City, UT

Dear FCC, Please throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Remember, you are supposed to be working for best interests of the people not Comcast, AT&T, or Verizon. Thank you, John J. Flaig, PhD, Fellow of The American Society for Quality  
—john Flaig, San Jose, CA

It is the role of government to make decisions that are in the best interests of the people it represents, not the corporations that lobby with tens of millions of dollars. Please, do your job and do what's best for the American citizens, and not what is best for the large, monopolistic media empires.  
—Paul Rappaport, Atlanta, GA

ISPs need to be classified as common carriers. No monopoly. No mergers. Keep net neutrality!  
—Carole Henry, Seabeck, WA

It is important that the internet remains open and un tethered.  
—Mark D. Pollack, Deerfield, IL

I already have no choice as to my ISP. There is only one in my area. Now you are going to let them dictate to me which sites I can visit with complete access and which sites they can charge me extra for? ARE YOU KIDDING ME???? I am so tired of government ceding control to corporations at the expense of its citizens. You are supposed to be there for OUR benefit, not to increase the profits of major corporations. Make it a requirement that we have ISP choices in all areas, then there would be competition and we would have a chance. NET NEUTRALITY IS A MUST! STOP CAVING TO BIG BUSINESS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

—JoAnn Rozwood, Hamburg, NY

In the 21st century, net neutrality is important for democracy, and critical place to exercise our first amendment rights. Too often now, governments are in bed with major corporations; case in point, Obama appointing Thomas Wheeler, former telecom lobbyist, as chairman of the FCC. If the FCC expect We the People to trust them to regulate the ISP providers then they're fucken crazy. Over 90% of what we watch and listen is controlled by a handful of major corporations, and by the looks of it, the FCC will approve two monopolies (violating the Sherman Anti-trust) with the Comcast/Time Warner and AT&T/DirecTv mergers. Not impressed!

—Milton Cruz, Los Angeles, CA

Internet service should be the same as electricity. They use the same lines. The power company can't tell us what we use the power for. The cable companies should treat data the same way.

—Gregory Wilbur, Fitchburg, MA

The giant multinational corporations are crushing us. If you care about America & our democracy, PLEASE stand up for THE PEOPLE.

—Judy Landress, Corpus Christi, TX

The internet is not broken. When you do anything to alter that when it's perfectly obvious that any such alteration results in a few massive corporations being able to regulate content depending on a customer's ability to pay, we are clearly walking down the path to fascism.

—John R. Bartels, Portland, OR

Please keep the internet open and free, the way it was designed! Big cable is being greedy.

—Blake Tshako, Mesa, AZ

Public money, in the form of tax dollars, paid for the development of the internet. Private profiteering is unacceptable for what should be considered a utility. Regulation at the federal level is important to keep the internet open and accessible by all Americans. How can we lead the world when other countries are ahead of us?

—Bill Roseberry, Levittown, PA

The Democratic party that anointed Tom Wheeler as FCC Chairman should expect to pay a price come the following elections, should the two-tiered internet become official. As the former top lobbyist for the cable industry, Mr. Wheeler is a prime example of the kind of revolving-door industry appointment that President Obama has come to specialize in, despite empty promises to stop that corrupt practice. Broadband carriers must not be permitted to charge extra to grant higher speed connections from content providers. To sell favored services actually encourages negligent service to remaining providers. The changes will tacitly license intentional degradation of service to providers who do not pay more, and it will inflate the overall cost of doing business on the internet -- toothless assertions by the Commission notwithstanding. That Mr. Wheeler should have proposed the recommendations for this sort of tiered system going forward is outrageous, though hardly unexpected. Let us hope that other Commission members have the integrity to halt to his dangerous proposal.

—Robert Guido, Austin, TX

There is no good reason to prioritize internet flow for anyone over anyone else and I don't want that at all either.

—Joe Vita, Plainville, CT

Please stand on the side of the people and not the corporations. Please classify the internet as a utility.

—Tom Robinson, Lake Elsinore, CA

Keep neutrality

—George Parris, Johnson City, TN

The internet provides everyone with a fast, reliable source of information, news and entertainment. We must not compromise this resource for a few to make more money.

—Jon a Arnold, raleigh, NC

NET NEUTRALITY FOR ALL NOT POWER CONTRL AND GREED FOR A FEW. I'M OVER YOU THIEVING MONGRELS. YOU AREN'T THE ONLY ONES IN THE WORLD. WHERE ARE YOUR MORALS? OH THATS RIGHT YOU DON'T HAVE ANY. HANDS OFF NOW AND ALWAYS

—Anna Lorcan, Margate,

The internet is the public library of today. It isn't meant to line the pockets of corporations by restricting access by the poor.

—Paul Turner, Kingsport, TN

The internet has become a tool on which we all depend every day. It has entered every aspect of our lives. Further, many of the best and most important tools we use on the internet could only be created in a level playing field. As soon as the existing oligopoly of providers can bully companies into paying unevenly for internet access and provide users with a biased internet experience, we will no longer have the innovative internet we have come to expect. Rather than providing the oligopoly with the tools to bully other companies, we should seriously be considering breaking up the largest internet providers under the Sherman Antitrust Act. While it may be true that many people at least have a choice of two internet providers, generally Verizon and a Cable company, many of us do not even have two but are forced into a single provider. Even the current situation is unacceptably bad. The internet providers know this, hence their huge bribes to politicians, second only to the military industrial complex. Such providers must be broken up. Further, they must not be allowed to enter into the non-compete agreements that they have today, whether explicit or implicit. I know of no one who has access to a choice between two cable providers. That simply does not exist. You get Time Warner or Comcast or Cablevision. That's it. There are no others. And, you never get a choice between two of them. Please oppose all efforts to allow for two tiered internet access. Please instead file suits against the internet providers to break up the oligopoly and provide us with real choices in internet access. Thank you for your time and consideration.

—Scott Sobel, Hoboken, NJ

I am against broadband providers abusing their market power to affect access to competing applications or content. We have the most expensive and some of the poor connectivity options in the world. I have founded multiple start-ups and we could not have competed in a market where we had to pay for access to consumers.

—James Ray, Oakland, CA

TO THE FCC: Reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality. Lets not go down a road that we ALL will regret. This is a slippery slope to the tryanny of information. First the ISP's create a digital world "sold" initially as being FREE. (just like drug dealers, get them hooked on it). Meanwhile, shut down the printing presses and newspapers that deliver unvarnished political perspectives. Then start charging for that digital information, and then a little more, and higher in higher the internet fees go. Don't forget to pay your politicians for turning their head (Verizon/Comcast), because they are getting their cut during election time with generous donations. Now the ISP's propose that they can charge MORE for transmission speeds. Why do you think no one uses dial up anymore? Because they are hooked on the FASTER transmission speeds! and who will suffer? the poor! but heck they don't need the information anyway right? Let's just keep everybody so busy trying a make a small buck, while the big corp's (ISP's) suck our life and liberty from us effortlessly.

—Angela Haynes, snellville, GA

Level the playing field. And keep it level. We pay more for our Internet service and get less than other countries. Monopolies and the big cable companies need competition, and we need democracy now!

—Susan Haywood, Portland, OR

The failure of the FCC to take a firm stance in support of Net Neutrality, and to give this proposal of allowing a two-tiered system of paying for priority access, is absolutely abhorrent and the complete antithesis of everything that's made the internet the incredible system of communication and equal access that it is. The very idea that this will not create massive corruption and discrimination over access on the internet is grossly naive, at best, and disgustingly dishonest at worst. This system absolutely cannot be allowed to go into place, and anything less than absolute support of Net Neutrality is completely unacceptable. Broadband is a common carrier service, exactly like telephony, and the members of the FCC that have supported this proposal should be ashamed at this attempt to open doors to the inevitable corrupt and discriminatory practices that this will allow internet service providers to roll out. Kill this proposal!

—Hussain Karimi, Cambridge, MA

FCC should throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Andrea Stetz, Palatine, IL

The internet should not be controlled by corporations such as AT&T, Comcast, and Verizon, who only see it in terms of revenue and not community, communication, and education. Net Neutrality, true Net Neutrality is very, very important -- the internet is more than just a way to make money and share funny cat videos. It allows us to learn and grow at a GLOBAL level, and corporations with their revenue-based 'two-tier' internet idea will kill that dead. Please, drop this place and its rampant discrimination and take up full and true net neutrality!

—Ann M, San Jose, CA

Without net neutrality, there is no level playing field!

—Jahnavi Stenflo, Boulder, CO

I am a content creator with a very small bandwidth requirement, all text and very occasionally a small, lo-resolution picture. But the two-tiered system would hobble even my small web site. Return ISPs to Common Carrier status.

—John Clary, Garland, TX

Throw out your plan to allow discrimination online and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality.

—Pat Brooks, Houston, TX

Net Neutrality in its current form is essential to a vibrant information economy and internet use for Americans. The cable companies currently give abysmal service for their television industry, with the internet being the main way to avoid the current monopoly the FCC and US government has forced upon us. The current "fast lane" plan will destroy internet access as an alternative means to avoid competition crushing monopolies. American competitiveness and freedom of expression is will suffer immeasurably.

—Kurt Runge, Cleveland, OH

I am enraged that yet one more thing allowing us common citizens to defend our democracy without picking up guns is now threatened to be taken from us. "Net Neutrality" is critical to the free flow of information in this country. The history of evil these people - who want to control the Internet speeds - do, when you give them this kind of power, is clear. the Internet should be a public utility - not a commercial enterprise. Please watch this - John Oliver says it much better than I can: [http://act.freepress.net/letter/internet\\_fcc\\_nprm\\_oliver/?t=1&akid=4797.9926201.yC9wF3](http://act.freepress.net/letter/internet_fcc_nprm_oliver/?t=1&akid=4797.9926201.yC9wF3) Thank you...

—Michael Tucker, Oceanside, CA

I like the internet and accessing the internet the way it is currently done and I cannot support any legislation or regulation that would alter this for me or anyone else.

—Brian Westermann, Trenton, MI

Net neutrality powers both the freedom and the innovation that America needs in order to maintain our interests. We should NEVER create tiers in web access, any more than we should create tiers in public education or in access to roads or newspapers. It should become, and remain, a fundamental US policy to ensure that all citizens, regardless of financial status, have the ability to learn, contribute, connect, and create through the Internet.

—Kathleen Holly, Brookfield, IL

No corporations like AT&T, Comcast, Verizon or any other future Internet service provider should have the power to discriminate. Any government agency or head of the government agency that gives unfettered power to corporations lacks common sense and defies logic when so much evidence shows that many corporations aren't moral or ethical when it comes to the common good of the people or the environment. Throw out the rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Tracy Gordon, LONG BEACH, CA

Free speech must prevail for a prosperous society.

—Mr. Glenn Howard, Miami, FL

Net neutrality, as previously recognized, has always provided a means for growth and entrepreneurship. Closing the internet, as proposed, will allow few companies to monopolize the internet as the ability to reach the end user. This is bad for everyone, except the Telecom companies. Please leave the internet open for all.

—Chris Woeppe, Chicago, IL

I do not want my internet slowed down to dial-up speed like I had to deal with until 2007. The last thing I want to do is pay more for better internet speed in this tough economy.

—Chris Green, Mooresboro, NC

I live in a country of equal opportunity. I want my access to have equal opportunity, not be a slave to business charges.

—Betty Winholtz, morro bay, CA

I am concerned with access to a free internet that isn't controlled by service providers. I am referring to the need for action supporting Net Neutrality, as well as reducing cost and increasing speed and access to the internet. The US lags in this area to the detriment of business, innovation, personal growth and achievement. AT&T just announced they would prioritize access to certain content providers. Time Warner is price gouging, as well as AT&T. These companies are polarizing the issue. The FCC has found that there is not a bandwidth limitation and carriers aggressive tiered data plans are purely profit motivated. The competition is gone and the need for regulation is clear. These companies should be classified as utilities and regulated in a number of areas including fair price, equal access (net neutrality) and keeping up with providing modern speeds.

—Michael Siminitus, Sebastopol, CA

The fact that this idea is even being introduced in Congress is ridiculous. I cannot even comprehend how unjust and asinine this idea is. The internet is a free, public forum for everyone to express themselves and entertain themselves with. Creating a tiered system ruins everything the internet was created to do. If Congress ends net neutrality it would basically lead to an internet service monopoly. This is something the public doesn't want, at all, and would only benefit wealthy service providers. Honestly, this notion is so outrageously stupid.

—Sam, Chicago, IL

Net neutrality is what makes the internet great. Freedom of information has lead to incredible developments in all fields. This leveling power has brought great upheaval and momentous improvement in many industries and services, while providing a platform for individual expression all over the world. Don't let powerful lobbyists take these freedoms from us.

—George Brassey, Brooklyn, NY

Why do you hate democracy? Greed means more to you than freedom? Can't find any logic in this. Can you be so stupid. The world isn't dangerous enough for you? You think it will be more fun to be filthy rich in a dictatorship than in a democracy? ILLOGIC. ILLOGIC. ILLOGIC. Can't imagine any sane, reasonable person doing what you are seeking to do. Would love to send you to so many other countries. Maybe then you would be happy, but I doubt it. You will never be rich enough or feel powerful enough no matter what you do, EVEN DESTROYING OUR WONDERFUL DEMOCRACY. DISGUSTING.

—Ms. Roslyn E. Walker, Marina del Rey,, CA

Net Neutrality is freaking mandatory. A "two-tiered" Internet is just a way to further separate the 1% and the 99%.

—Sarah Kate Orbach, Montclair, NJ

I believe Net Neutrality is vital to safeguard the principles of freedom and democracy in our society now and in the future. I vow to protect this principle with my words, my actions, and my money.

—Andrés Vidal-Gadea, Austin, TX

We all need and deserve open access to the internet.

—C Born, Portland, OR

Net Neutrality is the one of the most important rights we have as Americans, changing this would be equal to charging for free speech.

—Jordon Packard, Littleton, CO

FCC, Please do not go forward with Tom Wheeler's terrible, disingenuous plan to end net neutrality. We Americans need to preserve the open structure of the internet, for the sake of innovation and consumer choice.

—Mr. Daniel Grattan, San Jose, CA

FCC's proposed Internet rules are terrible! The plan would let Internet service providers like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon create a two-tiered Internet, with fast lanes for those who can afford the extra fees and a slow dirt road for the rest of us. PLEASE JUST LEAVE WELL ENOUGH ALONE. Throw out these rules. Cheers!

—Rock Tyler, LaGrange, TX

stop classism

—John Anderson, LaPorte, CO

It is just wrong to turn the power of the internet over to the hands of a few corporations would would get to control winners and losers based on who can pay their price. That used to be call extortion.

—Beth Carr, Stafford, NY

Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Otherwise, the internet will be a playground only for the wealthy and not all the people. The FCC has a mandate to serve all of the public, not just some of the public - especially that increasingly small part of the public who can afford to pay. Interesting how media corporations are increasingly profitable and yet are paying far less in tax dollars as a percentage of their profits and as the percentage of the sectors supporting the commons. The internet and equal access should be considered part of the commons. Rich corporations and individuals ought not to be given more access rights by the FCC than anyone else!

—Michael Anderson, Madison, WI

If it isn't broken, don't fix it. Do not kowtow to the cable companies. Protect the citizenry from egregious profiteering and keep the Internet open and egalitarian. It means everything to the non-profit work in education that I have done for the last fifteen years. Thank you.

—Ms. Jeri Ross, Wimberley, TX

In this era of PACs and the Citizens United and McCutcheon court decisions, Net Neutrality is nothing less than our last best hope to keep equality in our freedom of political speech. The internet is an essential utility and should be reclassified as such and Net Neutrality is permanently protected.

—Loretta Dodd, Mount Airy, GA

Tom Wheeler = Fox FCC = Henhouse Internet Neutrality = Dead Chicken.

—Larry Phifer, Hot Springs, AR

Maintain Net Neutrality. Now and forever.

—Cullen Kappel, Lake Orion, MI

Please google and read "Fourteen Defining Characteristics of Fascism" by Lawrence Britt. 2 pages. Number 6 is corporate control of the media. We are very close to being 14 of 14.

—Steve V Eklund, Sallinas, CA

So many other countries have awful internet because of plans like the one proposed by the FCC. The internet is not just for the rich or for those who live in the big cities. Everyone in the U.S. should be able to have the same high quality internet without paying an outrageous premium.

—Elizabeth Bay, Long Beach, CA

Net Neutrality is a democratic equalizer, allowing Every Person an opportunity to access information, to investigate, to communicate, to create. There already exists a "digital divide" hampering the disadvantaged who seek to use the internet. Don't make it even harder.

—Albamar Albamar Sánchez, Juana Díaz, PR

I don't want faster service on Amazon (for example); I want the fastest service on low budget organizations like Free Speech TV! It really chaps my chops that Wheeler pretends to be pro-net neutrality, then tries to fob off a tiered internet on us. What a hypocrite and tool of the .001%!

—Tina Snyder, Tonopah, NV

I believe the FCC should fully support net neutrality. It should not adopt any rules which would allow service providers to charge for different qualities of access. Further, the FCC should aggressively investigate and punish actions by internet providers that throttle or give preference to traffic from one source or another. The FCC needs to protect the American people's access to a free and open internet, not cater to the clear business interest of internet service providers.

—Dan Parke, Jamaica Plain, MA

Prevent Comcast from extorting money from content providers essentially getting paid twice. Eventually, it will only be passed on to the consumer. Reclassify them under Title II as a common carrier.

—Walter Hillman, GIG HARBOR, WA

I cannot afford, nor can our nation afford, for the fallout of your thinking to happen. Why am I suspicious of Tom Wheeler and his motives???

—Michael Babitch, Kimberton, PA

DO NOT APPROVE ANYTHING THAT CHAIRMAN TOM WHEELER IS PROPOSING OR ANYTHING THAT REMOVES REAL NET NEUTRALITY. NET NEUTRALITY IS A FIRST AMENDMENT RIGHT AND TO DO OTHERWISE WOULD BE LIKE CENSORING WHAT PEOPLE COULD TALK ABOUT ON THE TELEPHONE.

—Robert Silvestri, mill valley, CA

An open and universally accessible Internet is a crucially important and indispensable element of our modern democracy. PLEASE protect Internet access for everyone...not just for the profit of corporations.

—Adam Goldman, Santa Monica, CA

Comcast & Verizon & their proposed internet changes (mergers, extra super-doooper fast lane, whatever they want to call it) represent the WORST kind of monopoly. We need Net Neutrality. We have a right to a free & open internet. And get Tom Wheeler OUT of there!!

—Bitsa Burger, Novato, CA

Reclassify the internet as a common carrier to acknowledge it as the essential utility that it is and protect net neutrality permanently. In this era of PACs and Citizens United and McCutcheon court decisions, without net neutrality our right of freedom of speech, in is very much in peril.

—LW Dodd, Mount Airy, GA

I support Net Neutrality for the level playing field it offers start ups. I prefer to be a customer of smaller businesses as I feel that I get better service from them. I feel that the internet is basic infrastructure, such as roads and bridges that enable commerce. One or two large companies should not be allowed to control this infrastructure.

—Bob Ferrell, Philadelphia, PA

Hotmail would not even let me forward this to my family and friends. That's why we have to take back our government from Wall Street interests. Without Net Neutrality, the 1% will be able to control the flow of Information even more than they already do since the deregulation of the Media. Obama appointed a fox to watch over the chicken house. They will both not be happy with their legacy once control is restored to the people and the Constitution returned to the law of the land.

—John Gallagher, Minnetonka, MN

The internet is for ALL Americans and should always be equal for all, not run or controlled by some billion dollar companies, who only have their bottom line in mind, not the PEOPLE of the USA.

—H Nick Hardy, Clearwater, FL

**KEEP THE INTERNET FREE AND OPEN. PROTECT REAL NET NEUTRALITY.**

—Genifer Goodman, boise, ID

Do not approve these new internet rules. The internet levels the playing field for those that seek information and these proposed rules would create a two-tiered system, and be susceptible to favoritism, and to discrimination against those who some may feel shouldn't have a voice. Also, those that can pay more would have a blatantly unfair advantage. I think the Gov't should be the ones protecting people's rights and access to such a valuable tool.

—Ken Fogel, Stone Mtn., GA

**IT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO HAVE AN OPEN INTERNET TO COMBAT BIG MONEY THAT ARE GRADUALLY TAKING OVER THE NEWS MEDIA WITH THEIR PROPAGANDA AND IT IS THE ONLY WAY FOR THOSE OF US THAT DON'T HAVE BILLIONS TO SPEND TO GET THE TRUTH OUT AND HOPEFULLY TAKE BACK CONTROL OF OUR GOVERNMENT FROM THE CLUTCHES OF MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS AND GREEDY PEOPLE THAT ARE MORE INTERESTED IN INCREASING THEIR WEALTH THAN THEY ARE IN PRESERVING THE STABILITY OF OUR COUNTRY AND ITS CITIZENS.**

—Erv Amdahl, Sierra Vista, AZ

Keep the internet free. The cable companies should not be determining which web sites run faster than others.

—A. Zamudio, St. John, IN

If it REALLY is your goal to support DEMOCRACY throughout the world, then the low cost and free flowing use of the internet is absolutely necessary. Please protect net neutrality with no caveats or add-ons that will weaken it. Please protect democracy for ALL!

—Brenda Barbour, APO AE, NY

The free exchange of ideas and information should not be abridged in the service of profiteering. Please preserve net neutrality. That's what most Americans want from their FCC. Don't let us down.

—Tim Cummings, Harrisonburg, VA

The internet must remain free to everyone...we must not allow big business to take over.

—Karin Soderstrom, Gainesville, FL

KEEP NET NEUTRALITY. A TWO TIER INTERNET IS UNJUSTIFIABLE AND DISCRIMINATORY. THE FCC MUST KEEP THE INTERNET AS IS. THE PROPOSED INTERNET RULES MUST BE THROWN OUT AND INSTEAD RECLASSIFY ISPS AS COMMON CARRIERS.

—Marivel Long, NAPERVILLE, IL

Our daily life depends on communication. The internet is essential to communication. Please support Net Neutrality.

—Kathy Shimata, Honolulu, HI

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Throw out the FCC's disastrous Wheeler proposal for our economy and freedom. Wheeler's Plan is corrupt, dangerous, ignorant and contemptible. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers so America can prosper and be free.

—Dawn Walko, cedar rapids, IA

preserve net neutrality

—Michael Ripperger, Santa Fe, NM

Throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Stop playing games with Americans right to information. It's our Internet! The internet is already ridiculously slow for most of Americans. Now we are expected to pay more for this sloppy slow lane. It will always be the slow lane for average American if the ISP's get their way.

—Mr. John Rogers, Redford, MI

To the FCC, Throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISP's as common carriers. I want Net Neutrality!

—Deborah Ley, San Diego, CA

I don't want to be an online loser. I reject a two-tiered internet, and I support Net Neutrality. Throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Thank you.

—Ruth Sabiers, Santa Fe, NM

Net neutrality must be preserved!

—Colleen Horner, Austin, TX

Dear FCC: The Internet is just fine the way it is. It doesn't need more corporate involvement and it doesn't need new rules that will benefit the coffers of big corporations. The Internet is for the people, and should remain a sanctuary of democracy. The FCC works for the people of America, not corporations, and thus should look out for our welfare. No one I know wants the FCC's new proposed Internet rules instated. Instead of imposing new FCC rules, reclassify ISPs as common carriers and protect real Net Neutrality. Thank you. L.Soaes

—Lauran Soares, Quincy, MA

The Internet is one of the last bastions of equality and free speech. ISP's should not be allowed to turn it into a divisive tool to grant access to those with more money and power. There is already way too much of that favoritism going on in this country, as well as globally. The Internet should remain neutral and equally accessible to all users. Please reclassify ISP's as common carriers and allow the Internet to remain "Net Neutral".

—Randall Outland, Waynesville, NC

Since the introduction of broadband, the ability for competition and for a start-up company to have a chance to survive has been drastically altered. Now with the potential for the two worst cable companies performing in customer service, speed, and options of service to their customers wanting to merge, this covers a large percentage of the households in the United States. These are not even competing providers. Comcast is in Philadelphia and Time Warner is in LA. They also want to begin traffic shaping and charge extra fees for content providers with a two-tier Internet. FCC Chairman Wheeler, an appointee by President Obama, coming from the lobbying industry for broadband and wireless knows full well that he is creating an unfair and discriminatory system for all Internet users by allowing such mergers to pick winners and losers of online content and applications. As the Internet has now become more of an essential service where it is supposed to reach all persons to the last mile, this should now reclassify Internet Service Providers to become Common Carriers. The FCC has tried to hide behind keeping the Net Neutrality rules "grounded inside the rules of Section 706 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996." Let us face the reality that this act is approaching being 20 years old and is an out-of-date overview of the way the Internet worked and the amount of competing companies for a persons service. When service was challenged as one could go to another service provider if they were not happy. FCC Chairman Wheeler should be exempted from being able to cast a vote in this decision as his prior job before his appointment is in direct conflict with the idea behind Net Neutrality. The FCC must throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISP's must now be considered Common Carriers. Keep the Internet a level field for the majority of the user base, the end-user; and reclassify ISP's as Common Carriers.

—Kent Stutzman, Newton, KS

To stop net neutrality will stop the United States to continue to be a world leader. Imagination and freedom is how we progress as a nation. The act will stunt the growth of America.

—Keri Valentic Moore, LAS VEGAS, NV

The people want real Net Neutrality. The FCC work for the people. It really is that simple.

—Scott Peterson, Bothell, WA

Net Neutrality is crucial to protecting freedoms of speech and the press! Protect us from monopoly!

—Luke Metzger, Wichita, KS

Let's be honest, practical, and pragmatic. ISPs are common carriers and should be classified as such.

—Fred Watstein, Las Vegas, NV

Net neutrality is a required as there is no competition in the marketplace for providers. You must reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Matthew Zachman, Fort Collins, CO

Net neutrality is essential. A two-tier or more speed system is exactly what is not needed. Let them work on developing Internet speed so we're not on an equivalent with Estonia in terms of our download speed. I'm sure that's exactly where the vast majority of people will remain if you allow a two-tier system, and allow a financial windfall for Verizon and Comcast. The fact that the former Head of the lobbying group for the Cable industry is now advocating a multi-tiered system of Internet access is not really a surprise. The surprise is that this president nominated him for the position. Shame on you Obama!

—Gerard J Coyle, Buzzards Bay, MA

How different would the internet be today if it was controlled by corporations? What would it look like? Where would be the free exchange of ideas, sharing creativity if you had to pay for every post, every tweet, every share of a picture?

—Barb Huber, Zeeland, MI

The Net is now as necessary as electric power and should be regulated as an utility. It is now a 1st amendment right.

—Ed Lizewski, EUGENE, OR

Net neutrality is a bastion for innovation and new jobs. In a slow economic recovery and a rigged market, we need net neutrality to balance the scales to give the start ups and other businesses a chance, to create competition in order for the truly superior product to prevail, not cater to monopolies. Please save the internet, please protect capitalism, please protect the people you are supposed to represent. Keep net neutrality.

—Zach, Monterey Park, CA

An neutral internet is crucial to continue to foster innovation on the web, and retain the collaborative/communicative abilities of it. Giving providers the ability to control traffic prioritization on this level can lead to less competition and an abuse of power on their end (as seen by Comcast towards Netflix until they paid a premium). Please keep the internet free. Please make it a utility like electricity and water.

—Raul Perez, Orlando, FL

I believe in freedom of choice instead of freedom FROM choice. I remember something about "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal."

—Ed Parks, Oklahoma City, OK

Dear FCC, I am astonished that you would even consider changes to net neutrality. It goes against everything we stand for as a country and it makes you look like you are being bought and paid for. Protect your children and generations to come and keep access open to all without restrictions. Protect our use of bandwidth.

—Richard Ferreira, Vacaville, CA

Throw out current rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. I don't have a TV and hence no cable service; I use the internet for virtually all my sources of information, entertainment, and social interaction. I am retired living on Social Security as my only source of income.

—Gordon H Sabaduquia, Concord, CA

why would anyone allow this? because they just don't have quite enough money? Net neutrality is why we have the internet. This is simply wrong. This should not be allowed to happen and the FCC Chairman by even allowing this discussion, is showing how he is in the back pocket of the companies he is supposed to be policing. Shame on all of you.

—Mike Leith, Denver, CO

Big media is too powerful as it is, and further leverage will be disastrous to consumers.

—Steven G. Horneffer P.A., Parker, CO

Tell the FCC to throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. I'm not going to pay extra not to become a second class net citizen.

—Kenneth Toole, Cocoa, FL

Net Neutrality is important for the sake of innovation and speech freedom, because by definition it is the foundation of internet itself. The internet is one of the greatest tools for science, education, and art; because of its neutrality, which is free from outside interests who doesn't have any respect for the values that make his country. That is why we need net neutrality for the sake of this country. Because its freedom for the people.

—Alexis Niebla, Calexico, CA

Why destroy the road that enables your economy to continue! Remember if you pass this, you can look back and see the day any remnant of the American dream died. That and factor in the mass exodus of talent and potential that will ensue. A free net neutral internet is an opportunity to enable people to learn, to educate, to build lasting bridges for those behind them. Why put a handicap on yourself so a dozen executives can avoid taxes in off shore accounts and build nothing of value? Everyone should create value and contribute to society, but supporting these companies who's value ranks at the bottom of customer satisfaction further reduces your ability to compete globally.

—Brian Mac, San Francisco, CA

Stop caving into corporate interests and protect the public, not a couple of communications giants. Keep the internet neutral.

—Jill Nelson, Vancouver, WA

The internet was devised as a freedom information highway, was deployed as such and has worked quite well as such without resorting to extortion by ISP that already charge too much for too little and have no incentive as it is to provide the best service for lowest price point as it is and now the FCC is all too happy to give them a blank check and kill most or all future up and coming technologies that cannot match the big bucks being extorted from the big players who are having a hard enough time absorbing the extra cost without raising prices so much that a great many customers will no longer be able to afford those increases. Please try to remember you are supposed to protect the interests of the general public, not just those who put big wads of money into your bank accounts.

—Michael Leeling, Souderton, PA

Net neutrality maintains equal access to the internet. It helps to preserve the democratic nature of the internet.

—Julia soyer, Somerville, MA

For all of us 98%ers, affordable, fully accessible internet is necessary. Charging for access based on paid priority is exclusionary and discriminatory.

—Opal Hilty, Arvada, CO

It's simple and basic. It does not fit your agenda. Too bad. It's called equality. Internet equal access is not up to you or any agency of the US or any other government. The internet is currently the only "mostly" free platform allowing mostly free expression. There is absolutely no legal basis for the FCC or any other government agency to assume restrictions on internet use by anyone in the United States. Restricting communication on a fee basis is bullshit. For all of our sakes, stop caving in to corporate demands. Get some balls and pay attention. This is you kids lives you're selling.

—John Eckhart, Wailuku, HI

Net Neutrality is democratic. Without it we have the tyranny of money. Having a lobbyist become head of FCC is a challenge/ You have to stand up and be fair! NOT just continue representing the industry! You're supposed to be regulating that industry! Now do the right thing so you can look in the mirror without shame!

—Vic and Barby Ulmer, Saratoga, CA

The free press is our most important freedom.

—Ann B. Clarkson PhD, Portland, OR

Net Neutrality is essential to the success and progress of the internet. The act currently on the table jeopardizes our infrastructure, our economy, and free expression. We invented the internet, and yet we're letting other countries take greater advantage of it than us while we stagnate.

—Nathaniel James Jordan, Burlington, VT

The fact that Tom Wheeler was part of the cable provider lobbying group and is now chairman of the FCC is the most corrupt and egregious fact that I have heard in many years. Letting net neutrality fade away will cause the FCC to lose the trust of nearly all American citizens. If you really think that this corruption will be accepted without a fight, I invite you to put this issue up to a vote of the American people. The choice is simple: do the right thing or risk the consequences of the angry American public.

—Andrew Igl, Bellingham, WA

With the prices I already pay for my internet service, they don't dare slow me down any further least they no longer wish my business at all. Enough of this shameless greed already, because we can cut you off altogether!

—Ms margie mcclure, Portland, OR

Reduce the chasm between the haves and the have nots. We vote.

—Linda Porter, Seattle, WA

It is outrageous that the FCC chair is a former lobbyist for the companies he now is ready to unleash, to the detriment of the internet and the public's wallets.

—Cass Martinez, Portland, OR

Tom Wheeler's proposed rules plan for the Internet would allow rampant discrimination online. Big service providers would be able to create a two-tiered Internet, with fast lanes for those who can afford the extra fees and a slow dirt road for the rest of us. Which is what MediaCom is already doing to me. These companies would have the power to pick winners and losers online and discriminate against online content and applications. The FCC must throw out its rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers to protect real Net Neutrality.

—Marilyn Johnston, Mobile, AL

The internet works great when everyone has the same level of access. It enables everyone, not just a wealthy few, to participate in innovation. This is a huge benefit to everybody. The internet will be severely crippled if a few wealthy corporations are able to buy unfair levels of access at the expense of everyone else. No fast-lane/slow-lane schemes should ever become US/FCC policy. These schemes will hurt innovation and slow advancement in Internet technologies. The best policy would be the creation of one fast lane for everyone period. When wealthy users are required to experience the same limitations as everyone else then they will have an incentive to invest their wealth in IT advances that benefit all, not just a few. Let's not have a two-class system for the internet ever. Support net-neutrality. Save it. Don't kill it.

—Chris Ellis, Highland, MD

Internet service providers do not control the servers we access for data, they are just a means to the source. Allowing them to control data access is inherently tyrannical, especially since ISPs block the laying of public cables to compete with them and their access controls.

—Prabh Sidhu, Modesto, CA

The internet is the 21st century's town square. It should not be controlled and commercially exploited by private entities only. Healthy cultures and economies are built on free and open exchanges of ideas and information between free and diverse entities.

—Claudia Parola, Los Angeles, CA

The huge corporations involved in distribution of Internet are already rich & powerful enough. Please do NOT let them have any more power over our citizens than they already possess. Isn't it enough that they have broken the country up into areas where each one has a monopoly on TV distribution? By assigning a former CEO of one of these corporations to the FCC post, it would seem to the average voter that this is a conflict of interest... The average citizen already feels totally ignored when a consensus opinion like gun control is denied because the NRA is so powerful, & corporations already control our political system. We are all getting quite frustrated with the greed that is apparently undermining our country, so please pay attention to the outcry of average Americans for Net Neutrality.

—Danette Zirkle, Port Republic, VA

You know damn well why net neutrality is important to the average citizen, and you know damn well who's pulling your strings to destroy it. Now you know damn well that we're watching...

—Richard Fullerton, Winston-Salem, NC

how much is enough.

—Dr. Sharon Lacy, Sebastopol, CA

The net is a national resource and should have equal access for all.

—Mark Edgren, Berkeley, CA

I am tired of being at the mercy of the Internet Service Providers and their increasing greed and mediocre service. To give them the opportunity to create a two tier Internet service is very discriminatory. My grandkids could not afford the extra fees their school work could suffer with lack of access. We already have income inequality.

—Diana Madoshi, Rocklin, CA

Well, to me, Net Neutrality is all about being fair, and these proposed new rules are just not fair.

—Kevin Davis, Cleveland, OH

All data needs to be equally treated, freely accessible to all, no matter who creates it. The incredible wealth of information available is invaluable for private use, in schools, and businesses. Charging companies for internet service will immediately give big corporations a virtual monopoly on the web pages and information available to the public. Cable companies have monopolies in their areas, there's no competition. We would be forced to accept fees with no alternatives. This once more divides the wealthy portion of our country from the rest of us. I rely upon the internet daily in our schools. Scraping together budgets is hard enough with all the cuts, adding more resources needed to support the extra fees for the companies would further restrict our access. The poorest schools suffer the most, with less access available both at home and at school. When will our government return to supporting "for the people"? Right now we're supporting "for the wealthy".

—Karen Genest, Vancouver, WA

Net information & access should be FREE to the public and not to only those who can afford it called the 1%. Information access is crucial to everyone who wants to educate themselves. The FCC needs to throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Victoria Olson, Ft. Lauderdale, FL

Democracy needs a free internet to counter corporate power.

—John Oda, San Francisco, CA

Most of the American people are now realizing that our entire government has been bought and paid for by the corporations. If The FCC allows these greedy cable and phone companies to control the internet, then I hope this will be the stick that broke the camel back, and the American people finally start a revolt. Our government is totally unresponsive to the wishes of we the people. The time for revolution is very near. There is no excuse for this to pass other than to allow the cable and phone companies to make more money. America has become a country where it's citizens pay more and get less. Be warned, the American people have had enough.

—Michael Hansen, Coral Gables, FL

The two tiered internet with large corporations in charge is absolutely unfair for all. We do not need more discrimination in this country of any kind. PLEASE SUPPORT NET NEUTRALITY FOR ALL!!! Thank you

—Sara roderer, Richmond, VA

We need Net Neutrality!!!! Stand with the USA not corporate profits!

—Ken Maass, Beaumont, TX

Live the Net alone and don't kowtow to Verizon and Comcast, who will stick it to the big, normal, majority of us.

—Will Gorenfeld, Novato, CA

Any regulations or prioritization of data will lead to mismanagement of the Internet and its traffic.

—Randall Farnes, Reno, NV

The head of the FCC is in clear conflict of interest and should be FIRED immediately. If he is not fired immediately ... Then President Obama should be Impeached ... and I am a Democrat.

—Dave Marsh, Lexington, KY

The Internet is an engine of pluralism. With all providers acting as common carriers, all bits are created equal. As the Internet has grown, we've seen explosive growth in new businesses, new communities, and new sources of information. Don't turn it into yet another system where wealthy corporations call the shots and smaller players get shut out. Classify ISPs as common carriers. Preserve a Net where all bits are equal.

—David Ham, Downers Grove, IL

If you really care about innovation and American entrepreneurs, you need to support net neutrality. It's the tool that allows the individual inventor to compete with the big corporations and become the "big corporations" of the future. Without net neutrality, you stifle the free market that capitalists claim to be so in love with.

—James Mundy, Inglewood, CA

Go ahead, turn the internet over to a few big companies. What could possibly go wrong? We will go back to the glorious 1950's, as far as communications are concerned. Bad service at high prices. We will continue to have fewer choices, slower speeds and nickle and dime charges for everything we value online, buy online, share online, play online. Innovation will dry-up as AT&T et.al. tighten the noose around competitors. Why allow content from others over the pipe they own? Control the speed, control the content, control the politicians, control the Government, control the citizenry. Sounds Great!

—James Lewis, Winfield, KS

Everyone should have equal access to the internet. It was developed with US taxpayer dollars and no corporation should be allowed preferential use of it!!!!!!!!!!

—Cathy Deptula, Brandon, FL

The Internet IS a common carrier and MUST be reclassified as such! It was paid for by tax dollars!

—Mercedes R Lackey, CLAREMORE, OK

Chairman Wheeler, Please throw out your rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Scott Dikkers Dikkers, brooklyn, NY

Save our open neutral internet

—D Cooper, Warners, NY

If you truly believe in freedom, you will keep Net Neutrality. Don't be bought by a few huge corporations!

—Rob Johnson, El Cajon, CA

My ending Net Neutrality, you will be destroying one of the few bright growing spots on our economy. Not to mention the fact that having Cable company monopolies' or near monopolies to un-American. You might as well go piss on a Bald Eagle while you are at it. So make the right decision before you piss off all of America. Because America is like a sleeping giant, slow to get start, but woe to the one who wakes her up.

—Robert Wayne Ritchey, Torrance, CA

Just as all men are created equal, priority for data on the Internet needs to be equal. It is unconscionable and unjust to allow ISPs to charge higher rates to give certain "fast lane" content priority over other content. US internet access is already laughably slow and overpriced when compared to the global marketplace of other first-world nations. Don't make it even worse by giving ISPs more tools to damage the internet. It's supposed to be an information superhighway for everyone, not just some.

—Sarah Lauser, Troy, NY

Net neutrality is important to me because a free net is the key to disarming censorship. Censorship is the enemy and the downfall of democracy.

—Cecilia, Freeport, NY

Internet. - Is the last stand of equality!

—Thorsteinn Arnarson, Ålgård,

True Net Neutrality can only be achieved by not giving in to the few corporate heads that will argue that they will be fair if you let them "take care of things". Having a multi tier internet speed controlled by the cable companies is like the fox guarding the hen house. Please do not institute some rules that will simply hand the net over to a few when it really belongs to everyone. Please reclassify ISP's as a common carrier for us common folk!

—Jonathan Stone, Braintree, MA

Net-neutrality is the key to freedom of speech in our cyberspatial age. . . .

—Daniel Samek, Albuquerque, NM

Democracy depends upon an informed citizenry. An informed citizenry depends upon free information. Free information now depends upon a free internet. Is it really so hard to understand why net neutrality is so important?

—Peter O. Childs, Miranda, CA

Don't cave in to the big corporate attempts to take over the internet. Monopolies will destroy our democracy by usurping the internet.

—Carmine Coscia, St. Louis, MO

Why don't anti-trust laws apply to cable monopolies?

—Paul Herman, Beverly Hills, CA

If the FCC has any vested interest in the general public, they will stop this re-structuring of the internet immediately. Net neutrality is what keeps American innovation strong and our basic freedoms alive and well in the digital age. Catering to the demands of corporate giants like Comcast and Time Warner simply channels our country into a deeper monopoly of power, much as ExxonMobil, Shell, and BP have done with the oil/energy industry.

—Dup Crosson, Harpswell, ME

The Internet is the vanguard of free speech in our society. It has revolutionized communication and ought not be subject to hindrance from corporations, which are not people and do not have a right to profit or free speech.

—Michael Dotson, Carterville, IL

The internet is too important a resource to entrust to two of the worst companies in America. Giving Comcast even more control than they have now is a recipe for disaster. The internet must remain an equal playing field or the bad will squeeze out the good until what we know as the internet will be gone forever. Hollywood movies are appalling, network TV is worse, cable news is even worse than that, radio is worst of all, and we all suffer because big money has been allowed to take near-exclusive control of those means of broadcasting. The internet is the last refuge, where small media, including even individuals, can compete on a level playing field with big money. To give that up is not just an historic error- it is wicked.

—David Gowdey, San Rafael, CA

Net Neutrality would effectively dismantle the foundation on which the internet was built. It would destroy the exchange of free ideas, take power away from the masses, and give it to the hands of a few. Such power would cripple the flow of free ideas on the Internet that has both enlightened and entertained our society. I would not be surprised if most people in this nation will resist such an act. Vote for such a bill, and I assure you, you will not be re-elected.

—Bret Cypel, Eugene, OR

A free and open internet has done amazing things for our country and world over the last 20 years. We need to preserve all internet start-ups' ability to receive internet users--and internet users' ability to access any site they wish--without any discrimination or obstruction. Variable load times, especially in an age of megacorporations that provide both connectivity and content, would be devastating for what the internet has come to stand for. Please preserve net neutrality and nix Chairman Wheeler's plan to codify internet discrimination. Instead, you should reclassify internet service providers as common carriers.

—Aaron Sinner, St. Paul, MN

I want history to record you did the right thing and for once didn't sell the American public to the highest bidder. Classify the internet as a commons - a common utility like telephone service.

—Morgan Henry, Alexandria, VA

Fairness and Democracy. Cut the crap. You know better!

—Roger Batchelder, San Diego, CA

Net neutrality is internet equality.

—Brent Bray, Pflugerville, TX

TRUE Net Neutrality is when you don't allow providers to alter service levels for people who pay more.

—Charles Clark, Platteville, WI

The internet is where many people go to find unbiased information, to exchange ideas with people similar to themselves, and feel free to express themselves and find media and services not available in other places. Abandoning net neutrality would be abandoning the rights of every person who does not fit the expectations of mainstream media, and any group or individual with a new idea or inconvenient opinion to share with the world.

—Di Gillham, St. Thomas,

Not in agreement w new proposal for net neutrality. Please let something remain free in this country!!!! This is ridiculous.

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Freedom? Democracy? International goodwill? Capitalism?

—Glenn Rice, Portland, OR