

Our democracy is at risk. Freedom of information to all is at stake
—Roberta Issler, Sunderland, MA

Because I use the internet.
—da Roy, houston, TX

Please protect net neutrality. This great nation was founded on providing and protecting freedoms for its citizens, and allowing ISPs to discriminate against content based on who can afford to pay for the "fast lane" is an affront against these rights. Allowing this bill to pass puts the interests of big business ahead of those of the individual- shameful.
—Tim Venghaus, Sandy Springs, GA

Dear FCC, throw out your current rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the only way to ensure that the public good is protected!
—Joseph Welt, Parker, CO

The internet is based on free thought & allows small business to take root in the global economy. Stop the monopoly and allow the people of this nation decide who are the winners and losers!
—Laura Roob, Broadview Heights, OH

LEAVE OUR INTERNET ALONE !!!!! YOU MONEY HUNGRY CORPERATE IDIOTS!!!!
—Michael C Kimes, post falls, ID

Dear Chairman Wheeler, I think that you are making a grave mistake by allowing ISP providers, like AT&T, Comcast, and Verizon to create a two-tiered Internet, with fast lanes for those who can afford the extra fees and a slow dirt road for the rest of us. The internet was created as a free "network" to allow everyone the same opportunity to connect to the world and bring us all closer together. What I feel that you are doing is not looking out for the interest of the people of this country but instead are pandering to the absolute volume of money being thrown at you by these big conglomerate companies that have no interest in preserving the pure existence of the internet, but rather exploit people for the sake of profit. It is getting ridiculous at how many corporations are merging, creating an atmosphere of pure monopolism, and our government are continuing to allow such mergers without any considerations of anti-trust rulings or laws of the past. I think, like all other politicians and elected officials, you have completely been overtaken by greed and corruption if you allow this to happen. I despise the directions that you are choosing to go, which will create a slippery slope for future manipulation of a free internet. If you think that these companies will be fair and would not find other avenues to exploit and manipulate the internet, then you must be blind or are in on the take. Either way, this cannot happen. You must do everything within your power to stop this. I think that it would be a huge mistake if you don't. Do not become another puppet for the special interest groups and corporations, but instead stand with the people. Throw out your rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers, this is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality. Very Respectfully, Vanaro Chico Hum
—Vanaro C. Hum, san diego, CA

NET NEUTRALITY, SHOULD NOT BE DESTROYED BY CABLE & PHONE COMPANYS.
—John R. Storms, Auburn, MA

Net neutrality is critical to the democratic process. The Supreme Court has already given corporations a disproportionately loud voice compared the the common citizens of this great land. Would the FCC, tasked with ensuring citizens of the United States have access to fast, affordable wireless and wired communication without discrimination, provide these same corporations with an even greater voice and the ability to control the message to their liking? The FCC should ensure that all Americans voices are heard by ensuring net neutrality. Please stand tall with all Americans to ensure everybody has a voice!
—Luis Trueba Jr., Odessa, TX

The internet is the great equalizer. Please protect net neutrality.
—Chelsy Meyers, Can Diego, CA

Net Neutrality is a concept that all data flowing on the Internet should be treated equally by traveling at the same speed. Net Neutrality should not be confused with the term download speed. Download speed is the speed that data downloads on one's computer. It's not the speed of data traveling over the Internet. Net Neutrality is a concept about ensuring that data flows over the Internet at the same speed for all websites. But big companies with their large sums of money are lobbying in order to have faster data speeds on the Internet for their websites. This gives them an unfavorable advantage over small businesses and might prevent innovation. Small business websites such as <http://www.aintitcool.com/> helped pioneer the Internet. Ain't It Cool News is a movie news & review website. It was created by Harry Knowles, when he was sick in bed in the mid-90s'. Ain't It Cool has made such a huge impact, that Hollywood actually care what this website says about its movies. Another example of a small business success story is the horror movie news website <http://www.upcominghorrormovies.com>. Upcoming Horror Movie News has also been around since the 90s'. Other examples of movie news websites include <http://www.latino-review.com/> and <http://geektyrant.com/>. On <http://www.codeproject.com/>, computer programmers can discuss and find answers to programming. Code Project has over ten million members. All these small business websites help put food on the table, pay rent, create jobs and pay off college tuition. Some also create an extra source of income for families. So please defend Net Neutrality. Please feel free to forward this e-mail to every politician in the country. Sincerely, Abrar Qureshi
—Abrar Qureshi, Willowbrook, IL

The internet needs to remain a realm where the elite doesn't exist. Internet service providers should not be able to determine who gets access to what based on their income or their willingness to shell out more money to a greedy corporation. The internet is for everyone, not a few.
MAINTAIN NET NEUTRALITY!
—Molly Bailey, Washington Terrace, UT

DEMOCRACY.
—Eric Johnson, Yakima, WA

Net Neutrality is important to me because I am a small business owner, author, and voice over talent and I use the internet to get work, promote, and research for my books. If companies (in the business of making money) are able to determine what sites are shown and aren't shown, then; 1) we will only have access to things that bring income which usually means either they are produced by a major player/company OR something that the majority of people are interested in. The problem with that is that it, a) leaves NO room for variety, for new people, businesses, ideas to come in and b) the bulk of "popular" interest is horribly sad (For example Kim and Kanye's wedding vs 200 + girls kidnapped in Africa - see I don't even remember what country in Africa it was but I know how to spell Kanye's name b/c I see it every 5 seconds = SAD. What happens when a Mom and Pop start up burger joint opens? Or a start up author is trying to build a fan base on her blog? The other major problem with this model is what happens when someone says or thinks something that the company doesn't like? What if there are alternate ways of thinking or doing things and thousands of people want to see the content and interact with one another but millions of people like x instead? It opens the door for a dictatorship based system. Lastly - might I remind you this is AMERICA!!!!!! If I wanted censorship I'd move to Venezuela, China, Russia etc... this is CRAZY that I'm even spending this much time writing this. This shouldn't even be proposed much less considered. There is NOTHING good about this idea!!!
—G Pax, Knoxville, TN

The internet is critical to accessing information, connecting people and fomenting an informed and aware populace. It needs to keep ISPs as common carriers!
—Heather Dale, Wilsonville, OR

This move by the FCC is not only anti-consumer, but also anti-American, and laughs in the face of citizens who are forced to support the monopolistic ISPs in this country. America has been a leader in technology and business, but due to the greed and grip of ISPs, we have a significantly less reliable and efficient internet than small, developing countries around the world. The free market demands competition, but the FCC is tearing this down.
—Evan Jarvi, Mantua, OH

It's democracy at work, not oligarchy at work.
—Roger Pritchard, Berkeley, CA

These rules to abolish Net Neutrality would only support the growing list of differences between the haves and the have-nots. We cannot allow something that supports difference and wants to eliminate equality. Please, do not allow this to happen.

—Rich Hess, Roseville, MN

If Net Neutrality is compromised, faith in our government will suffer greatly. We trust our government to make decisions that are best for its citizens, not corporations. The end of Net Neutrality would be its own breed of domestic terrorism. If the FCC decides to bow to the major corporations and not honor the wishes of its citizens, there will be consequences.

—Caitlin Camechis, Tallahassee, FL

You already should treat cable companies like phones. Do not give them even more power.

—Ashley Clark, Berkeley, CA

It's always money first and people second

—Gillian Pardesi, NY, NY

I can't top John Oliver's statements on net neutrality, but I can say that it's important to stop any kind of monopoly, especially one that would threaten an individual or a small company's right to fair and equal access to the internet.

—Lize Brittin, Boulder, CO

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Charles M. Kinsey, FORT WAYNE, IN

Dear FCC, I believe it is essential to reclassify the ISPs as common carriers. We already lag behind much of the developed (and developing) world in internet access, speed and affordability and allowing the ISPs to move forward with a multi-tier internet system will harm our country's ability to grow and innovate. An internet "fast lane" limits access to those who can afford it and adds to the inequality gap we face in America. The fast lane pricing scheme will consolidate the media outlets further as they attempt to increase leverage over pricing with the ISP. It will limit the wide range of viewpoints available on the web that are critical for a free and open society. It will literally throttle innovation as the established companies use this to beat back competition and startups they view as a threat. BTW I'm a shareholder in both Verizon and At&T and I still think they should be reclassified as common carriers.

—Geoff Dunkak, Durham, NC

I grew up with the AT&T monopoly. After the breakup telecommunications and computer and internet technology just took off. Why would you allow another super monopoly to form and control stifle innovation? Keep the internet open to everyone, not just the rich and privileged. Don't we have enough of that going on already?

—Kevin Chappell, Thornton, CO

There's no way that corporations should control how the internet is used. It is just not right!

—Joshua Huvad, Charlotte, NC

I support net neutrality, and strongly encourage you to throw out your proposed two-tier "paid prioritization" rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. The FCC needs to regulate the internet under Title II common carrier rules, as originally laid out by Congress in the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

—Brian Mertan, North Hollywood, CA

The new rules are horrible and discriminatory. It is vital that ISPs be reclassified as common carriers.

—Mary Heinlein, Durango, CO

One of the greatest achievements of the US government in recent history was its role in the creation of the internet. If the US now takes steps to hamstring one of its own notable achievements for the sake of big corporations, it should be an embarrassment to us ALL.

—Nicholas Boles, Rochester, NY

If we are about democracy and free speech net neutrality is imperative.

—Judith Essex, San Diego, CA

I am always in favor of network neutrality forever, every time!!! None of you deserve the honor of representing the people of this nation if you continually fail to represent our interests. The entire nation knows the importance of a free open internet, the FCC knows it too. It's just there friends the IP's want to increase there profits. It is ridiculous that this issue is still not resolved in the favor of the citizens of (in Obama voice) America

—Clayton Honaker, spring Grove, IL

We do not trust Comcast or any other company with protecting net neutrality. If Comcast and providers like them create a two tiered internet lower income users will suffer with slower download speeds and discrimination of minorities groups. Comcast supporters can twist this into any misleading language they want but we are not fooled by what is undemocratic act. Make the internet a public utility to protect it and the public from greedy uncaring corporations or freedom in America will suffer. We will not settle for some water down protections that will be ineffective in stopping abuse, the FCC's public duty is to protect consumers not assist corporations agendas we demand the FCC does it's job and keep Comcast from monopolizing the internet a value public resource.

—Jeremy Lovin, hays, KS

Greed seems to be the only source of power in America these days, but it has no place controlling my ability to use the Internet. Corporations such as the ones supporting an end to Net Neutrality have consistently demonstrated that they will stop at nothing to ruthlessly make as much money as possible, and there's no reason to believe this Net Neutrality issue will be the exception. The internet should be free and equal to everyone. This proposal would make that internet equality impossible. I'm not sure why you need us to point this out to you - it's YOUR JOB to prevent things like this. This is why you exist. Now, please, do your job.

—Jarred Marlatt, Northampton, PA

Net neutrality is of utmost importance in a free and open democratic society. Don't let big money corporations get their way. B Keep the internet open.

—Joseph Rogerson, Bellingham, WA

We don't need big companies turning the internet service to cable TV. We are already on the mercy of Comcast, AT&T and Verizon for cable packages if we want to see TV. We DON'T need the same for the internet. Paying to obtain the service at home is one thing but another to have to pay extra or to have corporations tell us what we can get at fast speed and what they consider irrelevant to get at dial up speed.

—yachira Martinez, Tampa, FL

Tom Wheeler is not on the side of Net Neutrality! He says all the right words but his plan continues to flout the idea he claims to be in support of! Please, get him out of office before he really, really screws this up for the rest of us!

—John Robert Rutherford Fraser, Niagara Falls, ON

Net neutrality is important to me because the alternative that we are heading towards is a world where the richest corporations control everything. It's terrifying.

—Meredith Phelan, Frederick, MD

Net Neutrality is absolutely essential to the growth of this country. In the wake of a recession, the growth of the tech industry, geared by the level playing field net neutrality provides, has not only created millions of jobs but improved lives with their innovations. This proposal is absolutely against everything that America is supposed to stand for - free market, growth, and opportunity and a blatant sign our government has succumbed to the companies that fund their campaigns. ANY government official in support of this bill should be publicly disgraced and removed from office. The American people should have a say in whether this passes, not the pathetic representatives in office that the cable companies own. The government should be afraid - not just of people protesting, but because this would be a direct kick in the pants to the economy we've worked so hard to rebound.

—Sarah Cometa, Chicago, IL

These rules and regulations are grade A discrimination. Discriminating against people, or a group of people, based on race, religion, sexual orientation, gender, physical or mental deformations, OR "CLASS" is unconstitutional. The constitution was created for this exact purpose: to protect the people from discrimination and absurd policies/rules/regulations or laws that violate us in any way. You are proposing discriminating laws: whoever is rich gets the best, whoever is poor gets the worst. In these years, I feel we have progressed further than economical classification and rich privilege! If you are legitimately proposing this, then by your thinking, all utilities should be metered out by financial discrimination. But it should be the opposite. The less money you make and have, the less you should pay, for the same service. Like electricity, water, sewage, garbage and the like? That would all be based on income and that.. that is just archaic. And barbaric. Companies like you and rules like this make me absolutely sickened, that there are people out there that are such pathetic excuses for human beings. Where is the equality? The humanitarianism? The love for your neighbor and fellow human being? This proposal is preposterous and if enacted, I will do all in my power to abolish this insanity.

—Kelcy Marie, Tacoma, WA

We will not be silent, even if you allow this to pass. Please prove to us that the people's rights still hold precedence over money.

—Kat Haynes, Irvine, CA

Please protect net neutrality. These Internet rules are terrible.

—Luan F. Makes Marks PhD, Niles, MI

Cable/ISP companies can arbitrarily change pricing and do. Technically they cover their rears with legal jargon, but bait and switch is really the name of the game, and they're good at it. If we can't protect Net Neutrality, they will sell out the future of this country just to line their own pockets. They already behave like monopolies. A level of power that corrupts absolutely. Wait till you see what they'll do with more power. If you let this genie out of a bottle, you won't be able to put it back in.

—Ben Jones, Celina, TX

FCC: Do not take any action to diminish Net Neutrality. Chairman Wheeler and other members of the Commission should accept responsibility as a regulator, as a servant of the people, to take actions for the benefit of all Americans. To do otherwise, is to suborn your sworn oath. Do not create a two-tier system for the Internet.

—William L Donnelly, Seattle, WA

I am an immigrant. My parents moved to America in search of a better life, with more rights and possibilities. It is extremely saddening for me to see that maybe their decision was a mistake. Please do not allow legal discrimination in the United States. If this law passes, we will be regressing as a country. The internet is a place for people to connect and share ideas equally. If this law is passed than big corporations will be able to control the internet like they control television. I remember learning about the creation of the United States. One of the main concerns of the founding fathers was to create a system that would protect the minority. Factions were introduced and encouraged to fight against each other. Since there is no way to avoid factions, the only way to create a fair playing field is to have countless groups fighting against each other. That way no one group would have too much power. This would maintain free speech and would also allow for the spread of ideas while keeping dangerous groups in check. In this case (and in USA) there are two major factions: those who have money and those who do not. If this law passes, it will give the people who have money the power to do as they please. It is unfair and will lead to a technological, informational, and educational regression in the country. We already have an inadequate educational system, lets not make that any worse by making restrictions on the internet, the biggest informational sink we have access to. Thank You.

—Kinga Karacson, solon, OH

This is the Golden Age of the Internet! What else do we have that is so egalitarian? Please don't tamper with it

—Connie Kozlowski, Oakland, CA

FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler, recuse yourself from voting on the issue of Net Neutrality. Being formally a top lobbyist for cable industry, it's unconscionable that you sit on the board of the FCC to decide rules that will give privileges to cable companies at the expense of the end users—the public. Man-up and step down.

—John Vieira, Mount Vernon, WA

I do not want the net to become the wasteland, boondoggle, inefficient, expensive, backward thing that is cable/tv today thanks to profit driven companies like Verizon, Comscat, AT&T, etc. Keep them out of the internet.

—Raquel Brac, Redlands, CA

Net Neutrality is important because information should not be controlled by corporate interests.

—Ezekiel Fernando, Vista, CA

Chairman Wheeler, Do not create a two-tiered internet for your buddies at Comcast and Verizon. The internet is and must remain an open internet for all US citizens. Bandwidth must not be carved up and sold off in tiers of service. Let's treat the internet as a basic utility it has become. I am writing to you on an open Internet. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers, just like power and water suppliers. Thank you

—Gary Wingert, Fairfax, CA

Dear FCC please reclassify broadband as a common-carrier telecom service under Title II of the Telecommunications Act. Most US residents can only pick 1 or 2 ISP in their area, some don't even get an option to change at all they either move out of the area or deal with it. At this current time U.S. internet is well above the going rates vs other country yet still lacking when it comes Dollars to performance. We are in an age were online media is much more reasonable and all of our current purchases from previous history resigns in online accounts such as Netflix, Hulu, Youtube, Twitch.tv, Funimation.com, as well as online internet radio, Video games sights like valve's steam service, UPlay, Origin as well as many others and so much more. We the consumer already pay our ISP for one thing, giving us access to the internet. Which it was their primary role as a medium to get to the consumers on the internet. Dial up internet is slow, and we are in an age were faster speed is king. Yes in theory the fast lane sounds good but we are already dealing with it, and we have in the past. Broadband internet was the fast lane vs dial up internet. Now we are dealing wit basuc broadband tier 1 vs tier 2 and tier 3? America is falling behind, The U.S. now has the ninth-fastest average Internet connection speed in the world, behind South Korea, Japan, Hong Kong, Switzerland, the Netherlands, Latvia, the Czech Republic and Sweden. A lot of "We The People" are outcrying for NET NEUTRALITY. Please re-enforce Title II to reclassify broadband as a common-carrier. Thank you for your time, and please secure the internet.

—Draken X, Bronx, NY

Freedom of speech, free access to a variety of voices and opinion for all!

—Cyrille Phipps, Brooklyn, NY

The FCC must allow net neutrality to be threatened by big business in this country. Having a two tier system is a system that discriminates. New Neutrality is an important civil rights of the age. The leader of the FCC is a former lobbyist for the internet industry. Do not sell out to big business. Rule for the people for a change. Classify ISPs as common carriers.

—Jan Rosin, Houston, TX

Why in the WORLD would you put in a tiered system? PRESERVE NET NEUTRALITY!

—Pat Johnson, Seattle, WA

Protect net neutrality. It helps foster innovation.

—Paul Perrino, San Francisco, CA

Access to the internet has arguably become a human right. The internet service providers (ISP's) which provide access to the internet provide a telecommunications service. In my opinion, broadband should be considered a public utility. There should not be a speed unavailable to the majority due to cost, or a way to shut off/slow down access speeds to any individual or company as a way to earn a profit. That would toe the line between violating a human right anyway (Since the U.N. recently declared access to the internet a human right - <http://www.wired.com/2011/06/internet-a-human-right/>) Please place broadband internet services/companies under regulation before we end up with the ridiculous control and discrimination not seen since Oil and Railroad monopolies of years past. Please ensure Net Neutrality.

—Matthew Deras-Turner, Broken Arrow, OK

The Internet is NOT currently broken, however, if you allow Time Warner Cable and Comcast to create this monopoly that they are trying to establish it will be! Please keep the Internet Free! Net neutrality is important for everyone! No one should be discriminated against. One's ability to pay for the prices that these companies are trying to establish is not acceptable.

—Joy Linton, Frederick, MD

Please do not take net neutrality away. I completely disagree with what this proposes. While there is published language that states corporations will not slow down current internet services in an attempt to lure customers to a higher quality service that requires payment, I do not trust the people who are making this claim. Just because things are said it does not immediately validate how true the statement is. Previous actions have shown that the actions of cable companies does not support the proposed language of keeping the same internet quality while offering a faster service for those willing to pay. While most corporate cable companies are willing to pay for the higher quality of service, the subscribers of the cable companies will without a doubt show a genuine disagreement and establish some form of protest if this goes through. Not only is there a large amount of money to be lost, but the public image of these big cable companies is at stake. Once the name of a company is ruined, it is incredibly difficult to prove to the masses that they mean well and will not go back to previous habits. Do not incorporate a two-tiered system for the internet. I like it just the way it is. Thank you for your time. Take care.

—David Fair Jr, North Hills, CA

Net neutrality is fair and democratic...shame on you for even considering changing it...

—Strat Douthat, Plainfield, VT

The Internet is a modern business tool and a majorly important tool for small businesses. Creating fast and slow lanes where telecoms and ISP's get to determine who's traffic is important and reduce traffic for small businesses is unacceptable. Just as unacceptable as it would be for a utility to be able to determine who gets full water pressure and electrical service and who can only have access to half pressure and/or intermittent electrical service.

—Randy Roy, Rockwood, TX

Save net neutrality. We need to keep an even playing field for innovation. I also already pay the internet provider for faster speeds and they throttle my data. This is unfair double charging, this would stifle innovation and small businesses.

—Crystal Polley, San Francisco, CA

How much does a cable executive need to make? They are a monopoly to begin with and we need competition (read: more ISP's) to reduce the prices on broadband! Want to stifle job creation? make the internet less free and create a hierarchy FCC: Throw out your antiquated anti-progress rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers!

—Alex W Myers, Des Moines, IA

The internet has become an inextricable part of life. It is involved in how our children receive their education now; it is how we obtain vital information including from our government; and in my state, it is the only way to apply for unemployment insurance, jobs, and benefits such as food stamps. It has become a vital utility and should be classified and regulated as such. We pay for our ISP. We pay for our cable tv. We pay for a subscription service like Netflix. ISP's should not be allowed to take an additional "cut" of those other services, the costs of which will ultimately trickle down to be paid by us.

—Ms. Nancy England, Palm Bay, FL

one society, internet for everyone
—C B M, hoechst,

The idea of being treated less privileged than few others just because they have the ability to spend big bucks is infuriating. Please protect Net Neutrality. Keep the internet open.
—Subhajit Sanfui, Kolkata,

A two tier system is not fair. Nearly all the content on the Internet that I am interested in will be on a slow dirt road while large corporations will be in the fast lanes. Individual citizens and their rights are being CRUSHED by corporations and politicians. FCC: throw out your rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers. PROTECT net neutrality. No double-speak, no obsfucation.
—Janet Childress, Helena, MT

I would assume that the need for Net Neutrality would be obvious...two different speeds, three different speeds etc will only curtail the innovation created by new starts in the internet market place...talk about a job killer...Wow it's hard to believe this is even up for discussion. Keep net neutrality.
—Virginia Sullivan, cornwall, CT

This just illustrates another example of the government of the United States is no longer for the people by the people, it is for themselves by the big businesses. Are you serious with this? How can anyone think this is a good idea? Cable companies are the worst companies in the country with their unchallenged monopolies and this will only hurt Americans. Do the right thing and prevent this from happening.
—Andrew Pierce, Cincinnati, OH

Net neutrality is very important for a number of reasons: A free and open internet is the single greatest technology of our time, and control should not be at the mercy of corporations. Free and open internet stimulates ISP competition. Free and open internet helps prevent unfair pricing practices. Free and open internet promotes innovation. Free and open internet promotes the spread of ideas. Free and open internet drives entrepreneurship. Free and open internet protects freedom of speech. Without an open internet, big corporations would have tight control over how we access websites and services. Please keep the internet a cornerstone of freedom and opportunity!!!!
—Alicia Wilson, Santa Barbara, CA

I am against a two-tiered internet. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—JP Jeanne, East Palo Alto, CA

First off, having Tom Wheeler as the FCC Chairman is A MAJOR CONFLICT OF INTEREST!!!! And should not be allowed. Second, the USA is 32nd in the world for internet speed and we invented the internet! Plus we pay more than any other country. How can this happen?! Third, true net neutrality will not exist if a two teared internet is allowed. The corporate companies can not be trusted to look out for the public's interest!
—Avery Snyder, Seattle, WA

I want a fair and free internet for all, not one for the rich and one for the poor. The internet is designed as a balancing system for all and money has no place in determining who gets what at what speed. If Comcast decided it didn't want subscribers seeing images for Tiananmen Square, it could slow down or even stop any subscribers' search for that information, much as China does now.
—Nicholas Papworth, Johnson City, TN

The FCC should abandon its proposed Internet rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers in order to protect freedom of speech and promote technological innovation. Companies like AT&T and Comcast should not get to decide what content is available over the Internet, nor should they be allowed to shake down companies who wish to provide an online presence to their customers, essentially picking the winners and losers in the Internet market place.
—George Martz, San Jose, CA

It's the most equal playing field that we have when it comes to business. As well as being the greatest source of information the world has ever seen. You can't let anything have control over it.

—Ereck Schwartz, Huntington Beach, CA

This is supposed to be a free and competitive market. The internet is not supposed to go to the highest bidder. The deck is being stacked once again. I am tired of being sold out.

—Linda Simpson, Rio Rancho, NM

The government needs to protect the people from monopolies. Please serve the people, not lobbyists. Keep the net neutral.

—Laura Staring, Bloomington, IN

I am appalled by the idea that FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler thinks it's acceptable to create speed lines on the Internet. By definition, this will discriminate against the "common" person, the poor person, the non-corporate person. It's a blow to democracy of information.

—Vandy Savage, Lincoln, MA

Net Neutrality is important to me because of the innovation it fosters. Google, Twitter, Amazon, all of these would not exist without the freedom Net Neutrality creates.

—Jeremy Redmond, Jacksonville, FL

Cable and internet service is a monopoly stop it now! Throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Robert Wermuth, Florence, KY

Net Neutrality provides people equal possibilities on the Internet. Why do you want poors to have less possibilities? That's unfair and doesn't seem so democratic.

—Bombos Barnabás, Budapest,

Wheeler's plan would let Internet service providers like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon create a two-tiered Internet, with fast lanes for those who can afford the extra fees and a slow dirt road for the rest of us. These companies would have the power to pick winners and losers online and discriminate against online content and applications. RECLASSIFY ISPs AS COMMON CARRIERS!!

—Robert E. Godes, Berkeley, CA

Net Neutrality needs protection from the FCC! I'm in support of maintaining a one-tier, net neutrality system for the internet FOREVER

—Shane Roberts, Atlanta, GA

It is one of the few things that almost everyone uses to some extent and has limited control by the government which is what most people want. More control by government and big business will eventually result in the development of some other form of communication that will make the current web obsolete.

—Robert Rowe, Fayetteville, GA

I cannot believe that the FCC (maybe because you come from the telecommunications industry) is considering giving higher speed internet to the big communication/cable companies. Why not hand over the press and all media to those companies and destroy democracy in one fell swoop? Get a grip. Keep the internet as it now is - open to all at the same speed. Any tactic favoring a faster internet for some favored companies is pure fraud.

—Eileen Mitro, Ukiah, CA

No one else should have the right to privilege or de-privilege any content on the Internet. This amounts to a form of censorship! We need to maintain net neutrality!

—Mrs. Jennifer Rosen Heinz, Verona, WI

Startups who will potentially have bandwidth issues will have trouble getting funding from investors, cutting down on the opportunities for innovators and young thought leaders to disrupt and progress the online space as rapidly as it needs to grow. Please, please, please - no. It will further chasm the digital divide which gets bigger and bigger by the day anyway. Don't take away opportunities for lower-income populations to access and innovate in the digital world.

—Natalie Blair, Brooklyn, NY

America is the land of opportunity, my forefathers came to America with a few dollars in their pockets and created an empire. Your ancestors did the same, all American enterprise began somewhere. Net neutrality is what makes the internet great, a groundbreaking idea gets the same respect as a video of animals making silly noises. Without net neutrality, someone would have the power to control what the American public sees, this is a blatant slap in the face to the first amendment of the United States constitution. One may be able to argue that internet providers would not be blocking content, just slowing it down, but that is essentially the same thing. Freedom of speech includes the internet, and just because a small company does not have the money to pay homage to the communication conglomerates that are slowly taking over our democratic process, does not mean they should be punished for it. Net neutrality is a constitutional right, no matter how you slice it, and we will not stand for this!

—Christina Hagaman, Escondido, CA

Protect real Net Neutrality by throwing out all the rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Mr. Virgil Gfeller, Merritt Island, FL

Net Neutrality is vital to the operation of the free market hence a matter of public concern because of how proposed changes would impact the consuming public (most of us) as well as impacting the ability of small/smaller businesses to compete.

—John Robey, Minneapolis, MN

Without net neutrality, my small business would be unable to compete with larger and richer companies. The capitalist market system you proclaim to protect only works with competition, the very thing you are trying to make impossible. The internet is the great leveler of our time, and you would hand control of it over to a privileged few who could and would demand any price to maintain access. And we would have no choice but to pay. How much damage must be done to the economy before the blatant idiocy of this becomes apparent? Actions should be taken which provide benefits to all, not a well connected and powerful few.

—Luc Lefebvre, North Attleborough, MA

Dear FCC-- I keep getting emails from Tom Wheeler telling me how important net neutrality is to him, yet he continues to undermine it! Right he is pusing a plan that would let internet service providers like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon create a two-tiered internet. And of course the fast lanes they create will go to those who can pay the most. This is supporting net neutrality? I don't think so. So, hey, Tom. What gives? And why don't you ignore your chairman, like he is ignoring the US public, and throw out these discriminatory rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers? Now that would be REAL support for net neutrality.

—Pamela Anne A. Lowry, Berkeley, CA

Dearest FCC It must be very dark inside the pocket of the cable industry. You're cordially invited out into the light of day.

—George Fahey, San Francisco, CA

Because it's the right thing to do.

—Shane McParland, South Lyon, MI

The FCC must throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality.

—Mary Cato, Arlington, TX

The internet is a gateway to the truth. When you restrict my ability to access websites freely, you restrict my ability to find truth. Because of this, ending net neutrality is objectively a form of censorship. You are censoring the internet. To whatever thankless intern, or probably thankless robot, reads this, remember that.

—Ryan Taylor Johnson, Raleigh, NC

Net Neutrality is important because money should not override any content provided from any website. Any discrimination to the smaller content providers would be a tragedy to our internet freedom and free speech.

—Albert Ward, San Marcos, NV

Net Neutrality is important because it is what connected me to the internet today and what helped me discover so much about the world. It strengthened me in my beliefs and it is the reason our world can grow. Free and open internet is as important to us as food and water. It should be REQUIRED.

—Melissa Kadri, madison heights, MI

Dear FCC - NET NEUTRALITY IS AS ESSENTIAL TODAY AS FREEDOM OF THE PRESS HAS BEEN THROUGHOUT OUR HISTORY! DO NOT ALLOW YOUR CHAIRMAN HEAD - TO RAIL ROAD THIS ABSURD, RIDICULOUS AND CLEARLY CORPORATE INDUCED DECISION. PROTECT OUR RIGHTS! PROTECT COMPLETE AND TOTAL NETWORK NEUTRALITY!

—Mr. Thomas Lawrence Toscano, Brooklyn, NY

The Internet's playing field is level right now. I can offer content on my site and know that users in the US will have the same access to my content as that provided by anyone else regardless of our political positions, who we know or how big our savings accounts are. Allowing ISPs to offer preferred access will turn this even playing field into a mountain range where a few enormous corporations make the decisions about who gets an advantage. I doubt they will use that power wisely, and we can be sure money will be the biggest influence on their decisions. Allowing this is undemocratic. It's anti-capitalist. It's un-American.

—Jesse Kirdahy, Jamaica Plain, MA

The Internet is both a treasure trove of silly cat videos and pornography, but did you also know that the Internet is also one of the few mediums us regular folk can be informed about the happenings of the world around us? Please don't fuck us over. I don't care what kind of Reptilian overlords you serve, just don't fuck us regular folk over. Tell your corporate masters to take over some foreign country no one's ever heard of and paws or claws off the Internet.

—Steven Calleja, Nottingham, MD

People who provide content over the internet are already paying for that access. The internet providers shouldn't be allowed to make them pay twice. That will just hinder competition, damage growth in the country and harm the end user.

—Thomas Houston, San Antonio, TX

Without freedom what do we have? Have we still not learned from or past mistakes? We need to be an example to the rest of the world follow. Is this that example?

—Aaron Coffey, Leitchfield, KY

Net Neutrality: is the principle that Internet service providers and governments should treat all data on the Internet equally, not discriminating or charging differentially by user, content, site, platform, application, type of attached equipment, and modes of communication. Our constitution is based on the principles of equality and freedom and I believe this should extend to the internet. Through our lives, as americans, we haven been side stepped by big corporations and big banks. We have suffer the stakes of econmic, academic and political disparity. Here comes a medium (like the internet) that lets us create, comunicate and access content equally, without the contents of our wallets beeing a detriment to participate in that space and I believe big corportions should take their hands of it. There involvement in the rule of net neutrality could impact me as a cosumer on the internet and is a vector of a communication monopoly that could affect the internet as the space we all love. DONT LET ANY BILL PASS OR CHANGE ANY RULES REGARDING THIS MATTER!!!!!!

—Aziria, juncos,

FOR A LEVEL PLAYING FIELD, AND ACCESS FOR ALL!

—Thomas of Baltimore, Baltimore City, MD

There is NO good argument for ending net neutrality. Doing so would greatly damage the democracy that has been inherent in the internet.

—Matthew Henson, North Hollywood, CA

Between increasing media consolidation and sweeping campaigns to control public opinion by ALEC, we (the public) must have at least one source of unfettered mass communication, the Internet. This may be the single biggest threat to true democracy. You MUST keep the Internet free and open to all!!!

—Miwa Lee, Cypress, CA

This country already has monopoly control in too many parts of the economy - we need to protect this vital means of expression. We must preserve Net Neutrality.

—Sara Strickland, Edmonds, WA

Here we are again: America at a crossroads. We've seen -- and very recently -- what happens when financial concerns are given priority over human concerns. Some of us are still trying to recover from it, while others are doing their best to preserve the imbalance that resulted from it. DONT DO IT AGAIN. Don't let the monopolistic, profit-only-driven agenda of companies like Comcast and Verizon obliterate with dollar signs the spirit of the Internet and what it represents in human terms, human lives. Will we ever learn?

—Robin Rohrabacher, Waltham, MA

The Internet is a vital conduit for the broadest spectrum of communication and human interaction, the technological heir of the public library system. It is the great leveler, making information, education, public services and entertainment available to a broad spectrum of individuals. Whether on a privately owned computer, a smart phone, or a terminal made available at the local library, the Internet offers tools by which individuals can better themselves. Do not let Internet access become a luxury item available only to the economically advantaged. It is the people's tool -- ALL people. Thank you.

—J A. Myers, Kalamazoo, MI

A neutral internet is important because it works. A biased internet (and that's exactly what the FCC chairman's plan would produce) would only work for those who can afford it. And the rest of us (the innovators) would be caught in the whatever quicksand the major ISPs deem is sufficient us for their purposes... perhaps perhaps no connection at all.

—Mr. Jamie Tietjen, Red Creek, NY

Everyone's entitled to their ideas—and most of them were born through new technology (the Internet being one of them).

—Ian Sherman, Columbus, OH

The internet belongs to the people of the world. Private greedy corporations like COMCAST and VERIZON want to rest control of how data is transmitted so they can profit. The loss of net neutrality will only limit public access and cost every person and business more to get what service/data/speed that remains available. Net neutrality is essential for open and free communications.

—Kevin J. Killeen Esq, Slinger, WI

The Internet is already neutral naturally. Please don't fix what isn't broken and just reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Anne Wogen, St. Louis Park, MN

reclassify ISPs common carriers

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Please stop destroying net neutrality!

—Mario Puentes, Santa Rosa, CA

Net neutrality is the cornerstone of a digital democracy!!

—Jim Laybourn, Jackson, WY

Don't allow online discrimination that overwhelmingly favors giant corporate players, allowing them to decide content among other unfair factors; throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers!

—Brad Miller, Anthony, KS

The incredible good in advancing global understanding and international goodwill that has come through the widespread world access to the internet is a gift that can only lead to world peace. Can we be so shortsighted that we would care more about making money than about preserving humanity? I pray that I never have to be ashamed of America for taking us back to the Dark Ages.

—Rachel Kraybill Stahl, Lancaster, PA

Net Neutrality saves me from the monopolies of Comcast, Time Warner, and Verizon, among others, from only hearing or seeing what they want us to due to cost changes, to their advantage. This will change my FREE CHOICE, which is what our country stands for.

—Bonnie Bruinsslot, Sebastopol, CA

Freedom of information and access to information should not in any way be tied to money. Keep the net neutral

—Carrie Wallis, lakewood, CO

In the era of electronic communication and media the internet is how we, the people, communicate thoughts and ideas, question our leaders, and monitor the workings of the government. It is the means of free speech in this country and, to be blunt, most of the world. It has effectively become, a common carrier. Allowing corporate entities to regulate our speech through ending net neutrality will abrogate the right of free speech to the detriment of all. The FCC regulates the airwaves, including internet traffic, for the public good and in the public interest, not in the interest of Time Warner, Comcast, or any other provider.

—Page Galloway, Santa Cruz, CA

Dear FCC, It is unbelievable to me that this even requires a conversation. You have so completely failed the American people by not quashing this issue by now. It is so painfully obvious that a company like Comcast will do exactly as everyone fears if net neutrality is not maintained and enforced. They already have! And why shouldn't they. Competition is the only form accountability in a free market society. But the government has already failed to enforce anti-trust laws with this monster of a company that controls the majority of internet access. Thus, Comcast is not compelled to do shit for its customers, which is why they are consistently voted worst company in America. They have already strong armed Netflix into paying for "high speed" access. The next step will be to limit political ads which they don't support, block negative press about themselves or anything they see fit to oppress. But you guys are intelligent people, so I imagine that you already know all of this, yet we still teeter on the brink of free speech disaster. I guess the kind of lobby money that the cable companies spend can make the benefactors just not give a shit. Bravo!

—Greg Wiseman, league city, TX

I am not in favor of Tom Wheeler's plan and instead I want ISP's to be reclassified as common carriers because our country was founded on the ideas of equality and allowing politicians to stack the deck in favor of larger companies at the expense of others is wrong.

—Jason Toney, San Francisco, CA

Dear FCC, Stop fucking up with my internet. The internet was meant to be free. It has given us the ability to spread information freely without having to be monitored by an entity or the government. Having Net Neutrality is important to me because corporations shouldn't have the right to monopolize something that, is essentially our freedoms. STOP NOW. Thank you. Sincerely, Esteven Gamez

—Esteven Gamez, Los Angeles, CA

Stay far the fuck away from my internet. I warn you
—Paul Seymour, Sidney, NY

WE DO NOT NEED ANY PROPOSALS OR NEW RULES THAT NEGATE NET NEUTRALITY. THE INTERNET COMPANIES HAVE ENOUGH MONEY. THIS GREED MUST AND WILL END! ENOUGH IS ENOUGH WITH MONOPOLIES. THE MARKET PLACE BELONGS TO THE PEOPLE AND NOT TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER. I VOTE NO CONFIDENCE IN THE PROPOSED NEW INTERNET RULES!!!
—Yolanda Hebert, MANLIUS, NY

Don't be influenced by the cable companies and keep the internet net neutral.
—Clement Tanaka, Auburn, AL

Net Neutrality is important because free speech and freedom of expression is the basis of a healthy democracy where individual rights are respected, and without Net Neutrality free speech and freedom of expression would be dead. In our modern society there can't be a fast lane and slow lane for content companies where big corporations like fox have an advantage over the little people who don't have the resources to defend themselves or represent themselves adequately online. I say no to what AT&T and Comcast and Verizon want to do, which is charge content companies for delivering data back and forth online. Let Net Neutrality live.
—Matthew D Schuster, Milwaukie, OR

I want the FCC to reclassify broadband providers as common carriers. The monopolistic behavior of AT&T, Comcast and Verizon must be stopped to protect consumers and the free flow of information that America depends upon for her informed democracy. Their practices are insidious, unfair, and a threat to free-market competition and innovation. Their greed makes America have some of the worst broadband service in the world and it's an embarrassment and disgrace.
—Mrs. Lori Dye, Seattle, WA

Net Neutrality is important to me because I support entrepreneurship in America. Millions of jobs have been created across the country as a result of open competition on the internet and millions more will continue to be created with net neutrality. Capitalism is founded on the principle of competition and disruptive businesses. Companies like Verizon and Comcast seek to tighten their stranglehold on the American people's internet freedom. With their selfish reasoning to pry more money, not just from the consumer, but from the companies that benefit from the 'open market' of the internet, they are destroying one of the most incredible innovations in human history. Net Neutrality is important.
—Ben A, St. Louis, MO

Net neutrality allows me to view whatever content I want and have equal access to it, without discrimination of which provider I use and which site I'm looking it. It's the basic principle of Freedom of Information and this new law would destroy that.
—Linda Tolles, Fallbrook, CA

because not everything needs to be commercialized
—Andrew Kroese, Lincoln, NE

I'm horrified that the FCC wants to allow cable monopolies to slow speeds unless companies pay the providers more. How can you not recognize the importance of access for all? Punishing anyone without deep pockets (or bilking those that do) ... I'm at a loss. The FCC has to know how important a free and open exchange of ideas and content is to our society and future. You're not proposing terrible rules out of ignorance, but out of greed. I can only hope the knowledge that the public is aware of your betrayal of our interests gives you pause and, perhaps, you will support Net Neutrality after all.
—Jen Lee, Cedar Rapids, IA

Do not mess with net neutrality. Make internet providers common carriers.
—Kimbo Mundy, Albuquerque, NM

Creating two separate versions of the speed of the internet is like saying when you go to the library you are poor so you only get to use this side of the library where all the books are missing pages. Can we just have equality somewhere in this world?

—Kristy Galati, Tallmadge, OH

it levels the playing field. it keeps the rich from ruling. it brings vice out in the open. freedom of search, freedom of expression, should not go to the highest bidder!

—Mel Metje, West Chester, OH

We need to protect Net neutrality in order to safeguard the accessibility and fairness of the Internet. Don't promote the "two-tier" system which will abolish the democracy of internet communications. I am an average citizen who doesn't want to see corporate America extend their dominion over this last bastion of free speech.

—Maureen Newlin, San Bernardino, CA

What the FCC is proposing is an attack on civil liberties, and a shameless display of this once great nation's current state of affairs. The checks and balances of our constitution have been replaced with collusion, greed, and an appalling lack of intelligence and virtue. I understand that our economy is hurting, and we would do good to support it in any way we can, but acts like this do nothing but play into the interests of enormous Oligopolies.

—Roland Synnestvedt, Davis, CA

Everyone should have open access to the Internet, and no one left out. The best of the Internet should be for everyone, not just for those who can afford it. Equal access to all.

—Mrs. Eileen Senko, Toms River, NJ

The only people who benefit from the end of net neutrality are telecommunication companies. Verizon, Comcast, etc. are essentially monopolies that offer terrible and expensive services. Do we want the internet to become like Verizon and Comcast, by making it more difficult for internet start-ups to become successful and reducing competition? Ending net neutrality is bad for our economy and humanity as a whole. You should be ashamed of yourselves. Do your job, protect the overall welfare of the American public. Protect net neutrality.

—Robertson Greenbacker, South Boston, VA

I use the Internet everyday. One it is part of the job that I have which requires Internet Access in order to reduce paperwork. Also I have a sideline income I am earning using the Internet. I think that the way this is being proposed is unfair. Please listen to what we the public have to say before you take this into consideration.

—Myriam Pierre, Jamaica, NY

ATTN: United States Federal Communications Commission I am urging you to cease and desist any further proposals toward net neutrality. I am vehemently opposed to big business monopolies. Citizens of America are trusting you to do the right thing. Thank you for your time, attention, and consideration. Regards, Kathleen R. Warzecha Robinson

—Kathleen Robinson, Simsbury, CT

not a good idea. it will lead to a two-tier system which will be one more manifestation of income inequality in this country, and will in the long run cause many problems. this is not the free market. ISPs serve a public purpose and should be classified as common carriers.

—Robert Beck, Minnetrista, MN

I am currently a college student who is about to graduate. I have started up a freelance business in photography which requires a high rate of internet to keep a business going online. Which is now how photographers get noticed is traffic to there website and allows me to breach a wider audience in an already over saturated market. What this law would do to me is set me back in business and increase my start up cost, reducing my ability to produce in the economy in the future. I also currently work for a stock photography agency where we rely on the internet to deliver and market our images. How could a small business manage to give the customer support with out raising the costs of either the product or reduce hiring. Many businesses in today's society (specifically the United States) use the internet to support their business. The cloud is becoming more readily used allowing broader access to employees without the cost to move them and their family across country for a job. People are now happier in their lives because they can live in their dream town while being able work at their dream job because of the modern technology, the internet. This will seriously not only effect the modern individual but we will see a decrease in economic production. This also helps large city's as well with population control, with being able to work at home instead of the standard job. People save money on fuel and are able to spend in on other more beneficial things in their life. There is no benefit to anyone else but major corporations such as Comcast with this bill. There is no better reminder of what capitalism is and what we aim for the American dream than the equal playing field the internet provides. The internet is the perfect example of capitalism with no government control and what real capitalism is. Not loopholes that badly effect the middle class more and only help the more privilege. If this was a real free country this wouldn't even be a discussion. I have never been more morose to call my self and American citizen. Thank you for reminding me as a citizen of this country my voice doesn't matter and unless born into privilege it will never matter.

—Maria Faye Olson, Bozeman, MT

It's important to me because the internet was made as a free place to do whatever you want and have countless oppurtunities and now without Net Neutrality the government can easily take that from us which is wrong.

—Jawuan Williams, Westerville, OH

To Wheeler: This two tier system for the internet is ridicules. I know corporations own your asses but this is beyond the pale even for you guys. Matthew Abuelo

—Matthew Abuelo, New York, NY

"Net Neutrality is the Internet's guiding principle: It preserves our right to communicate freely online. This is the definition of an open Internet." As a all business owner am a citizen of the world, I demand Net Neutrality!

—Rosalie Outlaw, Merritt Island, FL

There should be at least one bastion of free speech and information that is not completely crushed by corporate power, and that is the internet in its current, unbroken form.

—Jeremy Stuckwisch, Lincoln, NE

Net Neutrality is important to me, because I use the internet daily to do my work and shop and get my news. I love that I can select the providers I trust and ISPs are required to serve them all up to me at the same speed. Allowing ISPs to serve sites at different speeds violates the principle of free speech. No one company's speech should be served faster than any others, especially not because of money. Our democracy is built on the principle of one person one vote. Suppose people who paid more for their ballot got their vote counted more times? Not fair and unAmerican, just like Tom Wheeler's plan to give advantage to richer content proiders. Just say no!

—Andrea Chen, Seattle, WA

Keep the internet open and free. Reclassification of ISP's as common carriers is necessary.

—Lawrence Aghily, Antioch, CA

Net neutrality is the singular mode of free speech available to millions of Americans. If Comcast or another internet provider can choose the speed at which my voice is heard then my speech isn't free at all.

—Sarah Armstrong, salem, UT

Seems like the fox is guarding the hen house. The internet is not broken. It does not need to be fixed.

—Lynne Xhilon, Mechanicsburg, PA

Net Neutrality is important because the internet was created for the purpose of the free exchange of ideas. What you are attempting is the exact opposite, you greedy, vile, shit-sucking, troglodytes!!

—Ian Cameron, Richmond Hill,

Corporations dont have the right to own and control anything that they want to just because they want to gouge us of more money that they could not possibly spend in a million lifetimes. They need to stop being so greedy about everything and realize we have the right to a free and totally open internet without having to pay anything for it and for websites having to pay out protection money from these goons so people when they surf the net can see their site. Big corporations, you make enough money, shame on you for trying to rob us of more of our hard earned money. Get a real life, go outside and enjoy the beauty of the world instead of checking your stocks and counting your money.

—Nancy Gardner, Roselle, NJ

The Internet is a public utility. Call it that and we won't have to have this discussion.

—Penny Derleth, Deer Park, WA

Stop selling us out. One fast lane for everyone. What won't congre\$\$ do for its corporate sponsors

—Tammy Lettieri, Deerfield, FL

I believe that the country must ensure a fair and level playing field on the Internet if we're to continue to foster the kind of innovation and businesses that we've seen grow hugely successful over the last several decades. This has played no small part in maintaining the United States' lead role in the digital realm, and, if we don't mess with what's working, we stand to reap continued benefits as a society. In a sense you could say that I view the Internet as more of a utility or platform, much like telephony, that empowers individuals and businesses to build more efficient solutions. FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler's recent proposal to create multiple tiers of service flies in the face of that goal. I'm not sure what purpose it serves other than to allow ISPs to extract additional monies from companies which already pay ISPs for bandwidth. And somewhere down the line it seems likely to me that this proposal would lead to costs being passed down to me as a consumer (who also pays an ISP for bandwidth). We need to make it unambiguous that the Internet is too important a platform for future success to be treated as just another commodity. Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Sincerely, Sean Evans

—Sean G Evans, Sterling, VA

I am a small business owner and a web developer student. When the time comes to make the site for my business live, I need people to receive it quickly, and in the future when I want to work for a web development firm, and I can't get in with the big companies, well by that time maybe all of the small ones will be out of business because they will not be able to afford the stupidity the comcast and friends are sticking up our you know what's. The Internet is the future and present of the job market, and I want my kids to have a future where if they know what there doing they can start the next facebook without some idiots messing up millions of future and present start ups just so they can stay alive, because there scared of the Internet killing there crappy cable service, and isn't being a monopoly illegal. As long as there paying politicians they get what they want, but not for long the people are speaking up.

—Aarion, san diego, CA

Just because the internet is a young technology, that doesn't mean that only those with the most money should control it. It is essential to communication for everyone, and should remain open for everyone

—Eileen Rhoadarmer, Englewood, CO

Our nation might not be free and equal, but we should try not to taint another area of happiness to our people. Please, stop before it is too late.

—Aisha Thapa, Prospect, KY

Net neutrality is not just important to me, it's CRITICAL to an environment of democracy and freedom. This is FREE SPEECH. DO NOT enact this legislation. ISPs are common carriers.

—Monserrate Gonzalez, Mount Laurel, NJ

Otherwise cable companies would cease to have any new competition.

—Robert Spottswood, Norwich, VT

It's time to listen to ALL the people and not just to the people (companies) who pay you the most money. Keep the world a fair and equal place on the only platform that still is equal. This is about liberty and we fought many years for all kinds of freedom to receive. Now we are not about to give one of our biggest still free spaces in the world away. That's why i think ne neutrality is important, keep a level playing field..

—Tim B, Leiden,

As my good and TRUSTED friend, John Oliver said -- this is complete cable company fuckery. I oppose whatever special interest that the FCC is trying to push onto the American people.

—Christina Chou, New york, NY

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

—John McMahon, Los Angeles, CA

Net neutrality ensures that all people will receive an equal voice in an age where the internet is the central way for the public to receive information. Even if service providers don't have their own personal agendas at this time, it opens up an avenue for future internet providers to push bias views onto the public and prevent truths that aren't in the interest of large corporations from being revealed to the masses. Beyond preventing positive social change, it prevents true capitalism. With a growing market for internet business it is essential for companies to have a functional website and a way to do some type of business over the internet. Small companies may not be able compete with large corporations because they aren't able to pay the premium for a faster connection. This change would only allow large corporations to stay in power and prevent other companies from competing with them. The real question is what is the positive of ending net neutrality? The general public understands that this would not benefit the average American and the FCC should work to support the average American.

—Joseph Kasper, Ann Arbor, MI

I don't want some huge corporation deciding what I should see, especially since it is an important tool for me as a researcher. Google already sends hundreds of pop-ups into my workday based on what disease I have been researching. Google denies it though I have contacted them about it. When I search online for something at Nordstrom; Nordstrom ads pop-up also in my workday. Extremely annoying

—Joan Ripple, Novato, CA

The internet should be open and free. Please throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is harmful to society and should not be allowed.

—Benjamin Beaudoin, bloomington, MN

We must preserve the integrity and independence from mega-media control of one of the last sources of democratic communication in the USA. Preserve the INTERNETS NEUTRALITY: RECLASSIFY ISPs AS COMMON CARRIERS!!!

—Emilie Marlinghaus, Bend, OR

Stop let the extremely rich prosper to te detriment of the middle class. Net neutrality is one of the last great equalizers. Please don't take that away from us!

—Jacqueline Carlson, Philadelphia, PA

Wheeler's plan to let ISPs create different tiers of users in order to charge higher fees and to discriminate against online content and applications is un-American. It flies in the face of our basic freedoms. Keep the net neutral.

—Laura Biasci, temple terrace, FL

Failure to protect the open internet will shatter my confidence in the FCC. I strongly support the open internet and expect the FCC to protect it on behalf of all American tax payers and consumers. Net Neutrality is the Internet's guiding principle: It preserves our right to communicate freely online, enabling and protecting free speech. This is the definition of an open Internet. Under proposed rules, telecom giants like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon would be able to create a two-tiered Internet, with fast lanes for those who can afford it and dirt roads for the rest of us. These companies would have the power to pick winners and losers online and discriminate against online content and applications. It is the FCC's responsibility to delivery policy on behalf of American consumers and protect the open internet. Once again, failure to protect the open internet will shatter my confidence in the FCC.

—Gretchen Thornton, Washington, DC

the internet is the last place I can go to get away from corporations and feel free to use it how I would like. YOU CANT TAKE THAT AWAY FROM ME.

—Ryan Swindell, Richardson, TX

The FCC would lose any left credibility by approving rules against net neutrality. The absence of regulation for internet service providers is already shameful. Giving them even more power to control communication would make things worse. Internet is a great chance to give real meaning to a society commitment to freedom of speech and would obviously stop to be so if that freedom were only for those that can buy it. I am going to discontinue my contract with COMCAST by tomorrow and invite all my friends to do the same.

—Annalisa Paese, Pittsburgh, PA

I am an eBay seller and buyer.

—Eleen Onda, Eureka Springs, AR

No multi-tier is net neutrality. Multi-tiers creates a net bias. It needs to be a level playing field.

—van Brollini, tucson, AZ

FCC: We do not want a system that discriminates, that makes life more difficult for those who cannot afford to pay for something we already have. Equal access for all! Why not put your lobbying money toward producing a product that your customers thank you for?

—Kathleen Ahearn, Highland, CA

Dear FCC chairman, Government, Please do not let the big corporation buy your integrity. Do one thing right.. Let the internet stay "Neutral". If you let the Corporations start charging for the internet traffic, it will just kill all the competition, and greatly reduce the chance of another Google, or facebook are similar innovative ideas. It is very obvious. Why is that you cannot see this. For once, please act with integrity.. Do not let the corporate money buy you out.

—Srinivas Dornala, milipitas, CA

Net neutrality is important to me for a few reasons. First, I do not understand why it is necessary for people to pay more for faster internet. People use the internet for any number of reasons: business, e-mails, shopping, browsing, etc. The people that can afford to pay more are no different. There could very easily be a situation where a small business owner needs to access the internet, then discover it is running slower (probably due to someone who can afford to pay more mindlessly browsing the internet). That just doesn't make sense. Second, discrimination on any level should be discouraged. Why should a company have the right to pick and choose who gets fast internet and who doesn't? I do not think they should. Lastly, these companies that are selling internet service are already making huge profits off of what they are currently providing, why should they make more? The days of the internet being a developing luxury are over; it is now a necessity. Any young professional or student needs access to the internet in order to communicate and stay connected to the current world.

—John Hall Greenbacker, South Boston, VA

Don't do this. This proposal encourages the expansion of the current communication monopolies and is unethical.

—Trevor Cox, Greenvale, NY

Preserve net neutrality!!!

—Kristen Pace, Ocean Springs, MS

America can't function as it should without healthy competition. We can't afford a monopoly preventing new options and new voices from being heard. That's not what America's about. We used to have regulation preventing these big companies from taking over. The last thing we need is to have them entrenched in the Internet, guaranteeing bad service for all. Protect net neutrality. It's the American way.

—Marie DesJardin, Westminster, CO

Dear Chairman Wheeler, We know you used to work for those companies. But now your job is to make sure that everything on the web is fair and equal. If you do this, many will not like you. They will think you are corrupted. Your job is to make the best decisions for all Americans. If you allow this to go through, it will show the American people that you still work for the cable companies. If you make this happen, the Internet will no longer be free as it has always been. On behalf of the American citizens, we will NOT (!!!!!!!!!!!) tolerate this abuse of our freedom of the Internet. Sincerely, Jolie Barrett - Age 8 3rd grader at Nichols Elementary School Oceanside, CA

—Jolie Barrett, Oceanside, CA

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—Nicholas J. Parrell, WASHINGTON D.C., DC

Dear FCC: the internet is meant as a place where people can communicate their ideas with one another freely. By not treating all data on equal footing, you would be destroying this!

—Ben Burnett, Los Angeles, CA

Keep the internet a level-playing-field. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality, give small businesses equal access to the internet for commerce and gives people from all walks of life the the same access to this resource.

—AC Charrier, Seattle, WA

Dear FCC, There is absolutely no reason for the current form of the internet to be changed. Net Neutrality has made it possible for people to search for jobs and participate in online schooling programs that will provide them with an opportunity for a more productive life. These valuable resources would be diminished within poorer communities where paying for a faster internet speed is not an option. The ability to express and present all of the information found on the internet is a direct result of the current single-tiered system available to every single person that wishes to utilize it. The internet, as it currently sits, is the most equalizing platform for communication and blatant example of freedom we have. Leave it alone. Our men and women though out our countrys' history have not fought and died so that the American people can be divided even more into the "haves" and "have-nots" for a fat profit. Again, I beseech those at the FCC, leave the internet as it is. Net Neutrality is not something that needs to be "fixed". With great sincerity, Linda A. Heins

—Linda A. Heins, Loudonville, OH

Don't allow internet providers to charge for preferential treatment of the internet. Everybody should be treated equally regarding use of the internet. Instead reclassify broadband as a telecommunication service.

—Cecilia Bouvia, Puyallup, WA

The Internet is public domain, but if ISPs such as AT&T and Verizon have their way, the public won't have true, equal access to what is theirs, as certain services will be favored over others all in the name of money. Don't let greed ruin the Internet. The Internet is the domain of the people, not greedy corporations. Don't forget that!

—Nathan Judy, Kansas City, MO

There is nothing wrong with the internet and it does not need to change just to feed the giants of comcast and twc. PLEASE KEEP THE NET NEUTRAL.

—Molly Schreiner, Avon, CO

Please keep the Internet free and neutral. Big business is already manipulating our lives too much. Everything doesn't depend on who can pay the most. Give the average person a chance. Let's go with the underdog on this one for a change.

—Nancy Bowen, Wauwatosa, WI

Because the ISPs don't need more profits for poorer service.

—Emad Din, catonsville, MD

I absolutely do not want broadband reclassified as a telecom service. There should be AT LEAST ONE institution in this country that remains truly democratic and isn't for sale to special interests or the highest bidder. In fairness to the public, our nation's entrepreneurial spirit and a level playing field, the Internet must remain a common carrier.

—Jim Stear, Port Jefferson, NY

This bill is outside the area of the Constitution and illegal from the conception. All who vote for it deny their oath of office.

—Lee Ann Olson, Park City, MT

Hello monstrous former head of CableCompanies, Tom Wheeler and boardmembers, YOU ARE CLOAKING EVIL INSIDE YOUR PROPOSALS AND WE KNOW IT. STOP making a fast lane & slow lane. We want TRUE net neutrality. Thank you.

—J Gruber, Peoria Hts, IL

When I am in need of obscure information on fixing my car or learning certain things, I rely on small sites like forums.

—Mark Rousos, brentwood, TN

Large internet service providers act as though they own the internet already, but they do not. They only own the equipment to access the internet. If they do not want to accept that fact and conduct fair business, someone else will and should do it. There is a demand for internet access, and where there is a demand for something, someone will step up to provide it. The internet is a public utility whether anyone wants to have it classified as one or not. If these large internet service providers do not want to run their business that way, they should step aside and allow those who will run an open internet service to do so. If these large internet service providers want to provide a curated, walled-garden information network, they should be allowed to run them, but they should be required to say they filter any and/or all information on their networks and that they are not actually providing access to the internet. In addition, privatizing public resources all too often leads to those resources no longer being accessible or affordable to most people. How many times have we seen public roads leased to private companies to turn them into toll roads? How many times have public parking spots been leased to private companies to run parking meters? These plans sound good when the deal is struck, but as soon as the ink dries, the public loses. Letting private companies control the internet, or even just access to it, will result in these companies controlling the flow of information so everything goes their way. When that happens, they will control this country. The internet needs to have public oversight, but if these internet service providers have their way, there will not be any oversight. The only information the public will have access to is the information about falsehoods corporations in charge of information dissemination want you to have so you believe that everything they want is a good thing so they can ensure they get more of the public money.

—Brian Burwell, Momence, IL

Net Neutrality allows my students and myself to effectively access information about Theater and Etymology from a variety of sources.

—Mr. Shannon Peery, Kansas City, KS

Why would you screw with Net Neutrality. It's there for a reason.

—Stephen Severance, Mout Ephraim, NJ

We cannot allow the quality of distribution of information and media to be held hostage by a few extremely powerful content distributors. If true net neutrality is not protected, distributors would have unreasonable leverage to extort excessive rates from customers and eventually control what content is available and to who based on ability to pay. Said differently censorship based on ability to pay. The First Amendment guarantees the right to free speech, freedom of the press, freedom of religion, freedom from censorship. Net neutrality would help guarantee these rights.

—Mark Thunder, San Diego, CA

I'll say it again: My profession as an educator & researcher depends on net neutrality. My work takes me to varied locations, where I rely on a variety of internet providers. And my students -- from all walks of life -- must have relatively equal access to all online information.

—AD Butz, Portland, OR

What would happen to libraries if they had to pay to access the internet?

—Frederick J. Mackey, DENVER, CO

Equality for all is--or was--the mantra of America. I want that to continue, and especially when it comes to access to the internet; ie, net neutrality.

—Janet Glover, Tucson, AZ

"If it ain't broke, don't fix it." Maintaining net neutrality is one of the last ways available for normal individuals to maintain a degree of parity with large corporations and the 0.01% of ultrawealthy individuals. There is no pressing reason other than financial contingencies (greed) to change a system that is working well just the way it is. Ending net neutrality is inherently unfair, and bad for most people, bad for democracy, and bad for egalitarian ideals. The FCC should throw out its proposed rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers in order to preserve net neutrality.

—Eric Carlson, Ventura, CA

Cable companies should not have an unfair advantage over other companies and individuals. The cable companies are already colluding, and have created an oligarchy.

—Audrey Zraggen, Sonoma, CA

All that is happening is a further sell out to the corporations. It's a shift towards the oppressive and rigid and domineering Chinese style of oversight and regulation. This will further polarize people against our government. And I bet someone's getting paid.

—Shannon Lewis, GLADSTONE, OR

Mr. Wheeler, you have agreed to become a public servant and must now act to protect consumers. We are alarmed with your proposed internet corruption. Absolutely reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Personally I am disgusted with the lack of choice, speed and overall bad service of the the very few ISPs (where I live I have a choice of exactly ONE), and know that allowing them to further their strangle hold on innovation and information based on who can pay more is short-sighted and wrong.

—Diana Crow, Kula, HI

I support Net Neutrality. I vehemently protest FCC Chairman Wheeler's plan to allow online discrimination and destroy net neutrality.

—Katherine Granath, Seattle, WA

Everyone should subscribe to the same internet. We already pay a lot for our current speeds, and I'm afraid the FCC's proposed rules will only make this problem worse. The internet should be an open medium for communication by the public. It's too important to restrict with paywalls.

—Stephen Rhein, Newark, DE

Net neutrality neuters the internet. It will allow comcast, time warner cable, and other providers to choose which websites take precedence and encourages the regulation of the internet. Free speech, curiosity, and privacy are all affected with net neutrality and it needs to be stopped. This isn't good for America. This is just another example of how our government drops to its knees for money and corporations. How does it feel to be owned by money?

—Michael Paige, New York, NY

Please don't impose the equivalence of a class system on the internet. The internet is now the most important vehicle for communication. To preserve democracy, we must ensure the free flow of information without biased gatekeepers imposing barriers.

—Felicity Devlin, Tacoma, WA

To propose this "Two Tiered" type of internet is appalling. If something like this can even be thought of on a conscience and coherent level; we as a nation should be disgusted with ourselves. If something like this ever does pass, we might as well segregate bathrooms by race again. What happened to free enterprise, and free press? Is it that the individuals behind this are too inane to see that small business and entrepreneurship is the back bone and the key to the successes of the United States economy? Or are they just corrupt like every other politician we trust with the safe keeping and guidance of our country. Large companies that the World use today started with Net Neutrality, and would never have made it off the ground if it was not for the leveled playing field. If you wish to inhibit our growth as a nation and cripple our economy continue forward and SEGREGATE the classes.

—Joshua Miller, Dacono, CO

Net neutrality is essential in maintaining our democracy Chairman Wheeler's proposed rules would end net neutrality and deliver control of this essential avenue of free speech into the hands of a few already powerful entities. Throw out these rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers!

—Marvin Feldman, captain cook, HI

To whom it concerns, The proposed changes currently being discussed to create a two-tiered internet in terms of network speed are so obviously wrong and amoral that it makes my mind boggle to think such a thing is even under any sort of serious discussion. You are essentially proposing to seriously risk the internet's ability to work as any sort of meaningful platform for sharing, communication, or democratic action in the name of some further margin of profits within an industry whose monopolistic tendencies are already questionable. I'm sure that the proposal must somehow seem innocuous enough at first glance, and pretty cut and dry when in writing. Surely you would never openly and purposefully attempt to hinder people's access to information or to free speech? But that is exactly what you are opening up the doors for within a larger context with this proposal. This proposal has not only constitutional issues, but also international implications. The USA is a world leader in content and platform providing, and any decision you make will have international repercussions. You should match that with an equally great sense of responsibility. When we talk about the internet, we are discussing a truly international system of communication, and therefore I believe that a proposal of the magnitude you are suggesting should only be discussed in an international forum or context. And then, hopefully, quickly dismissed as amoral and threatening basic international human rights. One could argue that this is a potential threat to Article 19 of the Universal declaration of Human rights, and certainly it flies in the face of recent international trends to enact "freedom of information" as a basic human right. It is deplorable, threatens to take out what is best about the internet, its neutrality, and to further erode some of our most necessary sources of information in the 21st century (seriously, how are news organizations, many of them already struggling, going to cope? How does this not impact freedom of the press?). Do not make changes to a system of information as vast and as vital as the internet had become in the 21st century, unless you have an in-depth and complex understanding of it and its wider implications first. Also, in moving forwards, I hardly think partial lobbyists should be your main source of information and expertise in this area. In short, it is a terrible idea, and I reiterate that I still can't quite believe that this is even up for discussion in the first place. You ought to be ashamed of yourselves for putting any serious consideration into the matter. Sincerely, M.A. Sarah James

—Sarah James, Ottawa,

No two-tiered internet! Please listen to public opinion!

—Kimberly Moon, San Rafael, CA

Net neutrality is important. In this age of technology, we communicate with so many people through internet. Costly as it is, many find it a necessity. School projects, job applications, political news, world events, and things we otherwise would be unable to complete easily without the internet are why net neutrality is so, so important. It would harm those unable to pay extra for different websites. It would harm a large portion of the population, and make researching extremely hard. The internet is a tool for all. Small websites would be hurt and ultimately left behind should this destruction of net neutrality occur. Reclassify IPs as common carriers. The internet is a learning and information resource.
—Asher Hawkins, Antioch, TN

It's important to me for the same exact reasons that it's important for millions of other internet users, it's still the best platform for exchanging ideas, movements and information and it's still a leveled playing field because it treats every bit of data the same way and doesn't discriminate. Everyone can be a part of it, big or small, black or white, Jew or Christian, gay or straight, rich or poor. That's why net neutrality is important and that's why it needs to remain as the golden rule of the internet.
—Roberto Aburto, San Diego, CA

The Internet was created and paid for by our government and therefore the citizen's tax dollars. Please for God's sake and all of us citizens who are fed up with paying for every crumb of service we get from these corporations - keew the Internet free to alll and KEEP IT A LEVEL PLAYING GROUND so democracy can thrive! We are SO SICK OF CORPORATE GREED - You will be encouraging a sickness that people will lose it over and revolt. People are pretty damn fed up at this point - please don't add to it.
—Christi, Boulder, CO

Internet service will become even slower and more expensive than it is now! Reclassify ISPs as common carriers! A former telecom lobbyist should not be in charge of the FCC! Another insult to the American people by this administration.
—Barbara Brandler, West Camp, NY

innovation, the signature of our species, and the biggest tool for our survival cannot not be smothered without consequence. people can only go as fast as the tool they're using. retard a nations growth, lose the race. but not just america. all on board are lost. intent is the other big player. demean a nation of potential innovators for petty, immediate economic gain, n see a payback in fourth world status, and our real goals as humans derailed. step back. see it all. it's bigger than the money. be a bigger man. jemma
—Jaime Kailin Brizzi, eugene, OR

The free flow of information provides for innovation and creativity among peoples. It is the great equalizer. Please insure net neutrality.
—Illana Naylor, Manassas, VA

Net Neutrality is important because it keeps the playing field fair. It allows new start ups to compete in the marketplace. If large corporations are able to control the output speeds of companies or persons website, it would be a violation of their freedom of speech. It's unconstitutional.
—Geneva Hughes, Philadelphia, PA

New business, equal opportunity education, technical innovations, and political engagement depend on internet neutrality. Internet service providers not discriminate or charge differentially by user, content, site, platform, application, type of attached equipment, and modes of communication.
—Andrea Williams, Venice, CA

throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality.
—Priscilla Sieckman, Oak Ridge, TN

Things were working fine when everyone was treated equally, if something isn't broken do not fix it until it is.
—Richard Seese, Toronto,, SD

Do I really need to say the word freedom. That's why.
—Bev Boynton, LaPorte, IN

It is my unabashed right as a US Citizen to have my voice heard as an equal to all American voices, including your own. I will not stand for Net Neutrality being sold off to the highest bidder to fill the pockets of major corporations while penalizing others. It is unjust. Furthermore, it is a disgrace to what our country's constitution stands for.

—Michelle Verhoeven, Raleigh, NC

Don't let big monopolies lobby and change net neutrality!! This is one of the dumbest ideas the FCC has come up with. Comcast and Time Warner have the FCC in their pocket not the best interest of the American people. This is just sad and makes me not trust the people making decisions in the government. Don't end Net neutrality.

—Maryann James, Antelope, CA

This is important to me: do not allow service providers to tier the Internet. Protect Net Neutrality by keeping it truly neutral.

—Michael Kwet, East Haven, CT

More corporate bullshit to the detriment of the little guys!!!!!!!!!!!!

—Caroline Barbeau, Kailua Kona, HI

Without Net Neutrality ISPs will charge consumers exorbitant amounts for fundamental internet connectivity.

—Tan Kie Chuan, Singapore,

Please leave the internet alone, it wasn't broken and does not need fixing. Please keep corporate-government cronyism out of this; Tom Wheeler was an inappropriate choice for the position and this discussion is proof.

—Michael Shapiro, State College, PA

Net neutrality is essential for the Internet to continue its value to consumers in the US.

—Edward Harkins, Philadelphia, PA

I don't want "big money" to have an advantage over others when using a search engine.

—Denise LaBonde, Havertown, PA

The internet doesn't belong to a few powerful companies wanting to make money off of it. The internet is a global effort, giving opportunities, information and freedom to people all over the world, including those countries where those basic rights are already limited. Putting these rights into the hands of companies who only care about their own profit is beyond reason. How is it even possible that these companies are capable of buying so many politicians to pass a law that any sane person would say no to? Where will it end? If you let this happen, it will be the end of an internet open to everyone and the beginning of an internet only for those who these companies can squeeze enough money out of. For once I hope there will be brave people who stand up for our freedoms instead of those who are willing to give them away to fill their pockets.

—Soraya, Antwerp,

Net Neutrality affects everyone. Wheeler's plan would let Internet service providers like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon create a two-tiered Internet, with fast lanes for those who can afford the extra fees and a slow dirt road for the rest of us. These companies would have the power to pick winners and losers online and discriminate against online content and applications. And no one would be able to do anything about it.

—Kristin Dill, Vienna,

I cannot afford to pay more for bandwidth. This is simply a republican corporate takeover of the internet for the wealthy.

—Claude Morris, Efland, NC