

I get it.. net neutrality is dangerous. Having a population with a level playing field just ain't American! In business, the customer is always dumb/wrong/unenlightened, and otherwise food for the business. Just how much do you really believe the above? Given current developments in legislation surrounding the internet and the rights of the ISP's (and their shareholders), behavior and results indicate the probable prevalence in the corporate/legislative policies such as those absurd sentiments in the first paragraph, above. Don't get me wrong, I know the ISP's and related business will keep on pushing for the upper hand; that is NO reason to give it to them. Please take strong stands where you can and reclassify ISP's as common carriers with legal teeth to keep it that way. If the former law was flawed, please help craft one that sticks.

—Wayne Upchurch, Wendell, NC

Net neutrality is important to me as the constitution is to me in upholding my rights as a citizen - it ensures freedom of the press, freedom of speech and freedom of thought.

—Chris Burrell, New York, NY

Having the freedom to say anything I want about anything I want is a basis for a free, open and fair society. If that's taken away tyrant will win. We can't let that happen. We cannot be told what to say, what to think and how to believe.

—Daniel Miller, Webster Springs, WV

Removing net neutrality is similar to installing toll roads on all American highways. Do you want to pay a toll on every single road?

—Allison Hildebrand, Colorado Springs, CO

A level playing field is why my career of building websites is possible. Please don't let the corporate lobbyists destroy my small business, take away my livelihood, and make my Mom sad.

—Brian Scherr, Manhasset, NY

Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers. The internet has become critical for business and private communications of all types. Therefore, ISPs today fill the role of common carriers and the classification would be completely appropriate. In contrast, the proposed rules allowing two-tiered internet service would enable monopolies such as Comcast and Time Warner to extort money from consumers. These rules must be thrown out.

—Amit Shoham, Oakland, CA

I am a senior on Social Security and Medicare. The Internet is my social connection with the world. It's where I satisfy curiosity and find recipes. It keeps me connected to old friends and new. It keeps me mentally alive. Don't take all that away from me. I can barely afford the Internet connection I have.

—Pepper Hume, Bartlesville, OK

I live on a fixed income and am attending college online. Now I pay a healthy but doable rate for high speed access. Adding as super high speed available for extra charges leaves me and millions of others w/o usable internet service. In the US our internet service is worse than that available in 3rd world countries for a nominal charge- improve service to all and keep net neutral. Comcast doesn't need to own everything.

—Elizabeth Hall, santa fe, NM

It is important to me because it allows me to view the information and parts of the internet that I want to see. Not just the mainstream.

—Ben Bargman, Beverly Hills, MI

Net neutrality is important because it actually lets we the people not be regulated even more by the corporate lobby takeover government we live in.

—Jonathan Pritchett, Dallas, TX

We over pay for it already. Separation of church and state.

—John Kolesar, Westminster, CO

We are sick of the cable/internet monopoly. We pay too much for bad service, and the FCC is allowing this to happen. End the monopoly and save net neutrality.

—Shanno Douglas, Portland, OR

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[REDACTED]]. / \ This is Bob and his tank. he's here to
protect Net Neutrality.

—Alexander K. Svendsen, sandefjord,

Don't allow the end to net neutrality. For once let yourself support the actual consumer a/k/a, the people, as opposed to the cable companies who want to charge more for a fast lane. I know the FCC chair has spent most of his life feeding at the corporate trough but I pray that for once his conscience may win out over pure greed and contempt for the middle class and consumers.

—Elyette Weinstein, Olympia, WA

The internet is an amazing thing, it fosters creativity, communication, entrepreneurship, and has helped create a place for freedom of speech again. The people who are trying to subvert it are clearly doing it for self-gain, and the FCC now has a chairman who has come directly from the people who want to destroy the internet as we know it. It will be truly appalling if the FCC abrogate their responsibility. I can't believe that Obama has done this.

—Rosemary Pavlov, Pullman, WA

A free and open internet is the single greatest technology of our time, and control should not be at the mercy of corporations. 1. A free and open internet stimulates ISP competition. 2. A free and open internet helps prevent unfair pricing practices. 3. A free and open internet promotes innovation. 4. A free and open internet promotes the spread of ideas. 5. A free and open internet drives entrepreneurship. 6. A free and open internet protects freedom of speech. Without an open internet, big corporations would have tight control over how we access websites and services.

—Raeann Scott, Sumas, WA

If John Oliver understands why this is so important, why don't you?

—Sue Miller, Tucson, AZ

It belongs to everyone now, please do not let the rich steal this.

—Judith Crim, Sun City West, AZ

Please reconsider our future. Please don't give all the power to a couple of companies. This could be your chance to save the small business.

—Jesse Light, Chandler, AZ

Keep the playing field truly level. Reclassify the internet ISPs as common carriers.

—Irene Willey, Snohomish, WA

No slow lane for the internet!!

—Terrie Thom, North Tonawanda, NY

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—Eeckhout, Brugge,

Preserve net neutrality for citizens. Don't sell out to the greedy and corrupt corporations who already wallow in obscene profits at our expense.
Thank you.

—Linda Snyder, Salem, OR

I am dead against giving the cable companies any control of the flow of content on the internet. Net Neutrality must remain.

—Mick F. Cantarella, New York, NY

I'M MORE THAN A COG IN YOUR WHEEL. I AM MORE THAN A CONSUMER. I AM A CITIZEN OF THE FORMER UNITED STATES. WE ARE LEGION. WE ARE ANGRY. AND WE WILL OVERWHELM YOU. HOW MUCH MORE SHIT DO YOU IMAGINE IT WILL TAKE BEFORE YOU'VE GONE TOO FAR? REMEMBER... WE DON'T NEED YOU. YOU NEED US. WE CAN END YOU.

—Michael Mitchell, New York, NY

Our species faces more challenges to survive than ever before. We need the fast reliable information exchange made possible with net neutrality to solve these problems and leave a liveable world for the generations to come.

—Katherine Shields, Portland, OR

We're a democracy and we need net neutrality to help level the playing field. Don't end it!!

—Ellen Middleditch, Los Alamos, NM

Net Neutrality access should be a human right.

—Chris Dale, Windsor,

The web shouldn't be sold to the highest bidder. It's for all of us.

—Nadia Kanhai, Aurora, IL

The unfettered use and access to the internet constitutes one of the last bastions of free expression. It's not regulated, by content, by popularity, or even by perceived relevance. The information is just out there for anyone to find and to do what they wish with it. Ending Net Neutrality would be equivalent to letting Rupert Murdoch buy every news outlet, print, cable and network. Internet users will no longer have any choice in what they want to read, hear or watch on the web. The only group of people who want to end Net Neutrality are those who can benefit from its end, the cable providers who already have what amounts to a monopoly.

—Justin Picken, Vail, CO

I support a free and open Internet. Do not allow cable companies to monopolize the Internet for the sake of more profits and control. This is a direct attack on American freedoms.

—Steve Peterson, San Diego, CA

Why is net neutrality important? You have the balls to ask that after Obama appoints the shyster-lobbyist for the cable industry as Chairman of the FCC & then suddenly the FCC decides it needs to 'fix' the internet...which will also happen to give cable companies more ways to suck us all dry???? WTF???? How much more do you think cable companies should be able to fucking extract from American citizens? Do we need to start including a couple pints of blood with our bloated payments for their ALREADY OVERPRICED & WOEFULLY INADEQUATE CABLE SERVICE that doesn't even try to approach the level of internet service enjoyed by EVERY OTHER CIVILIZED NATION ON EARTH??? HELL NO we don't want cable companies to 'offer' 2 speeds of transmission ...or I should say HELL NO cable companies should NOT be allowed by the FCC to extort more \$\$\$ from us to provide an even slower speed than the pathetically slow speeds we have now & already pay too much for!!!! FUCK NO!!! KEEP NET NEUTRALITY!! And STOP HELPING INTERNET PROVIDERS FIND NEW WAYS TO FUCK THEIR CUSTOMERS!!!

—MD Mullane, San Diego, CA

Net neutrality enables innovation. Net neutrality is democratic. Net neutrality embodies our national ethos.

—Michelle Burke, San Francisco, CA

John Oliver sums it up w/ minimal exaggeration. There is no competition. The internet must be regulated by non-former telecom lobbyists.

—Harald Conradi, Los Angeles, CA

Again, again yours DEMOcrat FCC ChairmanS repeat the story. We know it So, do ou created plans, new regulations that finally, become immense benefits to same monopolistic companies which we pay high costs, mediocre professionals bad services. Mr. Weeler why do you going more over over there looking our "slavery"? it's means, against invented rules, to justified end of NET NEUTRALITY. Take care and would do doing for American PEOPLE BETTER? NORMAL PATRIOTIC Issues AS a CHAIRMAN? why do you promoted discrimination on line> May be is it , -for yourself and your closed group? Do you has been created previous interests, liasions, affairs? CONSCIENCE man, courage!Character Stop it Please Mr. Tom must . As DEMO FCC chairman has to work loyalty, just for American National Community who pay all your status, salary....TRUST from who nomined you. Please...Not more used abused from PEOPLE at tiny level against . Thanks , sincerely I love America who missed leaders...become you ONE, loyal, better, really DEMO., Mr Wheeler so, History will applaud, you thankful. We too.

—Alicia Margarita, Hollywood, FL

the net is for everyone and it should be free.

—Wendy Wilke, Fresno, CA

We need to reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Please throw out your rules and protect NET NEUTRALITY. Giving AT&t, Verizon, and Comcast the ability to create a two tiered Internet would lock out public access and limit it to the ones who can pay the fees, again giving money the greater voice in our country. If you do this, there will be unimaginable problems for everyone and freedom of speech will be silenced like it has never been in two hundred years. Think long and hard. This would be discrimination of the highest form and the people would not stand for it.

—Ms. Lisa D Henderson, Sacramento, CA

The internet should not be exploited to make more profits for big corporations. It is clear that the consumer and small business would not benefit from a two tiered Internet. Do what is right and keep the internet Neutral. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Hataya Tubtim, downey, CA

I am a little person that can't afford to pay a high price to use the internet. Why is it always the little people who have to suffer for a few people to get what they want. I am sick of selfish people that are out to get what they want no matter how it affects so many others.

—Corrine Molling, Onalaska, WI

The plan to give premiums in internet speed to companies who can pay for them when the internet is a place of communication is wrong morally, and legally. It's a monopoly, and it must be prevented.

—Nicholas Thompson, BELLEVUE, WA

For FCC Docket 14-28. Please leave the internet providers as common carriers so that all users may continue to have access. It should not go into a tiered basis just to make more money for the providers. Everyone deserves the access to all information for free.

—Scott Buck, Port Angeles, WA

Don't neuter our democracy. No Fast Lanes for cable monopolies. Net neutrality is essential. And use your regulatory power to break up the monopolies. Break up Comcast. Break up Time Warner Break up Cox. Break up AT&T Do the right thing.

—Dr. James McFadden, Berkeley, CA

The internet does not need a multi tiered system. In the past 20 years, the internet and the innovations that have come from an open network system have truly made a huge and positive influence in the way we live today. Technology has flourished because of net neutrality. Why did something that isn't broken? Why regulate something that doesn't need it?

—Hoa Vuong, Lorton, VA

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Please don not allow a "two tiered" system to regulate the internet. Net neutrality is what has allowed the devlopment of internet, where new start-up companies can compete on a level playing field with older established businesses. Without net neutrality, we might all still be using AOL for our email! Please consider reclassifying ISP's as common carriers.

—Peter Hoyt, Medford, OR

If you want Soviet communism running the world cloaked as business cable provider's such as Comcast, then let's charge the internet users. heil Comcast!

—Bob Marley, Hell, MN

Don't sugar coat the net neutrality. It must be kept as is. Free and Democratic!

—Holly Rundberg, Altadena, CA

There should be no difference in having internet access than there is in having access to other public utilities. Period.

—Brenda Stone, Lansing, MI

It's simply: F R E E D O M

—David Ettl, Bad Salzdettfurth,

The free and equal internet is almost the last bit of the "commons" the 99% have left and to take that away after all the Supreme Court has done to us is just to much. Dewey R Morgan

—Dewey r Morgan, Oklahoma City, OK

Because it helps keep internet costs low and website speeds equal. Having an even playing field will keep companies from screwing the common people, who already being nickled and dimed to death. Cable companies already have way to much power in what they charge, with little or no competition. How fair is it for someone with extra cash to be able to drive in the fast lane and others who make minimum wage or live check to check, being forced to drive in the slow lane when both drivers pay for the road. Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—James Gussert, Madison, WI

No toll gates or special lanes on the net!!!

—Douglas Estes, San Francisco, CA

Net neutrality is a a must for freedom of expression in a modern democracy.

—Madelcine Ras, SF, CA

Considering the internet service in the USA is slower than that in all other developed (and some 3rd world) countries; considering that internet service in the USA costs more than that in other developed (and some 3rd world) countries; and considering that the major internet service providers already enjoy near-monopoly status in their service areas, it is unconscionable that the FCC would consider permitting a 2-tier system. The only beneficiaries would be the predatory ISPs, who stand to profit from it, and relegate the average citizen to 2nd-class status in terms of service.

—Doug Kinnaird, Beaverton, OR

Unequal access widens the already huge gap in opportunity. A culture loses long-term health and viability when it restricts the ability of all citizens to communicate. Communication leads to creativity and innovation. To continue to evolve and have vitality as a nation, we must foster net neutrality.

—O'Neill D. Louchard, Port Townsend, WA

Like the rest of our democracy, it belongs to the people, not to special interest groups.

—Kathryn Wood, Tacoma, WA

Net Neutrality is important to me because I love connecting with people all over the world.

—Sharon Teresa Louisell, El Cerrito, CA

Reject any proposals creating a two-tiered Internet. Instead, reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Eric Scheihagen, Dallas, TX

do not ruin my internet by ending net neutrality. these cable company's will screw us as consumers and it will be all your fault.

—Kenneth Hyché, Cullman, AL

Net Neutrality is important to me because I already live in a poorly served area. Our Internet access is controlled by a third rate private phone company that charges a significant amount for a mediocre, unreliable DSL connection. The options for satellite or wireless access are just as unreliable since our terrain is mountainous and tree-covered. The Internet is using public airwaves to conduct business. The Public should be able to have the advantage of speedy, unhindered access to their airwaves/frequencies. The Public should not have to pay a premium price for mediocre service. The Public should not have to pay a premium price to support a monopoly or monopolistic business practices. I am against enabling Verizon & Comcast to make exorbitant profits selling a service which should be in the public domain. I do not want my web experience governed by 2 or 3 corporate entities supporting themselves and their friends. I want an open, uncensored Internet experience that empowers the Public to be informed on all viewpoints, not just those views that can pay huge sums of money to get my traffic. The Internet should encourage fair and equal competition, allowing businesses to succeed on their merits, not their pocketbooks; this is an American principle. Never mind the line about fast & faster - it just boils down to slow & fast. Don't sell out the American Public.

—Karen Carney, Spencertown, NY

The Internet is a way to communicate and gain knowledge and skills. locking it down will only hinder everything it is used for.

—Hunter Thomas Swale, Woodend,

The internet is the most commonly used communication device today. It is important to people and corporations to continue to have a level playing field regardless of their wealth.

—Erin Gibbemeyer, Lima, OH

My small business is dependent on Net Neutrality. Net Neutrality is essential to the movement to recover our democracy.

—Wanda Husick, Sayre, PA

B/c the 1% deserve the guillotine - not to be further enriched by you - to the detriment of the 99%.

—Anthony Sclafani, Santa Fe, NM

Please don't fuck up the internet.

—Patrick Jeremy Grant Tuohy, wellington,

One country indivisible...

—Stan Banos, SF, CA

I ask that you read my letter in its entirety. It is lengthy, but I bring up many issues that have a bearing upon the decisions all members of Congress and the F.C.C. make, concerning Internet Neutrality, versus Corporate Tyranny. The Internet is a Global Resource that ALL HUMANKIND should have equal access to, regardless of their income. That being said, I think we already pay a hefty price tag for personal communication devices, (Smartphones, Laptops, Desktop Computer systems), AND we ALREADY PAY ISP'S a goodly amount for their services. These supposedly "Everything Plans" for mobile devices, charge \$10 for every 2MB of Data, after you have used the original 2MB. THIS IS FALSE ADVERTISEMENT!!! It's unethical and it ALREADY has created a hierarchy based on financial resources. Broadband for home use may allow a person truly unlimited data usage, but the price tag went from an average of \$25 several years back, to the same amount as an average Mobile carrier charges for an Everything Plan for a single individual--\$60.+ These Mega Wealthy Corporations want to bleed the American public dry. The average American is having a real struggle just for basic living expenses. We are STILL IN A DEPRESSION and all economic indicators are predicting it is going to get much worse; the dollar is on very shaky ground and has been predicted to fail in the near future. Further economic hardship at this time is NOT a wise move! The Internet is not a luxury anymore. Almost every facet of our entire society depends upon it. The Internet as it exists today, is THE ONLY Communication Network not filled with Propaganda that Corporate owned TV and Radio Stations CONSTANTLY CRANK OUT. The only exceptions to this rule are Public Supported Radio and Television Stations that ONCE AGAIN, the Public has to pick up the tab for; an expense Americans who value truth and freedom are thrilled to be able to support. Before the wide spread access to the Internet became possible, these were our ONLY TRUSTWORTHY SOURCES of National and World News. What the Internet provides that Public Radio and Public Television does not, is a platform for individual/group expression and SHARING that INTERNET USERS CREATE. Users create the Programming. AS THE CREATORS, WE OWN THE COPYRIGHT TO OUR OWN WEBSITES; BE THEY INDIVIDUAL OR COMPOSED OF GROUP INPUT. As far as I can tell, it seems the majority of websites are dependent upon user interaction or are composed entirely of user input. We humans are Social Animals---WE NEED TO FEEL CONNECTED TO OTHER HUMAN BEINGS. We need to feel part of a group. Our modern society isolates individuals more and more. And without a doubt, it makes individuals more powerful when they know millions of other people share their views. This is the major reason for corporations to want the power to CENSOR the Internet, by silencing OUR RIGHT TO FREE SPEECH, AND OUR RIGHT TO ASSEMBLE. Just because our assemblies are not in 'Brick and Mortar' buildings, make them no less valid. Divide and conquer is the oldest military strategy there is. Every Website has rules in their acceptance policy that allow them to block users that do not abide by the user guidelines. Internet users can protect and monitor their own behavior and that of guests to their website. Website owners ask users themselves, to flag inappropriate content to help the Webmasters do their job. And they do. The current Internet is not broken--so why fix it???

The American people already know the National Security Administration, (that is supposed to PROTECT the American people), has been compiling information on Average Americans, WITHOUT CAUSE, for many years. Our government gives the EXCUSE for violating our Constitutional Rights as an effort to protect us from Terrorism. The same excuse they gave for the war with Iraq after the Twin Towers Incident, which was obviously perpetrated/sanctioned/allowed by our government, as Iraq had no Weapons of Mass Destruction, but they did have Oil that our Military Industrial Government thought and probably still thinks, we cannot do without. Regardless, the surveillance of average citizens, is exactly what Hitler's Gestapo did in The Third Reich, except the N.S.A. has more sophisticated and invasive tools. Modern Americans also know what Hitler used his Secret Police for. Censorship of the Internet is the modern equivalent of Hitler's Burning of The Books. We all know how Hitler was able to Brainwash Germany into the Holocaust and a war for World Domination because Hitler's viewpoint was their only compass. Many of the conditions that existed in Germany prior to World War Two, exist in America, today. It is with horror that I watch these events unfold for a second time. What ultimately defeated Hitler was that he was fighting a battle on too many fronts. The physical logistics of supplying his troops with food and weaponry over such a large geographic area, is what really brought down the Nazi War Machine. It would not have been possible even then, without the SHEER MASS OF HUMANITY THAT WERE WILLING TO DIE TO STOP HITLER. It is no longer necessary to have the physical limitations of war. Whoever controls the Internet, will eventually control the world. This is why the Congress and F.C.C.'s decision is SO IMPORTANT!!! The course of Human History hangs on this decision. PLEASE CHOOSE FREEDOM from Corporate Tyranny for America! The reverse side of the coin is this: The Internet has made World Peace truly ACHIEVABLE for the first time in Human History. The Internet allows us to interact with people in other cultures and to recognize that The Human Condition is very similar, despite any geographic, religious, political, ethnic, and cultural differences. In fact, it is this 'Biodiversity', (to put it in an Environmental context), that makes Human beings so fascinating! Even grains of sand and snowflakes are different from one another. Why should human society insist upon a Generic Human Race? If we learned to embrace our differences with the same respect and warmth we feel toward our similarities, there would be no feelings of superiority or inferiority; no need for competition; we could live in harmony with each other and Nature. We would all still be individuals striving to do Our Personal Best, without comparing ourselves to one another so much, because we would all feel a true sense of self-worth. History has proven that collaboration is much more effective than competition, yet society's current focus is still on our Primate-driven Instinct for Survival that results in competition--Hooray for me and to Hell with the other guy! This is especially true of the Uber-rich Elite that OWN the corporations that "influence Presidents, congressmen and women, and various government agencies," to the point that they might as well be considered Chairman of the Board. I feel confident that I speak for the majority of Americans when I say that we are really fed up with Corporate Tyranny. We want a government that is truly responsive to the will of the population they ARE SUPPOSED TO BE SERVING, just as our Forefathers did; TAXATION

WITHOUT REPRESENTATION was the reason they began The Revolution that started this country. That situation exists again today, in spades. Americans are raised to believe in Our Constitutional Rights that have been disregarded for decades. I think the situation has become intolerable for many of us. Any further attempts by our President or other Government agencies, empowering corporations/ further restricting our individual liberties, would be disastrous for this country. I am proud of the Federal Corporation Commission for setting an example for other government agencies and Congress to follow. By listening to what we, the people, want, and being willing to make their decision on the will of the people, based on our desire to have ISP's re-classified as Common Carriers, and reject the bill designated: H.R.4752, and to support Net Neutrality. Congressional input on this matter will surely have a powerful impact on this legislation and set a precedent for any further legislation that would encroach on Free Speech and an Open, Uncensored Internet for Everyone the World Over. If the F.C.C., the House of Representatives and the Senate, all support the Constitution and vote in favor of what the masses want, it will help restore America's hope that the Brotherhood of Man means more than profits for the power-hungry, greedy, obscenely wealthy elite. I am sincerely grateful to you for taking the time to read this. With a dictator like Obama at the helm, I am sincerely worried about this country. Please do everything in your power to help this country steer a course that is for the Greatest Good, of The Greatest Number. Thank you and God Bless You, Shira L. Musil 4445 N. 27th. Drive Phoenix, AZ 85017 I ask that you read my letter in its entirety. 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FREEDOM from Corporate Tyranny for America! The reverse side of the coin is this: The Internet has made World Peace truly ACHIEVABLE for the first time in Human History. The Internet allows us to interact with people in other cultures and to recognize that The Human Condition is very similar, despite any geographic, religious, political, ethnic, and cultural differences. In fact, it is this 'Biodiversity', (to put it in an Environmental context), that makes Human beings so fascinating! Even grains of sand and snowflakes are different from one another. Why should human society insist upon a Generic Human Race? If we learned to embrace our differences with the same respect and warmth we feel toward our similarities, there would be no feelings of superiority or inferiority; no need for competition; we could live in harmony with each other and Nature. We would all still be individuals striving to do Our Personal Best, without comparing ourselves to one another so much, because we would all feel a true sense of self-worth. History has proven that collaboration is much more effective than competition, yet society's current focus is still on our Primate-driven Instinct for Survival that results in competition--Hooray for me and to Hell with the other guy! This is especially true of the Uber-rich Elite that OWN the corporations that "influence Presidents, congressmen and women, and various government agencies," to the point that they might as well be considered Chairman of the Board. I feel confident that I speak for the majority of Americans when I say that we are really fed up with Corporate Tyranny. We want a government that is truly responsive to the will of the population they ARE SUPPOSED TO BE SERVING, just as our Forefathers did; TAXATION WITHOUT REPRESENTATION was the reason they began The Revolution that started this country. That situation exists again today, in spades. Americans are raised to believe in Our Constitutional Rights that have been disregarded for decades. I think the situation has become intolerable for many of us. Any further attempts by our President or other Government agencies, empowering corporations/ further restricting our individual liberties, would be disastrous for this country. I am proud of the Federal Corporation Commission for setting an example for other government agencies and Congress to follow. By listening to what we, the people, want, and being willing to make their decision on the will of the people, based on our desire to have ISP's re-classified as Common Carriers, and reject the bill designated: H.R.4752, and to support Net Neutrality. Congressional input on this matter will surely have a powerful impact on this legislation and set a precedent for any further legislation that would encroach on Free Speech and an Open, Uncensored Internet for Everyone the World Over. If the F.C.C., the House of Representatives and the Senate, all support the Constitution and vote in favor of what the masses want, it will help restore America's hope that the Brotherhood of Man means more than profits for the power-hungry, greedy, obscenely wealthy elite. I am sincerely grateful to you for taking the time to read this. With a dictator like Obama at the helm, I am sincerely worried about this country. Please do everything in your power to help this country steer a course that is for the Greatest Good, of The Greatest Number. Thank you and God Bless You, Shira L. Musil 4445 N. 27th. Drive Phoenix, AZ 85017

—Shira L Musil, Phoenix, AZ

Please throw out your internet rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality.

Thank you, Jered Cargman

—Jered Cargman, Banning, CA

I'm not sure where to begin on why Net Neutrality is important to all. It seems so painfully obvious that I'm stuck at why I need to explain the need at all. While the internet is not part of Maslow's hierarchy of needs, it is becoming a necessary tool in meeting the most basic needs for all humanity and soon with undoubtedly be required in this tech-driven world. Not only does the internet entertain and educate (through free and paid sources), but it connects the poorest people to the communities and resources they need to get help; makes distant online families of people who suffer from or know someone who suffers from a mental/physical disorder or affliction; and is the first source we go to when an emergency strikes. It also is where we meet friends and future mates, learn new hobbies and creative pursuits, and become the people we really want to be. While being an open system means that we all can access the good, the bad, and the ugly of humanity, that is KEY. That WE make that decision on an individual basis that is best for our lives, not that of a corporation who can afford to steamroll new ventures or a communications company who punishes those that cannot afford to pay additional fees to share their information with whomever out there might want it. This may mean that many of us have to find systems to prevent our children from coming across unacceptable things, but that is to be expected and I'd rather have the world online be a reflection (on a crazy global scale) of the world we live in. We don't live in a bubble and never will. How is it even slightly OK for a very small handful to take control over the access of the masses? Even if everything is still accessible (with some at painfully slow speeds), that doesn't put it all on even footing and let us decide for ourselves what is best for ourselves and our families. And going way back to those poorest or any small non-profit (or business really) scraping by, how will they help those that need help if they cannot afford the fees required? How is it right for an internet service provider to wield this kind of power? I'm still flummoxed how this has gotten so far. All I see is irrational decisions based on dollar signs. Please PLEASE put this to rest and stop questioning Net Neutrality. Defend it. Protect it.

—Ms. Cameron Mace, Portland, OR

Corporate media is controlled by the advertisers, the big income corporations that want to control our thinking and buying processes. If we are to have a democracy at all, the people must have a free and open source of information. The news media no longer serves that role. Walter Cronkite is long gone! We need the internet as the lifeblood that can keep our democracy and great nation alive. They've been going down the tubes for too long in too many ways. Remember the inspiration we felt in history and civics classes about our great nation? Let's keep it that way with basic freedom of expression and access to information.

—Susan Miller, Lake Oswego, OR

Net Neutrality would be a Commerce Killer. Would be a Communication Killer.

—Jody Ripper, Corona Del Mar,, CA

the internet needs to remain even it is the fair and right thing to do. preserve net neutrality so the world is not controlled by a few toll trolls

—Ms. Barbara Stachowiak, Wausau, WI

The internet is probably the last hope of humanity to find equality in the world--for a truly democratic space that excludes no one based on the inability to pay more. The internet needs to be governed as a utility, a common shared space, a public property--we've lost everything else to monied, private interests --please protect the publics access to free-flowing information.

—Linda Lillow, Albuquerque, NM

Net neutrality is not just important to me. It is essential to me. Net neutrality has helped to usher in a brand new era of unparalleled creativity, innovation, progress and prosperity - in entrepreneurship, in the arts, in the professions, in academia, in public affairs, and in endeavors of every type and stripe. Furthermore, Net neutrality has brought with it some of the most profound social and economic changes to occur to the civilized world, arguably since the introduction of the printing press - the vast majority of which is profoundly positive, or could be made to be so, with just a modest, reasonable amount of public oversight and direction. Net neutrality is essential to me, because I believe in all of these things. Passionately. And a huge portion of it could go away, potentially forever, if the crucial principle of Net neutrality is ever "successfully" dealt away to the giant ISPs and telecom corporations who so desperately yearn to own it and control it for themselves - just as giant corporations attempt to do in virtually every other field of endeavor and sector of the economy. And if they succeed (God forbid)? Goodbye creativity. Goodbye innovation. Goodbye level playing field. Hello constriction of content. Hello functional monopoly. Hello windfall profits - at public expense. And hello corporate cultural and economic hegemony - all over again. Are any of those reasons sufficient to persuade you, commissioners of the Federal Communications Commission, that it's finally time to undo the profound damage done by the previous FCC when it classified broadband Internet as an "information service" - thereby preventing itself from being able to regulate the Internet in the public interest? Is it not clear enough to you already that it's time - once and for all - to reclassify broadband Internet as a "telecommunications service", so that the FCC may regulate it just like a common carrier - in the public, NOT corporate, interest?

—Michael V. Kniat, New York, NY

It is imperative that internet users have the freedom to access the content of their choice without either preferential or discriminatory treatment by internet service and/or telecommunications providers. They are the carriers, we are the decision makers. I insist that you enact consumer-friendly Net Neutrality rules.

—Mitch Voehl, Eagan, MN

Net neutrality is the only fair way to run things. Just think how this attempt by the big guys prevents new business start-ups because they new businesses would not have the money and pay to get their product, or service on line. Lloyd Downs

—Lloyd Downs, Magalia, CA

Because if you do this you will be willingly and willfully denying Americans and the world the right to choose their own future - you will be choosing the death of freedom. Shameful. Shame on you for even considering it.

—Pam Raphael, Seattle, WA

A neutral internet is vital to the growth of commerce and the continued existence of the Internet as a vehicle for the promotion of free ideas and democracy world-wide.

—Adrian Tallent, Starr, SC

The United States became the force it is in large part because government and industry understood the value of infrastructure that serves the public good. Interstates, airports, and well-regulated utilities are examples. The internet IS our communications backbone. It's importance goes WAY beyond Verizon's bottom line. If we're forced to live with monopolies like Comcast and Verizon, then the FCC had better enforce neutrality or risk watching the people of other nations kick our collective a** innovating while we sit and try to build mobile apps that can deal with dial-up speeds. Do not make the egregious mistake Verizon is spending millions lobbying you to make.

—Joseph Wiesner, Milwaukee, WI

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fpbOEOrrHyU> learn something from people who appreciated freedom of internet. FIRE Tom Wheeler !!! he can work for comcast as soon as he is fired.

—Nando A., des moines, WA

This is a no-brainer that individual corporations and individuals should not be allowed to control the Internet for their personal benefit. It was started for, and really by, the people, and should be considered a national resource.

—Allen Holloway, Phoenix, AZ

As an MBA and business person I believe Net Neutrality is vital to protecting the Internet from the corrupting influence of the giant media companies. It is important that the spirit and nature of the Internet be maintained to allow America to continue to innovate and create.

—J Alvey, New Brighton, MN

I do not have much in the way of money. Without net neutrality the costs will go up. Some of the sites I go to will not be available in a timely manner. That is Unamerican and a way to stifle information that people will need to make intelligent decisions. I'm sure there are more than a few people high up in telecommunications that would want net neutrality gone so they can have more power.

—Richard Camp, Riverside, CA

We should receive the service that we pay for. The internet should not change for the consumers.

—Monica sanz, LA mesa, CA

Please do not kill net neutrality. The playing field is level, for all Americans to start internet companies, and any other kind of company which does business on the internet, which is about every company. Please do not kill net neutrality.

—John R Sheflin, Fort Collins, CO

A two tiered internet is not Net Neutrality. Keep the Internet open and equal for all users, wire-line and wireless.

—Glenn Schein, Mendocino, CA

Net Neutrality allows for there to be an even playing field, regardless of how much money you have. If you allow ISPs to charge companies money so that the ISPs won't slow down traffic, you'll be gutting the internet as we know it. Getting rid of Net Neutrality only helps ISPs earn more money, it does not make the internet faster, and it does not give the end consumer any benefit.

—Jon Borgetti, Dyer, IN

cable and phone companies have way too much power. Net neutrality is important for we the people

—Kathleen Nelson, Denver, CO

The internet has become an essential part of modern life akin to telephone companies 50 years ago. ISPs are now common carriers! There is no denying that fact! The FCC should be moving to improve and equalize access to the internet for all, not threatening to give ISPs more power to give more and more unequal service.

—Glenn Smith, Nevada City, CA

Net neutrality is the ONLY thing protecting citizens civil rights on the Internet and it is an atrocity that it is because of monopolies that the peoples rights are being jeopardized! Net neutrality is the ONLY thing that leaves the market fair and "neutral." Do we really want a bunch of business people ruling what "We the People" have access to on the Internet? We don't. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers!

—Patriz Rivera, Las Vegas, NV

Only a bought and sold lobbyist for the internet service providers would deny that those companies should be classified as common carriers. If you don't like that insult, give me a pleasant surprise.

—David Grant MD, San Antonio, TX

Access to the Internet should not be dependent on how much money a U.S. citizen has. This Un-Democratic, it is unfair and creates 2nd-class citizenship.

—Robert Edwards, Wilkes-Barre, PA

Utility. Monopoly. Please let the people keep what little power we have.

—Jeremy Dyson, Indianapolis, IN

Dear FCC, I can't believe this is still an issue! Do not mess with net neutrality!

—George Price, Eugene, OR

I want quick access to the information I am interested in, not twisted routes. I am already fed up with the mass of ads and the moment I see that an ad is coming up on facebook or elsewhere, I scroll away as quickly as I can. So please, respect my time and don't twist the routes to information.

—Karoly Nemeth, Darien, IL

You know an idea is just plain bad when both corporations, and the people are against it.

—Joel F Neumier, Virden,

Don't let big corporations set up a monopoly.

—Brian Feeney, Reno, NV

I believe that the Internet ought to treat all information equally and fairly regardless of its source. Let's keep the Internet open and free of informational bias.

—Philip, Herndon, VA

Net neutrality is important to me because of its disruptive nature. I can understand why the telecommunication companies want to make money, but the consequences to American economica development would be hugely detrimental. The new rules are 180 degrees away from what Net Neutrality should be. All data should be treated equally, and without discrimination, or preference to the highest bidder. Please don't turn our country's internet access into a laughingstock.

—Matthew Braun, Champaign, IL

How many cans of worms would you like to eat? How much will you enjoy having the whole populace of America clamoring for your throat? Don't underestimate people power. Our whole economy thrives because of net neutrality. I guess my mother was right - "Greed is at the bottom of it all." What corporations don't seem to understand is that when the people are thriving and happy, so are the corporations.

—Tresham Gregg, Haines, AK

Expecting a former lobbyist to do an honest job as head of the office he formerly lobbied against is pointless. But I still hope that he will do the right thing, after all L.B. Johnson turned on the oil companies that supported him all his political career, & bit them. Do the right thing, not the corporations bid, Wheeler.

—Jerry K F Chilson, Enumclaw, WA

NO.... NO..... NO..... DON'T YOU DARE FCC!!!!!!

—Debra L. Bradshaw, Windsor, VT

Net neutrality is important because this commodity of a service is the vehicle by new startup businesses can get online and actually compete. These startup businesses can deliver unique services and products that would not otherwise be available. Net neutrality also allows unique political opinions and activist organizations a chance to reach more people. Right this damn minute Cox Communications is hamstringing the video on this page: "http://act.freepress.net/letter/internet_fcc_nprm_oliver/?t=2&akid=4797.9487444.PEmSRE". Cox Communications is doing this as I am watching a video about ISP's wanting to charge more or providing less.

—Mark Bales, Norman, OK

As a veteran of 2 wars and a person who has lived outside the United States due to my numerous deployments, it is fair to say that I have seen the quality of internet throughout the world. To allow companies to charge extra for something most people receive standard in third world countries is ludicrous and to allow companies like Comcast to further exploit the American consumer is anti-American. How can President Obama betray us like this and allow this to happen?

—Hans Pinto, PALMETTO BAY, FL

FCC, If anyone on your committee thinks for a second that the American public believes that you have our best interests in mind, has been buried in special interest money for far too long. You know, as well as everyone else does, that none of you will ever reside in the real world again. You are like any other government entity, so corrupted by corporate money that for safety reasons should not be allowed to drive a car or operate heavy machinery much less be writing policy for the citizens of the U.S.

—Jason M Whitaker, Independence, MO

Don't be silly people- you know why this is important. Quit the double talk and doublespeak. Vote against any changes that impair the internet. Period.

—Eric John Fry, Dallas, TX

The FCC proposed internet rules seem totally unfair, and are not in the best interest of the public. It seems like the job of the FCC is to prevent horrible situations that detract from the public good. If you approve this then you are obviously not doing what is best for the public interest.

—Edward Marx, Oxnard, CA

FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler is not qualified to be making this decision. He should recuse himself on the basis of self interest. Net neutrality is simply that. No fast lanes, no slow lanes, no two tiers of service. No definition of neutrality by the five companies which have already been permitted to form a monopoly. The current plan is not right.

—John M. Gerty Jr., Skokie, IL

We already pay such a high price to have access to the Internet in our home and on our phones, and it would be grossly unfair for the ISP's to be able to slow down the content that we choose to view because the companies that run our favorite sites are not large and rich enough to be able to pay what will most likely be some extreme prices determined by the ISP's. I hear representatives of the ISP's saying they won't slow down the bandwidth speeds, but I don't believe that for one second! Why would the largest Internet providers be pushing so hard to end net neutrality if they didn't have some major benefits to gain (earning more money by slowing down services for those who can't or won't be strong-armed into paying extra). It has gotten to a point where the Internet, which used to be available from many companies, is now only offered by few at ridiculous tiered levels. When will it get to the point where the large phone, Internet, and cable companies (with very little competition) stop being allowed to charge such high amounts for every erroneous charge they can dream up? Isn't it part of the American Dream for everyone to be treated equal and given equal opportunities? What would happen to the small businesses, who are the foundation of our country, who rely on the Internet to sell their products and services if the large companies are able to charge them even more? Hasn't there been enough inflation at this point? When will inflation level off enough to a point where our citizens and small businesses are making enough to pay their bills and enjoy their hard earned money on the same level playing field as the large businesses who are jacking up inflation in the first place? When will it stop? When will our politicians and government agencies take the wants and needs of the American people more seriously than those of the greedy American corporations (who use lobbyists to sway the decisions of the people voted into office by the people and for the people)? If net neutrality ends, I will fear even more for my child's future in our country. There is no affordability any more! My husband and I are very financially responsible with excellent credit ratings, yet we also struggle at times to pay for the luxuries (cable, Internet, phone) that used to be much more affordable. My husband works in IT, and while it could be argued that we could do without some of the luxuries we've chosen, he needs internet and phone services so that he may respond to the needs of the company he works for even when he is at home. My husband hopes to one day have his own small business for IT consulting, which would rely heavily on an Internet presence. How can his start up company possibly survive and thrive when having to pay extra for his online presence? The FCC has a responsibility to protect the interests of the American people in regards to the way communications are handled in our country. In no way, shape or form, would it be responsible to the people of our country to have net neutrality end. The only people it would serve is the large Internet providers, and it would only prove that politicians and agencies can be bought by those with vast amounts of money. Please FCC, I beg you to help us Americans not be taken advantage of any further by the greedy American Internet service providers. There are reasons why the FCC exists, and my belief is that it is exactly for purposes of protecting Americans from the consequences that can arise from communication issues such as the extinction of net neutrality. Thank you for taking the time to read, and hopefully consider, my point of view!

—Lori Woods, Telford, PA

Protect net neutrality! Don't let them monopolize!

—Emily Leith, Denver, CO

There is enough inequality in life. Internet accessibility should not become another divide!

—John Seto, Sacramento, CA

As feared, FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler is pushing a plan that would allow rampant discrimination online. If approved, these rules would mean the end of Net Neutrality. Wheeler's plan would let Internet service providers like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon create a two-tiered Internet, with fast lanes for those who can afford the extra fees and a slow dirt road for the rest of us. These companies would have the power to pick winners and losers online and discriminate against online content and applications. And no one would be able to do anything about it. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality. Chairman Wheeler, nothing but a corporate shill, needs to resign yesterday or be fired.

—Robert Beverly, Orange, TX

The net belongs to all of us not the big corporations that want to stick it to us and charge big money to fill their greedy pockets!

—S Smith, Sound Beach, NY

Net neutrality is the last bastion of an open market. Don't destroy the internet by allowing monopolies on faster loading which would thereby prevent the average person access to more choices not being inundated with what large corporations decide my choices should be. They have already done that as my provider. Don't allow them to decide my internet choices The destruction of net neutrality really would just show that the fcc is more concerned with the interests of corporations over the general population.

—Cristina wood, scottsdale, AZ

Net Neutrality has been a powerful engine fueling economic growth, technology and innovation absent of greedy corporate control. The removal of net neutrality will stifle economic growth, start ups and small businesses. The internet belongs to the people NOT comcast, ATT and Time Warner. Do your job and protect net neutrality you are employed by the citizens of the USA NOT comcast, ATT and Time Warner.
—William Hall, Berkeley, CA

Maintain a level playing field. Allowing the large ISPs to profit at the expense of the small business owner or the common US citizen is wrong. It is wrong!
—Eugene Zenzen, Livonia, MI

Mr. Wheeler, Please, I implore you, keep Net Neutrality in tact. Hear what We the People want, not what the oligopoly phone and cable companies want. Sincerely, Richard Pressman
—Rich Pressman, Gwynn Oak, MD

The internet is a utility and is vital to our countries infrastructure. It should not be sold to the highest bidder!
—Jennifer Gonzalez, Larkspur, CA

Net neutrality is important to me and we the american people. It has already been agreed upon that one business or company should not have a monopoly on the net. Do not let Comcast or Time Warner take control of a whole valuable entity that is the internet.
—Jonathan Caycho, Denver, CO

Net Neutrality is important to me because I use the internet from home to keep in touch with my family and friends and what's happening around the world. I cannot afford a premium price as I am a low income erner. Please keep the internet available to all on an equal basis.
—Ewen Kloas, Melbourne,

I'm appalled that the FCC is even considering a 2-tiered approach. The one tier has been working -- increasing competition, allowing startups access to markets, creating an even playing field. All the 2-tier does is allow BIG BUSINESSES to charge premiums and thus uneven the playing field and drive out competitors to some other BIG BUSINESSES. Get ex-telecom lobbyist Wheeler out of there and reclassify ISPs as common carriers!
—Michael Gnat, Brooklyn, NY

KEEP IT OPEN AND FAIR! VERY IMPORTANT!
—P M, CHICAGO, IL

Please throw out your rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Barry Mason, Los Angeles, CA

Comcast and time warner are attempting to corrupt the internet purely for financial gain. Stop them now. Preserve the true essence of net neutrality!
—Brian Sloan, Phoenix, AZ

Seriously? No idea? You need me to comment? I doubt it. You know the difference between right and wrong. No, really, I know you do. Do the right thing. Keep the internet neutral. It's not all about money. Just do what is right. Remember King Arthur? Might for right. Not might is right.
—Wilmalyn Puryear, Timonium, MD

Letting these companies merge creates Big Problem. Please, appeal to the better angels in your nature & don't let this merger take place. Thank you.
—John Travena, Renton, WA

We need real Net Neutrality. The internet is too important to be left in the hands of a few companies. The FCC must classify ISPs as Title 2.
—Darsh R, Jupiter, FL

Net Neutrality is important because it allows individuals to determine the truth for themselves. Everyone interprets information differently and this is a major influence on those making important decisions. Do not take away an important tool that people need in order to stay in touch with the world.

—Martin Baclija, Indio, CA

Dear Chairman Tom Wheeler and other FCC Personnel, It is with great concern that I write regarding the proposed changes in the "Internet Rules." They are very disturbing. I would urge you to consider the needs of all people and not just those who have money and power. The internet, news, TV and Radio should be equally accessible for all people at the same rate of speed. To discriminate in the area of access and speed of access within the internet to benefit a few is in direct opposition to fair trade, fair access and fair communication. Many people conduct work on the internet as well as use it for communication. It is a form of Free Speech and to hinder this freedom in any way is to violate our constitutional rights as Citizens. There are already problems with monopolies in the Telephone services, Electric services and Cable companies. It is absolutely deplorable that it has continued this long without dealing with it. Now you are actually proposing to do the same thing with the internet and it is deplorable. It is a dangerous area you are treading on when proposing these 'new rules' to build a two speed system of access to the internet. I expect you to STOP NOW! Your interference with this area is not needed nor wanted. These proposals are wrong and a form of censorship of free speech for the citizens of the United States. Equal access and free speech are important in a free country. When you have been given such a great position of trust and responsibility in the area of the FCC, it is impertinent that you do not make laws, rules stipulations or any other prejudicial decision that favor any group. Although the lure of money offered in bribes, special favors, etc. is tempting, you must resist it and do what is right. Sincerely, Katherine Taft RN

—Katherine Taft, Three Rivers, CA

Monopolies are actually corporate communists and the FCC should not allow them to rule the internet. It is just unbelievable that the FCC would even consider fast lanes for those that could afford it and slow lanes for all the rest. There is no competition for internet service. At best only 2 providers exist in some markets. Capitalism requires many providers and if there are not many providers, then the FCC must protect the consumer. The internet is a utility and should be designated as such. Also corporate lackies should not be appointed to government positions in the United States. What have we become?

—Terry Laug, Hermosa Beach, CA

As we all know big corporations always have the \$ to stomp out the little guy, so this is the one place where all voices can be heard. Let's keep free speech alive!

—Carole Denola, San Francisco, CA

Allowing ISPs to offer 2 speeds opens the door to "corporate fascism" which will effectively kill the Internet as the masses will be priced out!

—D J Boykin, Bedford, TX

No two-tiered system! The proposed rules completely change the underlying principles of the equality of the internet. These rules would inhibit innovation, reduce competition, and would not benefit consumers. We need more competition for the large internet providers, not less.
DO NOT APPROVE THESE NEW RULES!

—Barbara Menne, Tacoma, WA

The FCC needs to throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality. And it's important to my every day communication with those far and near.

—Inga Dahl, LONDON,

Without Net Neutrality, the Internet will cease to be a platform that offers equal access to everyone. The proposal to allow large internet service providers, like AT&T, Verizon and Comcast, to erect paid tollways is a step toward limiting the free flow of information across the Web. An open internet is fundamental to the economic, social, and political innovation that we have seen to date. Regulation of the internet as a common carrier will ensure the FCC has sound legal authority to maintain real net neutrality rules.

—Sheryl Wright, Philadelphia, PA

I could not do my job with a out a level playing field on the Internet. My company could never have started in a fast-lane / slow-lane situation, as we would never have been able to pay what the established incumbents could. My wife could not work from home if some classes of traffic were deemed to be More Equal than others by virtue of payments from one corporation to another. Without a Fair and Equal Internet, our lifestyle as an American family would literally be impossible.

—David H. Barr, Claremore, OK

Please do not give more power to large corporations. Uphold net neutrality.

—K Olson, Bodega Bay, CA

A decision like this is best made by more than one easily influenced person. Net neutrality is really now an INalienable RIGHT for everyone. The ISPs are paid very well for their products and services already, which provides communication and sharing between people, period. This is so worldwide a service that they really are now a utility- like telephones became!-and don't need the ability to regulate the speed or access of any person or group- they provide a service and a product NOT their opinions or control of access or allowed to give crappy service/speed to ANY group of people. Let the people share-equally-feely and swiftly! RECLASSIFY ISPs as common carriers, our children and generations after us will be glad we voted about this with our hearts and our freedom, thank you for making them common carriers.

—Linda Decker, danville, CA

Net Neutrality is important and should remain untouched by giant ISPs because they already sell different tiers of internet speed to consumers. It doesn't make sense to have companies pay more to have their content delivered faster because that contradicts the point of having consumers pay extra to receive data faster.

—Fredson Laguna, Sun City, CA

Please protect net Neutrality. IT WORKS. Please reverse the path you are on. It's obvious to everyone that the rules are being changed only because big money is forcing the issue. Information highways should never be for sale. So just stop it already and do what what the FCC should be doing, protecting communications for all of us. Are you listening to America? Or just Time/Warner and Comcast.

—Celine Pankratius, Sacramento, CA

Don't screw the consumer for profit, please.

—Brian C. Williams, Westland, MI

A two-tiered system of internet access would rquidically change the diversity and freedom for all sorts of viewpoints which have made the internet such an effective communication tool. It would concentrate power and access in the hands of a few -- totally the reverse from the level playing field which brought us to the point we've reached. It is a discriminatory barrier to freedom and diversity.

—Julie Spickler, Menlo Park, CA

Protect us from BIG \$\$\$ corporate discrimination!!! The internet is a PUBLIC UTILITY!!! NOT A MONOPOLY!!

—Karen Laakaniemi RNC MSN CNM, Pensacola, FL

Just do the right thing, for Pete's sake. Is it all that difficult to understand the impact of screwing with net neutrality. Really.

—Sharon McGraham, Watsonville, CA

I believe a very strong case can be made for how net neutrality can increase human progress, well-being, and quality of life. Things like negligible senescence (biological immortality) - http://mediabootcamp.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/09/360_cove_r_0930.jpg. Instead of being scientific breakthroughs in centuries could come about in perhaps 20 years because of the continued free exchange of information that allows humans to learn from another and find the best solutions the world has to offer as fast as possible. For all our sakes (and perhaps the difference between living forever and not), I sincerely hope the net remains neutral.

—Bradley W English, Irvine, CA

sorry, but i cant even really believe this is an issue. how do we even consider the possibilty to allow the people with the most money to have free reign over what is literally a free and open access to all the information in the world? are we gonna have to pay for certain websites like we did with cable? how is that right or fair? especially in a world where the internet is largely depended upon in our daily lives. who has the right to take that away from the people?

—Anthony Molesky, amsterdam, OH

Net Neutrality should absolutely NOT be open for discussion!! PREVENTING CABLE COMPANY F**Kery is imperative!

—Melanie Dupre, Providence, RI

It is the most efficient way, to have Net Neutrality for all

—Marcia Clarke, Bothell, WA

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The Internet is like the telephone...we communicate with our loved ones and we conduct the business of daily life...it's a necessity...and it should be left alone. Protect our right to freedom of equal access!

—Janet Ostrowski, Waukegan, IL

Net Neutrality is important to me. Please THROW OUT the proposed rules of the two tiered internet with fast and slow applications and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Thank you for listening, Joanie Murphy

—Joanie Murphy, San Jose, CA

How are these not common carriers? Please protect consumers against the protection racket shakedowns allowed in the proposed two-tier service class nonsense.

—Gary Leisky, Redmond, WA

Net Neutrality is important solely because there are not enough providers of Internet to effectively compete. It's a monopoly. We need regulation.

—Bradley Ray Crain, fairfield, OH

I didn't fight in 2 wars to see my freedoms be eliminated--and that includes a neutral, single speed Internet! Please re-classify AT&T, TWC, and Comcast as UTILITIES.

—R T Boykin Jr, Bedford, TX

Stand with us for equality on the Internet, reclassify ISPs as common carriers as what they are.

—Natalie Borovikoff, Indianapolis, IN

Stop trying to help cable monopolies ruin the Internet.

—J Duncan, San Francisco, CA

We already have one of the most expensive and slowest internet services in the world due to lack of competition and government oversight. These companies are pocketing huge profits while doing nothing about improving service. Now they intend to further damage us by setting up a two-tier system with most of us relegated to the slow lane. Why president Obama assigned a lobbyist for those industries to head the FCC is evidence of corruption that runs rampant in our government. We demand a single tiered system, lower cost and a speed more in line with the rest of the developed world. Anything else would be a travesty.

—Amelia Caruso, Dundee, OR

No freedom 'till we're equal - damn right i support it.

—Rosy Satanek, Melbourne,

I don't want my ISP filtering or slowing my political content -- and neither should you.

—Laura Baugh, Indianapolis, IN

In our technological age, the internet is a service as vital as the telephone. Using it is a integral part of everyday life for families, students, small businesses, the self-employed - who all rely on the immediate and ready access it provides, without restrictions. It's time it was regulated as a utility, like the telephone.

—Michelle Benes, Sylmar, CA

The end of net neutrality truly embodies what is wrong with our society. It is your responsibility to protect people's rights above corporate dollars. Please do the right thing.

—Megan Sadd, Los Angeles, CA

I just plain hate all discrimination, especially against the most vulnerable. This is obviously yet another attempt to take even more freedom of speech away from the 99%. We are so on to you, you craven sociopathic Neanderthals.

—Guy H Swansbro, Madison, WI

The US is already far behind most of the world in the speed and cost of our internet service, mostly due to competition or government management in other countries. Comcast and Time Warner have publicly announced that they do not compete with each other and should be prosecuted not rewarded with a method of price gouging their customers. Protect Net Neutrality and make the internet a public utility.

—Susan L Pelakh, Cocoa Beach, FL

I would like to say defend net neutrality the internet is such an amazing human accomplishment. Please please please! Don't let the communication monopolies ruin it.

—Kauy, St Michaels, AZ

Net neutrality is fundamental is in progressing infrastructure, development and abolishing poverty in Third World countries. Adding a price tag to the internet will absolutely stifle any chance South Africa has at moving forward through the power of the internet.

—Rudi Venter, Bloemfontein,

Democracy requires the UNPOPULAR websites.

—Carter Andrew McLaughlin, los gatos, CA

The internet is an infinite source of education, information and entertainment. It enables people to take classes, thus enabling them to educate themselves without leaving their homes and families. Folks in rural areas can handle their banking, government, and voting online. People can keep in touch with relatives, friends and meet new people. For all of these reasons and many many more, net neutrality is vitally important to the world.

—J A Bowman, South Beach, OR

Please do not allow big companies to get special prices and make decisions about content. Maintain net neutrality. Thank you.

—Sheila O'Keefe, Honolulu, HI

The internet is where I can communicate for free. If it becomes necessary to pay not just for access but per content in order to reach out to regular users, I'll be voiceless again like I am on the radio and television, like all the other nonwealthy people. No more community, no more coalition, no more organizing for those of us who aren't privileged to have tons of money.

—Michele Buzbee, Baltimore, MD

The U.S. needs net neutrality to remain a 1st world nation and maintain its status as an innovator among nations. Please do not injure the many for the benefits of a few. Throw out the new FCC rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Thanks.

—Ildiko Fekete, Los Angeles, CA

Because big telecom companies shouldn't own my Internet usage. Fuck 'em. KEEP THE INTERNET FAIR AND NEUTRAL!

—Marya Afzal, Ithaca, NY

I am sure you know the reasons why already buy to reiterate , life is fairer if played on a level pitch.

—Pete Whimster, Aberdeen,

Please protect internet neutrality

—Trevor Thompson, Scottsdale, AZ

I'm grateful for the Internet the way it is. I really appreciate the opportunity and ability to access information in an open and free manner. I believe in a truly free and open market. The end of net neutrality would be a disaster for the sharing of news, ideas, inspirations, so many things which assist or enhance our freedom and growth as people. I'm asking you to really think this over and to open your heart to allow yourself to fully feel what the right action is. Thank you.. . . .

—Paul Kelly, Hoogeveen,

We have more than enough pay to play. As it is the internet for people like me is extremely slow and this ruling will only make it worse. We know it and you know it please stop this corruption!

—Susan Boyce, Myrtle Creek, OR

Access to the internet cannot be controlled by financial interests. It is the greatest technological and cultural achievement, and defining structure of this, the Information Age. Equal access is the right of all people.

—Michael MacLafferty, Oakland, CA

The Constitution is the Supreme Law of the land. Freedom of press, association, speech....

—William Sawyer, Framingham, MA

Net neutrality is like free speech. Advertising came into being, and advertising is a way to reach people. Speaking your feelings and your needs is another way to get noticed. Both of these elements are part of net neutrality. Whether you are speaking in a blog, or showing your artwork on a website, you are participating in net neutrality. If you are selling a car, or socks and mittens, you are benefitting from net neutrality. I am reaching across the continent to friends and family, and we are discussing health, well being, child raising, and climate, this is net neutrality.

—Suzanne Cerny, El Cerrito, CA

It is not in the public interest to undermine net neutrality by establishing a two tier system on the Internet.

—Ray Waters, Hermosa Beach, CA

Keep the internet EQUAL and OPEN for EVERYONE!!! Do NOT let BIG corporations dictate who gets faster speed and who gets on. Make the internet a utility.

—Juan E Gallegos, Las Vegas, NV

I like being able to communicate with people I've never met in an open, unbiased and uncensored forum that isn't bogged down by not being a participant in some underhanded scheme to force unnecessary fees and subscriptions. I don't like having to swim through tons of ads as is; I definitely don't want even more. I love having information at my fingertips. It's my right to have access to it. I shouldn't get locked out of it for not being subscribed to a package. The current prices for cable vs. the quality of service is absolutely disgusting. People are still using DSL and Dial-Up at ridiculous prices. This is a crime. Jacking up the prices and adding extra fees is a horrible idea. I don't care if it only "might" happen or "it's not guaranteed to". If the floor is open to this kind of shit; then it's definitely gonna happen at some point. I know your type.

—Kawika Rossiter, Grand Rapids, MI

Net Neutrality boil down to the antithesis of III: that's the 3 I's for shortinternet income inequality. If you got the dough, then no need to go slow!!! That's it in a nutshell.

—Al B Chazin, Kew Gardens Hills, NY

There is already enough discrimination in the world, we do not want this kind added to the list.

—Stephanie Brachmann, Portland, OR

Get rid of Wheeler and change the status of cable providers to common carriers.

—Peter D. McLoughlin, Stratford, CT

FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler's plan that would allow a two-tiered internet should be banned. The plan would allow ISPs to implement pay for performance from websites. This is contrary to an open internet, something that has been part of its design from inception. In fact Tom Wheeler should never have become Chairman of the FCC. He was a top lobbyist from the cable industry and does NOT represent the interests of the people of the United States.

—Mr. Klarence OuYang, San Jose, CA

it.Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Michael Kast, Panorama City, CA

Currently, Netflix has a lot of Internet traffic but they solved the problem by co-locating their servers at Comcast. Problem solved. The difficulty with the net neutrality debate is that there are powerful interests that can fund full-time lobbyists and make political donations where sole proprietors and other ambitious folks need a level playing field. Much of modern life lately shows evidence of merging and monopoly. We need opportunity. Net neutrality provides that. Here is hoping your better angels are advising you. All the best in your efforts to provide that opportunity for those with an idea rather than massive cash reserves.

—Paul Corr, Denistone,

Equal rights for all !

—Dany Lindenbacher, Ridgefield, CT

Stop messing with the net for your selfish profit and control . The Internet is NOT yours to mess with. You do not own it. You are supposed to be PROTECTING it and leaving it a free open system, fully and equally accessible to all.

—Eric Wallen, forestville, CA

Don't AT&T, Comcast, Verizon and the rest of them already make enough money? When does the consumer get a vote?

—Mr David Sherman, Santa Rosa, CA

The internet was invented—by Americans— to be a free and open digital environment. As such, because of the steady growth of internet use in all sectors of human communicative interaction, it has exceeded the dreams of many of its creators. It did so because of Net Neutrality, that is to say, because everyone had equal and open access to everyone and everything in the digital realm. Fourteen other first world countries have recognized this and taken firm and purposeful steps to make the internet a part of the commons, as it should be. Its importance is recognized to be universal throughout the culture, for both personal and business use, and thus mandated to be available to all (that is, rich and poor alike) at high quality, high speed, and reasonable cost. Mr. Wheeler, you represent all of the American people now. It's your job to make it so here, for all of us. Thank you.

—Simon McCain, Nashville, TN

Net neutrality is what has made the internet so revolutionary. Low entry barriers are the key to success.

—Martin Esser, East Brunswick, NJ

I don't use the internet solely for the commercial gain of others. I use the internet to serve my needs. I pay to be connected. And I expect to move freely. Allowing telcos to govern the speed gives them the control to direct traffic to sites that profit them and away from others that don't pay the toll. DOES IT ACTUALLY HAVE TO BE SAID. THE FCC HAS THE MANDATE TO PROTECT THE CHANNELS OF COMMUNICATION FOR THE PUBLIC GOOD. CLEARLY THE FCC IS LOSING SIGHT OF ITS DUTY TO THE CITIZENS OF THE USA!

—Brian Weltman, Pasadena, CA

I'm a college teacher and I use variety to different media to teach--books, PDFs of articles I've posted on the class website, links to articles online, YouTube videos etc.--and it is vital for my job that both I and my students--many of whom are quite poor--not be given the additional burden that the death of net neutrality could cause. The ending of net neutrality could easily make many of the resources I use both in class and place online for my students practically inaccessible unless I or my students paid for a so-called fast lane and this could be a real problem for many of my students. For my students' education net neutrality must be preserved. In fact for my students' future in general net neutrality must be preserved. I want my students to have the same opportunity to innovate and start new companies that my generation has had. Without net neutrality, creativity WILL be crushed by corporations and greatly impede young American's entrepreneurial spirits.

—John Conrad Robinson, Columbus, OH

We can't move in the direction of monopolies of media... and that's what your action is doing...

—Laurence Dworet, Santa Barbara, CA

Ideas and information are part of the commons, our means of communicating with each other and accessing information via media is protected by the UN Universal Declaration of Human Rights, article 19. "Everyone has the right to freedom of opinion and expression; this right includes freedom to hold opinions without interference and to seek, receive and impart information and ideas through any media and regardless of frontiers." In the US, we have the First Amendment which the courts have ruled gives us not only the right to free speech, but the right to be heard, and our founders like Ben Franklin started the first lending library and others placed the US Post into the Constitution to safeguard the ability of the citizenry to be informed. The Internet of today is the Pony Express and Library of yesteryear. Respect our rights, repeat the commons. Keep the Net Neutral, fast, and free.

—Mickey Huff, Petaluma, CA

One internet for ALL !!!!!!!!!!! FCC protect Net Neutrality !!

—Linda Stein, Oakland, CA

A biased internet will be one of the major factors contributing to a major collapse, first in the stock market and then across the entire economy. When certain parties can submit orders to the stock market faster than the citizenry at large, the resulting market manipulation will have a devastating effect on investor confidence. Please do not wreck our markets and our economy by backing a tiered internet.

—Patrick Sennello, Zephyr Cove, NV

Net neutrality makes possible the paradigm shift in entrepreneurial ventures that have been the saving grace of the American economy for the past two and a half decades.

—Mitch Shenassa, Longmont, CO

Selling access to content makes for a very unlevel playing field.

—Ron Goldman, Los Altos, CA

We're sick and tired of the Same Damn Dream™!

—Mark Alexander, Fayetteville, AR

Unrestricted access to the internet is critical to my professional life. I am a professor and have colleagues all over the world. The ability to see and talk with my colleagues in realtime, as well as share documents interactively is a very significant improvement in my ability to do science. No company should be able to play the role of gate keeper for our communications.

—Len Hearne, Columbia, MO

The monopolies held by the cable companies must STOP. They should not be given precedence over the rest of us who use the internet.

—HM Sustaita, Eugene, OR

Creating a fast lane online for big corporations will result inflation and the destruction of small competing business leading to a select few online moguls controlling their entire platform of business. ISP's need to be reclassified as common carriers so that this can't ever happen.

—Logan Pay, Ellicott City, MD

Open communication is a human right. Don't lightly tamper with a freedom.

—Phil Johns, Plymouth,

Net neutrality is important to me....because the Internet was not created to serve the interests of so called "Corporate persons". It was created for real persons, all over the world, to express themselves and to acquire the information they need in order to be informed citizens. If net neutrality gets done away with, these things will no longer be possible.

—Randall G., Berkeley, CA

End the monopoly.

—Tatiana Rodriguez, Jackson, WY

I want to be able to afford the best high speed internet as an individual and my husband depends on the high speed internet for his job because he does telecommute with his bosses. Having 2 tier internet access will make the high speed internet unaffordable for my husband to continue his job. If you pass the new changes that means you are only interested in repaying your old boss, Comcast corp. This new changes will destroy many people's jobs and small businesses. Which is sad because America was built on small businesses and independent self-employed.

—Trish McKenzie, oceanside, CA