

stop listening to corporations and listen to the people. Corporations are not people. We want ISPs to be classified as common carriers. My business relies on the internet for communication with my customers and posting content on my website to drive traffic to my internet cafe. All my system run over the internet including my phone system, IP cameras and my overall business model. If the ISP have the ability to charge based on type of traffic, it would put my out of business.

—Rory O'Donoghue, Greenlawn, NY

Net neutrality is a needed part of the internet because allowing company's to throttle content and ban individuality among videos/blogs/websites is not a free open freedom of expression and speach. It just makes the internet a comunist system that degrades the shairing of information. If this isnt stopped at this point, where will it stop? When company's and big organizations need more processing power will they be allowed to use our bandwidth to prioritize their packets to offsite locations and slow down everything in the way of it? I know that seems far fetched but in reality how far from the truth will that be? What extent will they be able stretch the uses before someone steps in and says no? This is the internet, not something that can be owned by one person but a living being that can help humanity grow by shairing ideas and technology. Save net neutrality before it goes to far out of hand

—Jessie kauffman, Hephzibah, GA

FCC: I urge you do not implement the proposed internet rules. Instead please reclassify ISP's as common carriers. Net neutrality should be the goal.

—Bob Skinner, Novato, CA

I would like to be able to receive all messages at the same speed from advertisers and activists, regardless of how much greater the advertisers funds are. Tami.

—Tami Etzion, Oakland, CA

Please maintain net neutrality. No fast lanes and no discrimination on net traffic. The vast majority wants the current net neutrality to remain. Why go against what the people want?

—David Lee, LOS ANGELES, CA

FCC throw out your rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers

—Gary Phillips, puyallup, WA

The FCC's plan will forever change the internet as we know it. It is corruption in the most simple form, more money equals more control. Please, don't take control away from the people.

—Spencer Rowe, New York City, NY

I have an online shop on Etsy and rely on social networking for promotions and visibility. If people can't shop, I would lose my income. I have to come up with money for college books for two kids. Our loans are already maxed out. This affects me greatly!

—Patricia Hodson, Garrettsville, OH

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers

—Rachel Demascal, Shreveport, LA

Please do not screw up the wonderful tool we call the internet.

—Barry Teel, Lancaster, PA

Comcast already throttles my Internet and giving them even more power is a bad idea.

—Martell Marcus, Salisbury, MD

Common Carriers, should continue to be that. Common Carriers! E.Jones Ft Pierce, FL  
—Edith Jones, Ft Pierce, FL

Dear Tom, Please help protect the freedoms and rights of internet users everywhere and the freedom of the press and information which is vital for our democracy as it stands now. Thank you for listening to us all. Tyler  
—Tyler Cook, Grass Valley, CA

Keep all content on the internet available to everyone on an equal footing - both the consumer and the "producers". Do not allow ISPs to create a structure where some have better access than others and access to all content is on an equal footing.  
—Cyd Brown, Holly Springs, NC

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers! Net neutrality is fair.  
—Lena M, Edinburgh,

I don't give a shit about your Net Neutrality because the internet is free wherever there is wireless internet[Wi-Fi], and as long as I don't have a shitty dial-up connection like NetZero to load a game of Samurai Jack, then I'm pretty happy. Moore's Law is having technology develop whether I care about it or not, and there's also a lot of talented program developers, so yeah. What I really care about is selling a Mindstorm nxt 2.0 robot for \$142.50 united states federal dollars, so that can fund my ticket for capitol-city-block-party in Seattle. I mean sure I care about peace, love, equalition, and hate gender discrimination, homophobes, bigots, nazis, kkk members, and especially icp fans along with really outspoken Stop emailing me.  
—Derek, Omaha, NE

Because allowing "paying extra for bandwidth" flies in the face of why the internet has come to be.  
—Bruce, Garrettsville, OH

I believe regulating the providers as a utility is desirable.  
—Bernard R Bindel, Forest Hill, MD

As a student, the internet is a very important resource for my studies. Introducing tiers to the internet would take away from that resource and would most likely be detrimental to the next generation of technology and students.  
—Joseph Korany, Flat Rock, MI

Dear FCC, Would your leaders, please, consider protecting the rights and well-being of American taxpayers instead of the potential earnings of a few corporations who are already selling access to a product they do not manufacture? Will American taxpayers have to secure internet access through Europe in the future... it is already much cheaper there.  
—matthieu Chan Tsin, Herndon, VA

RECLASSIFY ISPs AS COMMON CARRIERS  
—Michael Lee, Bremerton, WA

The ability to communicate through the internet belongs to ALL, not just a few. There should not be 'better access' for a few.  
—Debbie Rosenberg, Omaha, NE

No selling out to corporate giants like Comcast- keep the internet equally accessible to all- no super highway for some and slower internet for others. Let's keep the true spirit of the internet: equal access for everyone!  
—Paul Gardner, Sunnyvale, CA

I support net neutrality. The pretense of limited bandwidth speeds claimed by the telecommunications industry is a red herring. That industry has allowed its infrastructure to stagnate and fall way below other countries purely due to a lack of competition and interest in improvements. The FCC's ruling against net neutrality is a short term money grab with long term consequences on how the Internet prioritizes information. The FCC's ruling will stifle creativity and innovation.

—Dr. Jason A Wulff, Bryan, TX

Reclassify Internet service providers as common carriers and do not introduce a two-tier system! Such a division would have devastating consequences in a time when the internet is the primary source of journalism, research, and social activism for billions of people. As an American citizen I am firmly AGAINST the two-tier system proposal and I will do everything in my legal power to prevent it from happening. True Net Neutrality does not have a "fast lane" set above a slower one.

—Emeric Kennard, Oakland, CA

To me, Net Neutrality represents freedom of speech, of ideas, of dreams. I want my website to have the same accessibility and opportunity as the bigger ones. To me, Net Neutrality means that I get to decide what content I wish to access, rather than have telcos/cable decide. Don't take it away from us. Thank you.

—Susan Weschler, Boston, MA

I've worked in technology for the last five years both at large blue chip technology companies as well as small venture backed startups. Based on my experience I can definitively say that abandoning net neutrality will have far reaching consequences for internet growth in the US. It will push up the capital requirements needed to found a startup and generally chill innovation. I can see investors now "how will you ensure Comcast / Verizon / etc won't throttle your great new idea?" What if Mark Zuckerberg had to answer that question? Or Larry and Sergey? Or countless other startup founders whose products have transformed the way we live our lives. Abandoning net neutrality will be a huge, costly mistake that will further undermine US competitiveness and degrade our quality of life. I'm not typically a political person - but this is one issue I feel very strongly about based on my first hand experience. Thanks

—John M Bullard Jr, Arlington, VA

Please protect net neutrality. The Little Guy deserves to be heard on equal footing with big guys who already have enough money to make their voices heard.

—Abby K Alcott, SILVER SPRING, MD

To the FCC, get rid of this plan of rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers. That, is the only real way for true Net Neutrality.

—Tahj Mitchell, Magnolia, NJ

Please keep net neutrality alive. I for one would abandon the net if it was anything other than it is. If the net's channels of information became controlled, I wouldn't pay for it. Tell that to the money pushers who look to buy an extra house of laws like this. This is a major upheaval of a system in a manner that seems outside of the FCC's business; this is an unnecessary change of flow that aims only to censor and make a buck for those who have a buck. It would be the removal of information for those who can't afford information, the closing of many Americans from a tool of discourse, and the silencing of the small man. The internet is, has been, and always should be a constant back and forth between common carriers; to turn it into anything is squandering one of humanity's greatest inventions. If net neutrality dies, so does the internet.

—Vedante Zalarvis-Chase, Oakland, CA

Net neutrality is important to me and good for the universe. Thank you.

—J McIntyre, Millis, MA

Freedom is all we want!

—Ryan Mckechnie, Mooloolaba,

I want all Americans to have EQUAL access to the internet. Let's not have another corporations are people too debacle. Keep net neutrality throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Maxine K Levy, Harrison, TN

Net neutrality is important to all individuals! It may NOT benefit organizations who want political and social control, and it may NOT benefit corporations who want to profit from "fast lanes"...but for the every day person or for small businesses, net neutrality is safe and fair. I support net neutrality!

—Courtney Hodgson, Pismo Beach, CA

At age 79, I have been saddened and disillusioned to see the long term, steady erosion of our country. Once we had high moral standards. Now we face threats from the religious right...supporting the efforts of the super wealthy to buy our Government. Protecting a free internet is crucial for the American middle class to again have a voice in their financial and social freedom. We must have a predominate middle class with small poor and ultra wealthy fringes, as well as a broad based secular standard with religious freedom for everyone. No lesser standards should be deemed a "Democracy". Please don't drive ANOTHER nail in the coffin!

—Mrs Nancy Courtright, Athol, ID

The internet should stay a free marketplace. Please help maintain it.

—Laurie Centauri, Tulsa, OK

Dear Chairman Wheeler, I am writing to urge the FCC not to allow the creation of a two-tiered Internet, with fast lanes for those who can afford them and a slow dirt road for the rest of us. Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers; do not give them the power to pick winners and losers online and discriminate against certain content or applications.

—Stephen Garfinkel, Bethesda, MD

We can't be free if information is not free.

—Pol Rodriguez Rodriguez, san Francisco, CA

The net is one of the greatest tools in mankind's history. Every day it helps people find what they need, allows speedy communication, gets work done, and even helps people stand up to their oppressors. Net Neutrality is essential, not only for Americans, but for the world. Please think ahead to our future and protect Net Neutrality!

—Jackie Connet, Wichita, KS

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

—Olivia Destandau, oakland, CA

Competition, innovation, a reasonable cost structure, customer service would all suffer, via this proposed merger. Comcast is a vertically-integrated corporation (NBC/Universal/Comcast) whose clear interest is in effective control of the communication marketplace, both traditional and emerging. Monopolies become "too big to fail," propped up by an army of lobbyists, CEOs who write checks to political campaigns, when they're not out on the golf course with the nation's top leaders. Show us that this process has not become entirely corrupted by money and influence. (That is the appearance). Show us that you have the best interest of the American public in your thoughts, by your deeds. Reject this merger . . . or you will be the architects of this nation's further decline, IMHO.

—Dion Dennis -4, Cedar Creek, TX

The people don't want your plan. We see right through it and will not allow the internet to be taken from us. Reclassify and maintain net neutrality. Everyone is against you with the exception of big corporations who would benefit.

—Jessica Moore, weaverville, NC

The net is supposed to be equal opportunity for artistic expression.

—Audrey Jordan, Hudsonville, MI

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Mike Brenner, Brockport, NY

Net Neutrality is important to me because I want equality and a fair playing field for blogs, small businesses, and big companies online. This equality has in large part responsible for the many innovations in product, method, and thought which have taken place via the internet.

—Eliza Woolley, RAMONA, CA

It's bad enough we pay more money for slower speeds than almost anywhere else on the planet due to greed and the lack of competition, now the industry wants to pull this overcharged fast lane / slow lane garbage? The playing field should be level and fair.

—Denny Richards, Youngsville, NC

I don't think it's fair to have corporations deciding what gets seen on the internet, that companies get faster speed while consumers don't. The internet should be equal and fair for all who use it. Stop siding with greedy money hungry corporations.

—Lorri Zbinovev, Carol Stream, IL

Dear FCC: Please do not set up a two-tiered internet system. Speedy internet service is vital to people like myself who live in an isolated rural area. Internet service providers should be regulated as common carriers and the internet should be classified as a utility that is just as vital to us as electricity or telephone service. Please do the sensible thing. Thank you.

—Cheryl Wolfer, Port Angeles, WA

The internet is a utility. We now conduct major aspects of our lives via websites, apps, email, social networks, etc. If you care about free speech, about justice, and about real competition, you must support net neutrality. I don't understand why this is even a debate. When we pay an internet service provider, we are paying for the data; we are not paying for specific websites. ISPs have no right to decide how we use the data, just like electricity companies cannot dictate whether we power a lightbulb vs. a TV. America is already behind in terms of internet speed and affordability. Why create regressive rules that put corporate monopolies' interests above the American people's? Support net neutrality, make the internet a utility, and stand up to the companies that are scared to adapt to a changing world.

—Shannon Taylor, Cary, NC

Do not end "net neutrality". Consumers already pay ISPs for access to content and this content should be provided as quickly and equally as is possible. Allowing ISPs to charge varying rates to content providers is allowing them to charge twice for the same service. Imagine you go to a restaurant and order dinner. You interact with a waiter and pay the waiter for your dinner, which you expect to arrive expeditiously from the kitchen. Now imagine that the FCC has passed a law that allows the waiter to charge the chef in the kitchen more money if the chef wants the dinner taken to the customer quickly. What is the end result here? The waiter (ISP) gets to charge twice for the same service and either food quality goes down or prices go up or both. Will this be the FCC legacy? If so, I hope your chef chooses not to pay and you eat your dinner cold.

—James Bucklen, Washington, DC

Don't need anymore corporate interference with the internet. Providers should be simply providers...like the gas and electric companies. It is the customers who should determine the services they want.

—Victoria Miller, Los Angeles, CA

I'm a small business owner and this is a complete outrage to me. Big business trying to take over the world and eliminate their competitors. Absolute bullshit and they should be ashamed.

—James Johnson III, Uniontown, OH

Dear FCC, It is hard to even imagine that such discrimination on the internet is being considered. Net neutrality must remain a core component of surfing the internet, untainted and uncontrolled by private companies.

—Suzanne Preston, Bedford, IN

ISP's should not have so much control that they turn into monopolies, no ones likes them, so we got to make sure the net neutrality is protected.

—Marcus A. Zavala, Dunsmuir, CA

The internet works because it's a place where ideas and experiences can be shared across nations and languages. It brings people closer together more than anything else in human history. The FCC seems to believe that communication across race, genders, nationalities and languages is a bad idea and must be stopped.

—Josh Momaney, washington, PA

Net neutrality is essential so that the important content and perspective of our cultural institution can be found without being delivered via the major players who can afford the fast lane. I'm very concerned that if net neutrality is not part of the landscape minority voices will not be heard. Please please protect net neutrality and don't support big business by allowing a fast lane slow lane approach!

—Daniel Davis, Washington, DC

Dear FCC, I am writing in opposition to the "fast-lanes" system proposed by internet service providers to effectively discriminate on what information moves through the internet quickly, and what information lags behind. The internet is an incredible tool that allows people from across the globe to connect instantly, whether to play video games, to collaborate on important scientific research and business deals, or to communicate with government agencies and commissions (like in this letter). It worries me that the FCC would be willing to halt the fastest form of communication ever created, which has brought such amazing results to American and human society.

—Grant Oxeer, Ankeny, IA

Please favor the little guy and not the major businesses who stand to gain from lack of neutrality in the essential service of internet access. This is a big deal. We already pay astronomical fees for internet access. It really could and maybe should be a universal utility and not a pricey commodity!!! Please! Please! Take care of use little guys in this playing field. Joe Giampietro Giampietro.joseph@gmail.com Thank you.

—Joseph J Giampietro, Seattle, WA

The internet in many respects has been a beacon of democracy and freedom of information. Do not allow our freedom to be purchased by big telecom companies which seek to homogenize our experience for their own profit. Don't allow more economic consolidation which crushes small business and continues to widen the economic gap. Please uphold Net Neutrality.

—Wesley Wright, San Jose, CA

I bank with the internet. I clock into work through the internet. I keep in touch with family and friends using the internet. I can't imagine my life without the internet just like I can't imagine my life without water or electricity. It is a part of my way of life yet the FCC has done little to secure it's future. I have to put up with self serving oligarchy of AT&T, Comcast and Verizon that overcharges me and is indifferent to my needs because their is no viable alternatives. The FCC has done nothing significant to give citizens a fair, competitive open internet. The FCC under the helm of Tom Wheeler almost seems to have purposely implemented open internet half measures destined to fail. He seems to be more concerned about the profits of the special interests that he worked for than for the citizens that depend on an open internet. I WANT the FCC to classify the internet as a utility under Title II of the Telecommunications Act. Anything less would be a dishonest attempt to keep the status quo. I have no doubt that Tom Wheeler will have a cushy job after his chairmanship ends as a reward for his service towards the very industries he is supposed to protect us from. Sincerely, Anwar Lopez

—Anwar Lopez, Decatur, GA

The internet is a place for all & should not be restricted.

—J Cummings, Coronado, CA

It's incredible that the FCC is even considering creating a two tiered internet, rather than just doing the obvious and reversing their previous / myopic decision in which they deemed the internet an information system rather than a common carrier that, in this day, it obviously is and has become. THIS IS A FACT OF LIFE NOW : THE INTERNET IS THE NEW PARADIGM ,THE CORE OF OUR COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM AND THE LAST BASTION OF OUT WATERED DOWN DEMOCRACY. The FCC can / has the authority - and is beholden to the people - to undo the mess they've made by classifying internet as an information service and reclassify it as a common carrier that it is - INITIALLY PAID FOR BY THE AMERICAN TAXPAYER. We're all watching this most important issue very closely. Do your part and what's obviously right and rule for the people; not the corporations, as our gov seems to have been so keen on these last few decades.

—Harry Kondiles, Las Vegas, NV

My career as a web application developer is linked to the success of the internet as a means of free communication. I believe it's future is in peril by likely changes instituted by my government. Please curtail your current rules and classify ISP's as common carriers. I hope free access remains paramount rather than stockholder dividends for companies like ATT and Comcast.

—Al Loewy, Chicago, IL

The net needs to remain free of corporate influence and discrimination.

—William Angle, Pocatello, ID

Haven't the 'Haves' had enough favoritism. Let's stop pretending this is 'No Big Deal' and call it what it is... More Raping of Equality (on the World Wide Web). The Internet is Neutral Ground and speeds of delivery being given to the highest bidder, is just unfair. Sure, folks choose the options of speed to a degree but, this is turning the Internet into a breeding ground for virtual mafias. Speed Wars of the Cartel Kind. Enough of this nonsense. The internet is not an entity anyone owns. Let's not make it into The Wild West, shall we.

—Cyndi Nusbaum, Longmont, CO

Dear FCC, The internet is becoming a basic utility. Americans depend upon it. Don't mess with something that has worked for decades. You need to reclassify ISPs as a common carriers, which is the most like how the internet has traditionally worked. This has sparked innovation by keeping the internet a level playing field. It's so confusing to me that the major ISPs have been shown to terrible customer satisfaction ratings, and you consider giving them more power over the consumer. Isn't their near monopoly enough? Please stand up for the average American, not the ISPs and their lobbyists.

—John Asher, Seattle, WA

End your plans for internet discrimination! No tier system, no more lies! Open internet for everyone or we will make sure that you are taken out of office!

—Drake Vermilion, Lakeland, GA

You have got to be kidding me. If you serve the PEOPLE, DO SO! Stop helping big businesses find ways to limit folks from what used to be the free digital world.

—Jamieson, Cincinnati, OH

Preserve Net Neutrality!! Throw out your rules and reclassify ISPs as the common carriers we know they are.

—Heather Volkoff, Mesa, AZ

This is the land of the free... Putting a price on communicating with each other is a form of censorship that favors the wealthy. Please keep the net accessible to all.

—Susan Higgins, Coronado, CA

The Internet needs to be an IMPARTIAL, UN-POLITICAL, UN-BIASED, NON-GEVERNMENT REGULATED area of Free Commerce and Free Speech.

—Richard Hoepfner, Monticello, KY

Not the proposed rules, instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality ... truly !  
—G Hardiman, Tucker, GA

It stop big companies cutting out the little business.  
—Keith Ivany, Shepton Mallet,

Tiered internet is not in the interest of consumers. Your job is to defend the rights of the consumer. Therefore, I request that you reclassify internet service providers as common carriers. I realize you already know this, therefore this message serves the purpose of a formal complaint from one of the citizens you are to be defending. Sincerely, Dillon  
—Dillon, Kirksville, MO

Giant greedy corporations should not be allowed to demolish something so vital as Net Neutrality.  
—Elizabeth SP, Rochester, NY

The Internet allows for the greatest democratic expression in history, please don't change that. Net Neutrality must remain intact.  
—Greg Jerrett, Crescent, IA

Keep corporations out of limiting the power of the internet  
—Jay Guzowski, Los angeles, CA

To whom it may concern, I believe net neutrality goes against our first amendment right to free speech. The great thing about the internet is the free flow of ideas and information. For companies to deem what information should flow faster or slower goes contrary to this principle. We are at a precipice in telecommunications; should we constrict the flow of information or catalyze it? We already fall behind a majority of the world in internet speed. If we want to encourage growth, nurture small businesses, and fight the recession...we should worry more about increasing data transfer rates. Thank you for your time.  
—Christopher P Dickhute, Orange, CA

Equal speed for equal competition!  
—Sara libert, Durham, NH

I would like to keep the internet how it is. reclassify ISPs as common carriers.  
—Kyle Wilson, Hemet, CA

OK FCC. You are making a grave mistake if you pass legislation or implement policy that contravenes my privacy and my unfettered access to ALL internet-related activities. Given the overwhelming opposition to any such action, there will be a high price to pay.  
—Rick Maddocks, Kelowna,

Net Neutrality is justice and equality for all just like the use of the sidewalks and roads we all should have equal access on them.  
—Antonio, San Francisco, CA

Real Net Neutrality is what keeps scientific journals, shopping websites, independent journalists and cat videos on the same level. Disrupting that balance would allow for rampant destruction of our values so that advertisers could make a couple bucks.  
—Bryce Davis, Tulsa, OK

I work for an internet carrier, and I can guarantee you that there is no such thing as an internet "fast lane". In order to create such a thing, a slow lane will first need to be created. I have already seen a significant amount of withdrawal from potential investors looking at tech startups. This is a very bad thing; Google was a startup once. What about the Wikipedia's of the world? How are they going to pay for their content to be delivered to users within a meaningful amount of time? Sure, their content will eventually be delivered, but every millisecond counts when it comes to user engagement. Where would we be without Wikipedia? Let's move onto Netflix, seeing as they're basically the reason we're having this debate. How would they have become the media giant they are, literally revolutionizing the way that we watch TV. It would not have been possible for them to do this without Net Neutrality. The cable industry has too much money; they will crush any potential competitor given the chance. Allowing them to determine who succeeds or who fails is giving them this chance. It is ridiculous to claim that the Internet is anything but a means of communication. The law must evolve to accommodate new technology, but this should never be at the cost to the consumer. Classifying ISPs as common carriers is the logical evolution in this instance, as it will benefit consumers in more ways than just Net Neutrality.

—David Lasley, Henderson, NV

Net neutrality is not just important to me it is important to everyone. Without neutrality we are allowing major corporations the ability to change the face of free speech and the flow of ideas in the modern age. In the past there have been many controversial ideas be it women's suffrage, Jim Crow, or views on peoples sexual orientations that some had deemed unfavorable but the principles of the first amendment allowed to be heard. In the modern age with so much of these ideas flowing through the Internet it is more important than ever to prevent a minority opinion from influencing what the vast majority is able to absorb and use to shape their own views.

—Brent, Addison, NY

Keep internet free of monopoly of the corporations. We do not need faster service by the few in order to just get more money out of us. ISPs should be common carriers.

—Sharon Bishop, Janesville, WI

Keep the internet free and open as it is now. Don't try to fix what isn't broken.

—Noreen Fish, Worcester, MA

The availability to all was the point of the internet. I am surprised that there is even any conversation regarding "fast lanes". The FCC is supposed to be a government watchdog, not a lapdog for some greedy companies who figured out a way to increase their bottom lines! So, the question is, do you want to do the appropriate thing AND BE that watchdog OR do you want to roll over while the foxes raid the chicken coop? Please be the watchdog that you were hired to be. Our free speech, the First Amendment right, depends on it! Thank you, Emily Snyder

—Snyder Emily, Crockett, CA

Do not be clueless. You have to reclassify the ISP's as common carriers to protect true net neutrality. The Internet will die without it and it will look like cable. If you do not you and Obama have sold the American people out. They have bandwidth caps and overages to cure the problem of heavier users. This is a neutral model. They want to do both..... Do not let them.

—Lynette V, Gladewater, TX

Please keep net neutrality, I pay my isp for service regardless of where the traffic goes. I pay for an unlimited pipe to any place on the internet. Stopping net neutrality would basically give the ISP/Cable providers free reign to charge useless fee's. Verizon and AT&T have already done this with the mobile phone services which are going up every year and service speeds are staying the same. They will do the same thing with their ISP business. It will be an endless list of packages like youtube plus family or you need to pay for another connection to hotmail. I will be outraged if the cable/ISP's get their way yet again.

—Chris Hinshaw, Spring, TX

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—P Russel, Gladewater, TX

Although it may not be direct, I think this will lead to customers paying more and/or getting worse service. I think it will lead to the internet service providers having so much control that we, the customers, will no longer have any reasonable choices and left with feeling unfair treatment. Just gives me feelings of "evilness" and "sneakiness".

—Melissa, Spring, TX

I can't afford to live my daily life i have to pay for this shit.

—Mikkel Levin, Copenhagen,

The Internet is not broken and does not need fixing. Net Neutrality works because it allows for fair competition and is helping our economy stay afloat. Do not allow cable companies, companies like Comcast who already operate as a monopoly in Pennsylvania, to create an unequal playing field. We don't need it and we don't want it.

—Dan Kletter, Sunnyvale, CA

The internet is another potential boon for the corporate take over of American with ruthless business practices and another profitable way to oppress the many at the benefit of the few. NO. KEEP THE INTERNET FREE AND NEUTRAL!

—Marianne Sippel, Nevada City, CA

Chairman Wheeler's attempt to list broadband internet as anything but a common carrier service is criminal and an outright abuse of power and position, and the American people will not stand for it, myself included.

—Devin Toney, Saltillo, MS

,LEAVE THE NET ALONE ASS HOLES!

—Crystal, USA, NY

The internet should not be categorized and should be open to everyone fairly. The beginning of discrimination begins with the end of Net Neutrality. We teach our children to treat everyone with the same respect, but with the end of Net Neutrality we teach them separation of people. Keep Net Neutrality alive.

—Helen Vo, Philadelphia, PA

FCC throw out these rules that are only good for mega business and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality.

—Kerry Faulkner, West Jordan, UT

Net Neutrality is of immense importance to the Common Good! Allowing corporation's to pick winners (fast lane) and losers (just barely good enough) will hasten the decline of most of U.S. citizens into third world conditions.

—William Earley, Racine, WI

A two-tiered Internet would be harmful to everyone, except for the behemoth ISPs who would profit from it. Real innovation would be stifled. We'd never know what the next big thing will be because the next big thing wouldn't be able to afford bringing it to the public. Essentially, we'd be ensuring that the Internet twenty years from now will look the same as the Internet today. That is not what we want. Mr. Wheeler, the rules need to change. Please protect real net neutrality.

—Garrett Nay, Orem, UT

I strongly disagree with this whole deal.

—Garra Shapiro, Clearwater, FL

The internet belongs to everyone not just the wealthy, big business or powerful. Next, are they going to have their own preferential lanes on our highways where they can drive and speed with impunity?

—Dianne Vivlamore, Clifton Park, NY

Don't let the cable and satellite companies screw over the American people with higher speeds and higher costs to consumers based on content.

—Larry Moyer, Metamora, MI

Please support net neutrality for all

—Bhavin Jhaveri, Edison, NJ

It's not right. It's a step back in social fairness.

—Adam Dempster, Bowral,

Any action which uses wealth to reduce equal opportunity for all citizens defies the major tenet of the Constitution... "Equal Opportunity".... a level playing field. We have allowed money to buy life, elections, and apparently access to data. Monied folk can enjoy luxury, but their intrusion on basic human needs really makes our touted principles a farce!

—Bernice/Jeff Anderson, Valhalla, NY

I don't want big corporations to decide what I want to search.

—Nate Esterline, Reading, PA

You, Chairman Tom Wheeler, have a plan to create a two-tiered Internet which would provide a fast lane to service providers who will pay high fees for it and a slow(er) lane for the rest of us. I categorically condemn this unwise and destructive proposal. The Internet should be a place where all users are equal regardless of how rich they are. The best way to save the Internet and have it work for all of us is to reclassify internet service providers as common carriers. It is time the FCC started acting in the public interest rather than for the special interests. Please, the Roberts Supreme Court having twice sold us to big business, please do not sell us again.

—Hal Norvell, Gardiner, ME

The Government has a Constitutional responsibility to protect the Freedom of Speech and EQUAL access to information. Government should not create a tiered system of those that have better access to information than those that cannot afford that same access. Government should level the playing field, not create winners and losers.

—Bill Schelinski, St. Louis, MO

Keep your greedy fingers off of our internet! There was a time when companies actually cared, but profits made them traitors of the very workers that made them great! "HANDS OFF"

—Kenneth V Larsson, Sun Valley, NV

I'm Australian, but this would still affect me in the long run. Net Neutrality is what makes the internet such an amazing tool. Arseholes at the FCC who are trying to make more money than they currently do deserve a fist up their arse. Net Neutrality is what we have, want and will always have. You dumb cunts.

—Guy Schulz, Clinton,

Net neutrality ensures that private business interests do not own the flow of information.

—Marshall T Mabie, Alexandria, VA

Taking away net neutrality opens the doors for companies such as Comcast from keeping small independent websites from achieving success without them having to pay in. How could you allow this to happen in a free market? Don't go down in history as those who took man's greatest library of knowledge and sold it for a dollar.

—Jeffrey Hale, Auburn, WA

Prevent Payola Broadband! I want an internet with no blocking, no discrimination, no slowdown, no speedup. Reclassify broadband Internet access as a telecommunications service, reclassify ISPs as common carriers! Gary Hosey Greensboro, NC

—Gary Hosey, Greensboro, NC

Although I may not be an American citizen, the FCC's decision is important to me because American policy is influential internationally, particularly in my own country Australia. As such it is important to defend Net Neutrality wherever it is threatened as one countries decisions could influence many others. The internet should be an equal platform, where new voices have just as much ability to express themselves and be recognised as those companies on the internet who have massive financial resources to back them. The beauty of the internet is its democratic nature. Allowing service providers to determine which content is given priority based on how much sites pay, would commodifying he internet and stamping all over its democracy of voices. As someone from a democratic country who deeply cares about this, to someone in another democratic country, which holds democracy among its core ideals, please defend Net Neutrality, and do not let service providers commodify our most democratic platform. For the people, not the companies.

—Emma Armstrong, Sydney,

We must keep the net neutral! You must reclassify ISPs as common carriers!

—Jeff Somma, quincy, MA

Please don't let them limit the internet!

—Lee, Double Springs, AL

"Chairman Tom Wheeler has a plan to create a two-tiered Internet which would provide a fast lane to service providers who will pay high fees for it and a slow(er) lane for the rest of us. I categorically condemn this unwise and destructive proposal. The Internet should be a place where all users are equal regardless of how rich they are. The best way to save the Internet and have it work for all of us is to reclassify internet service providers as common carriers. It is time the FCC started acting in the public interest rather than for the special interests."

—Susan Zaslaw, San Jose, CA

Please, leave the internet the way that it is. We do not need a premium internet for those who pay more when we have an internet that everyone already has to pay for. The service providers are already being paid for the internet. Please leave Net Neutrality as it is. NO to Tom Wheeler's plan. Thank you very much.

—Josh Aiman, Moscow, ID

The American culture needs true Net Neutrality in order for the people to thrive in the information age... If the Internet becomes controlled by the media monopolies for their money making schemes, we are lost... Please reclassify ISPs as Common Carriers so there is at least a chance for the voice, and the thoughts of the people to be shared... online...

—Glen Tracy, Riverside, CA

I support Net Neutrality. I do not support any compromises of this right. Do not sell off our freedom & equal access to internet consumers.

—Victoria LaFara, Portland, OR

Net Neutrality is the reason why the internet is different from other platforms like TV and radio. Little to no money is needed for people to share their work and connect with like-minded individuals. The internet services people value the most are free like Facebook and YouTube or of extremely low costs. All that matters is the quality of content you share because everyone is treated equally. A two-tier system will destroy the equal platform and the reason why people love the internet will disappear forever.

—Rishi Mittal, Faridabad,

The American people and our civilization as we know it deserves to be able to live the American dream. Making the world a better place doesn't involve limiting startups from getting their share of the internet. Letting net neutrality die can have serious impacts on our economy too. Think about this, you will literally have the fate of the world in your hands when you make this decision.

—Andrew Cordova, Albuquerque, NM

I am writing you to voice my concerns about policy, that if implemented, could radically alter the way the internet functions and would undermine the democratic and egalitarian aspects that our society values. By threatening to dismantle net neutrality, you are also threatening the very foundations of a free and equal society. By giving special privileges to specific entities based on wealth and power, you are restricting creativity and dampening the voice of people who don't have the means to compete in an unfair market. I urge you to uphold the values of a free internet for a free society. Thank you.

—Brett Pike, Bradenton, FL

Dear FCC, Please don't create two-tiered internet. The content on any page should not be discriminated against. Throw out the rules for two tiered internet and reclassify the ISPs as common carriers. Thank you.

—Mariya Chechina, Maywood, NJ

Because companies don't need any more help dicking over the working people of America. It's bad enough our cable tv system is complete shit, we don't need to allow them to make things even worse.

—Robin Baird, Newbury, MA

Without net neutrality, the Internet will be yet another example of the rich minority being pampered at the expense of the rest of us. It is a tool for free expression, and the voices of the majority should not be stifled in a democratic society. But the U.S. doesn't have a good track record for this kind of thing, so I'm not keeping my hopes up.

—Christopher Snape, McLaren Flat,

Chairman Wheeler - A two-tiered Internet is simply wrong. ISPs should be classified as common carriers.

—Mr Aaron A Gesicki, Oak Creek, WI

To the FCC, I encourage you to keep net neutrality in order to assure fair and equal access to the internet. FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler's plan will allow yet another case of financial extortion by the large corporations. Keep the internet open and available to everyone equally. Thank you.

—Michael Greene, Boalsburg, PA

Allowing multi-tiered internet service will only exacerbate the existing inequalities with regard to access to information. It's bad enough that internet access has become so expensive along with its growing centrality to our daily lives - schools requiring internet-researched projects, businesses requiring employees check e-mail on days away, content delivery such as tv shows streamed directly from the networks or Hulu - and allowing companies to control who sees what information and how quickly will make it worse. It puts more power into the hands of a few to decide what content to allow and serve to the many. These could easily become anti-competitive, such as a cable company creating a choke point to slow all data from alternate news or TV broadcasters (e.g. Fox on a Comcast connection), in turn creating an uneven market for internet content providers. I pay for the transfer of data, not for the service providers to choose what and how quickly to transfer it. Allowing companies to artificially slow data based simply on its origin unless the consumer can pay a premium effectively puts a tax on the freedom of information. Allowing the end of Net Neutrality is fundamentally anti-democratic. (In case you're wondering why a Canadian cares about US law, 1) most of my internet traffic goes through US servers, such as you can see on my e-mail address, and 2) anti-Net Neutrality measures in the USA would be a test case for the rest of the world.)

—Aria D, Enfield,

You MUST protect real Net Neutrality!! This is America, NO!?!???

—Ronda Brown, Waverly, NY

We don't need a more plutocratic world. Please protect Net Neutrality.

—Jade Shao, Temple City, CA

It is extremely important not to allow the Internet to be purchased by big media and communications companies, which only care about making big profits and controlling access to information. They'll be deciding what information to which we have access and what information to which we do not have access, which is un-American and is just plain wrong. Please do not support FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler's plan. This plan has the words "monopolistic violation of freedom" written all over it.

—Rachel Cantrell, Ferris, TX

This should be a common carrier for all. Not a 2 tier system for those willing to pay more for faster service.

—Marvin Yaker, Lutherville, MD

I support net neutrality, in order to maintain the diversity of the Internet. Please do not allow money to guide what content is available.

—Annette Jones-Wilson, Annapolis, MD

Stop this nonsense and keep our right to freedom on the internet. There's plenty of bandwidth if these companies would start investing some of their billions in profit in upgrading the lines. There is no NEED to pursue this nonsense discrimination bomb. You say you will enforce rules now, but what happens in 5 years or 10 years when the entire administration changes. You don't think the cable companies are banking on that?

—Matt Perkins, Mesa, AZ

The internet in the modern world is a utility, not a luxury. It is a tool used everyday by everyone; for communication, business and entertainment. For me, the internet is a central hub, connecting aspects of my life. Tearing down Net Neutrality will negatively impact my personal life. My dreams are to create tools which every person can use to accomplish daily tasks. The internet is the key to that. Without Net Neutrality, my hopes are crushed. The exchange of ideas and information is not to be dictated by any power. Keep Net Neutrality.

—Hong Kim, College Point, NY

Net Neutrality is important because freedom must exist everywhere.

—Fabrice Lanfrey, Reggio Emilia,

There is absolutely no reason to allow net neutrality to be destroyed. Our system now works perfectly and is equal. Big companies need to deal with having the same playground as everyone else.

—Megan Butler, Port Orchard, WA

Its important in protecting a free open enviroment that lets creativity thrive for one and all, haveing any sort of limitation or speciality is too easily abused.

—Trevor J Holland, Las Vegas, NV

The FCC has the power and the responsibility to ensure that Internet access is equal for all citizens. The Internet should be classified as telecommunication service and a public utility that it not for sale to the highest bidder. Internet Neutrality is essential to all Americans as we go about our daily affairs like communicating freely, shopping for jobs or homes or health information. Maybe we use the Internet to help us conduct our business - to create our livelihoods. Or maybe we just want to know that we have access to any information we might need in order to be responsible members of a democracy. The Internet is NOT for sale and never should be! Think about air - and if someone with a lot of money could not let you get as much as someone else. Or think about censorship! Ever heard of George Orwell? Without Net Neutrality our children might never hear of him either. That's kinda the point don't you think? Internet Neutrality is essential!

—Ken Broome, Raleigh, NC

It's only fair to allow EVERYONE to be equal on the internet. Please do not allow MONEY to rule humanity-

—Michelle Zaladonis, chicago, IL

So many innovations and advancements have been made possible through everyone being able to access the Internet in the same way regardless of their carrier or where they're from. Giving the companies who already make money off of providing this service the ability to charge even more for it and determine who can get the full benefits of it will only hurt us over time. Besides, I get my phone service and my Internet service from the same company over the same line and use my Internet for communication more than I use my phone; how are they not a telecommunications service and a common carrier?

—David Wilson, Kent, WA

to protect free speech online is to reclassify Internet service providers as common carriers.

—Eric Hunt, Las Vegas, NV

The internet is Global. Do not try to censure or discriminate who or what we can research. That is the job of parents and no one else.

—MK GRassel, Nambour,

Classify ISPs as common carriers under telecom standards like they used to be.

—Brendan Aragorn, Roseburg, OR

Comcast, att already have monopoly in providing internet service which is terrible. Since there is hardly any competition these companies charge exorbitant prices for a sub-par service. This law will give these companies more power and ruin small businesses.

—Chandni Singh, Mountain View, CA

The internet has become a necessity like any other public utility. To allow corporations the ability to have this type of control over the internet would hurt both citizens and smaller businesses; and benefit only large corporations.

—Eric Morton, Fishers, IN

No one is better than any other person in our nation. Knowledge needs to be available to all to make wise decisions. We do not need levels of access based on the size and influence of the organization. Net neutrality protects the little guy from being exploited. Thank You.

—Mark B. Jordan, Santa Cruz, CA

all data should stay equal

—Katherine Carpenter, San Francisco, CA

It unmakes the internet as it is (was) and thereby starts a huge information war - between lower Net services; Hell, I wasn't born with the 'net, but without it, just think of the knowledge and creativity bases lost - solely due to your 'laws'. Sure, a law can be good; but not when it exists solely to destroy what (is) was the greatest source of knowledge upon this earth.....

—John Kevin Webster, Madison, MS

I am an IT professional and Net Neutrality is extremely important to me. The internet needs to remain as open and neutral as possible. It is not owned by any one country or company and should not be driven and controlled to the betterment of any company, cause or service, rather it should be open for all. Legal and free use should not be controlled, while illegal activities should be monitored and attacked as needed. We have already seen some countries like China control their internet and it creates an underground movement and prosecution of innocent people. ISPs in the U.S. are trying to manipulate their service to the internet to continue to increase their revenue. Things like audio and video are being delivered more and more via the internet. ISPs should not be able to control what is delivered or at what speed. We pay these ISPs for a service which they do not even deliver well. The real answer would be to see internet service more like a utility delivering electricity, gas or water, where we pay for it but aren't raped by poor serving corporate entities.

—Norman Cocke, MEMPHIS, TN

The internet was created with public dollars and belongs to the public as a common carrier that provides equal access to all. We really don't need third parties such as Comcast, Verizon, and AT&T interfering with or limiting access. Nationalize the internet - we funded it to begin with - and that would solve the problem completely!

—Linda Bassett, RPV, CA

I do not want my internet regulated.

—Clifton Shepherd, Williamstown, NJ

The Internet needs to be an equal access way of communication for all people. Discrimination against people who can not afford to pay extra fees should not be allowed.

—Betty Ott, Reseda, CA

ISP's shouldn't have the power to control what I can and can't view on the internet especially with tiers.

—Maximillion Rosario, Miami, FL

Access to the internet should not be driven by profits for ISP's. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—James Cartwright, North Hollywood, CA

How is this even an issue? Isn't the FCC a U.S. gov agency, and therefore, working on behalf of the peoples interests? On the FCC About page of their own web site it says: "In its work facing economic opportunities and challenges associated with rapidly evolving advances in global communications, the agency capitalizes on its competencies in: Promoting competition, innovation and investment in broadband services and facilities" How is selling bandwidth to the highest bidder going to promote competition, or innovation? A few cable companies have already been allowed to become near monopolies, corporations can spend unlimited money bribing politicians and influencing elections, so the internet is the last place ordinary people can be heard. So now you going to allow that as well!

—Ian Talcroft, Santa Rosa, CA

If Wheeler wants this idiotic piece of public policy then he should be willing to sign a contract that says he will never work in any way, shape or form with any organization that deals with telecommunications, the internet, or with a firm that in any way, shape or form deals with these industries. Wheeler's career when he steps down should be FCC neutered, not neutral.

—P S. Ring, Los Angeles, CA

All data must be treated equally. Freedom in spreading informations.

—Marek Veleba, Zvolen,

So, the FCC is trying to allow the monopolization of the internet? Great. Fan-friggen--tastic. Have we forgotten everything Teddy Roosevelt fought against in his trust-busting campaigns? Teddy built his entire 8-year presidency on the precedent that Monopolization of ANYTHING was manipulation of the masses and was detrimental to society as a whole. Do you really think AT&T and Comcast won't turn into 21st-century monopoly replicas of Rockefeller's Standard Oil? Internet access will become a luxury resource, one that standard American families will struggle to afford because smaller, less competitive internet providers will be driven out of business or swallowed by the tycoon companies. There will be no such thing as competitive rates or competition in the internet provider field anymore. Large companies will be able to charge whatever they want for however limited access they choose to be standard, allowed to set pay-by-speed prices that would leave the general public in the dark ages of the internet, incapable of even the most simple web search. With that, I conclude my argument against Net Neutrality and just hope that you consider at least some of the more educated and reasonable arguments here, even if mine doesn't exactly turn out to be one. - Thank you.

—Michael Shaver, Chicago, IL

Net Neutrality is essential for a fair and equitable modern society. Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Sydney Brinker, Maplewood, MN

The internet as we know it today would never have developed without the principle of network neutrality. Please don't sell us out. Future generations will not forgive you.

—David Lively, Hudson, MA

Without net neutrality, the Internet will be claimed by big-money corporations and snatched away from the lower classes of society. As well as this, certain websites may be slowed down to the point of uselessness.

—Seán Ó Broin, Ballydehob,

Start-ups do not have advertising budgets. Start-ups change the technology landscape giving better products and services cheaper than existing products and services. In the absence of net neutrality, the start-ups would be pushed down and the general public suffers monopoly of the big corporations. Please classify the Internet Service as a Public Utility and protect net neutrality.

—Mohideen Ibramsha, Salisbury, MD

We need a free Internet for everybody! No matter how much money one has. Please keep the internet free, FCC! Otherwise many people will really get pissed, and you know, the internet is strong!

—Bill Heidenreich, Dresden,

Keep the internet neutral. Throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Julie Osmanski, Taos, NM

We have fewer and fewer platforms today to speak our minds. Corporations and government agencies have taken so much away from us, especially the freedoms to make a difference, to voice our opinions, to tell our truths, whether left or right. The voices of the American people are disappearing and when that happens, our country will disappear, becoming something it never should become. The Net belongs to all of us. Do not steal our voices. Corporations are afraid of us, and we are one of the only stops on them. This is our country. Not yours, FCC. Mine. My friends. My country. Ours, not yours.

—Loana Hoylman, Santa Fe, NM

Dear FCC (Tom Wheeler): As a citizen of the U.S. who everyday feels that corporations are dictating our government decisions, I would like to add my 2-cents to the growing clamor for real net neutrality. My vote is for ISPs to be reclassified as common carriers> I say "NO" to a two-tiered Internet! Philip Cook

—Philip E Cook, Myrtle Beach, SC

"You couldn't describe a monopoly more clearly if you wore a metal hat driving a metal car after winning 2nd prize in a beauty contest". -

John Oliver

—Jonte Smith, Houston, TX

I don't like the idea of these corporations interfering any further about any decisions pertaining to anything in my life.

—Justus, Commerce, MI

We do not need your new rulings. Please stop messing with what already works. My wish would be that Wheeler be pulled from office. He should have never been put there in the first place.

—Shad hadley, de soto, KS

Freedom is precious, so is the internet. Keep it that way, please.

—Rui Torres, Covilhã/Teixoso,

The internet is an open gift that we as humans have harnessed and deserve to have complete accessibility to. The internet have become a vital part of our culture as a human race. Even in school it is a requirement. Making it harder to obtain is far from the answer. The matter of restricting our internet access is another matter of restricting our freedoms. Honestly Internet should be freely accessible but it isn't. It is a wonderful thing that allows us to connect with cultures and people in brand new ways allowing us to open up and expand our minds. Net Neutrality is the best option currently.

—Heather Mosher, Gloversville, NY

Stop taking your marching orders from corporate communications companies seeking only to maximize profits and put us in informational lockdown by ending our privacy. Don't any of your fed bureaucrats read?

—Joseph Taylor, Elizabethton, TN

why,why,why,why,why,why,why, would our government do this??

—Bryan Johnson, raleigh, NC

Tell the FCC to throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the only way to protect real Net Neutrality!

—Michelle Malinoski, OJAI, CA

Do you really want to eliminate the last place censure-free?...

—Bogdan, Timisoara,

Dear Commissioners, Please respect ALL web content by keeping our internet NEUTRAL. Consumers deserve equal access to all aspects of the web, and the wealthiest players should not control connection speeds. I urge you to reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Michael J. Barnes, Villas, NJ

Our Constitutions does not say "We the Corporations", it says, "We the PEOPLE" - and regardless of what the SCJOTUS says, Corporations are NOT PEOPLE. The Net is FOR the PEOPLE. NOT to be manipulated, and controlled by lobby funding big business. DO THE RIGHT THING!

—Rhonda Matson, Westport, MA

Occupy Wall Street was nothing. If you (the FCC/ federal government) put this new form of mass control on our internet, the citizens backlash will make you all sorry. RT.com reported a story yesterday that a new NSA whistleblower has just come forward and revealed that the NSA has recorded not only our Meta Data, but the actual voice recordings from 80% of US phone calls. This shows that you(US Government) are obviously scared shitless that the people will revolt. This is also why all the uprising from around the world this year have not been televised on any US news stations. The internet is the last place left to get uncorrupted, unbiased news in the United States, and your new multi-tier internet will be used to oppress those web sites that provide news that the US government doesn't deem suitable for the masses. The appointment of Tom Wheeler to head the FCC is a first hand example of how corrupt our government actually is. I mean come on, a former lobbyist for the cable industry. Are you shitting me? Don't be as stupid as the government thinks you(the individual) are. Don't ruin the internet retards!

—Donald Baxter, pittsburgh, PA

Dear Chairman Wheeler, "Net Neutrality" is important because it makes the Internet one of the few places where there truly is "a level playing field". Guess what a "half fast half slow Internet" does? It's not just LOUSY for consumers. It makes it hard for NEW businesses to start & compete. Less successful new business start-up's equals LESS jobs equals a STAGNANT economy! Sincerely, Jeremiah N. Carreon

—Jeremiah N Carreon, Los Angeles, CA

ISPs have had far too much leeway and market control for too long as it is. If they are going to provide an essential service--which, in this day and age internet access absolutely is--then they should fall subject to reclassification as common carriers, and be prohibited from the discriminatory and monopolistic practices that they already use, as well as preventing further discrimination of traffic and access to both the utilization of, and adding to information online by everyday persons, regardless of whether or not they are in the top percentage of corporations, or everyday citizens who do not want to pay a premium for decreased options and access. Do not let ISPs destroy one of the greatest achievements in human history in the name of their already out of control profiteering.

—M Finch, arlington, VA

The internet should be a free resource for all citizens of the United States. By allowing "internet fast lanes" you will ruin the internet. Large internet communication companies will be able to bully smaller companies out of the internet space by charging money to load their content on the internet. That is not how the internet should be. The internet should be freely available to all people and businesses. I strongly urge the FCC to reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Kyle Busdieker, Milford, OH

This would represent an historical step backwards equivalent to destroying the interstate highways in favor of paid toll systems. The beginning of the end of the American Century with corrupt businesses and politicians lining up their pockets at the expense of our civilization. That Wheeler is the vehicle for this incredible and scandalous attempt is unsurprising. Disgraceful is the only adjective that is applicable.

—Richard Unanue, Asheville, NC

We Are Hard Working People Who Are Struggling To Get By. We Deserve To Be Treated Fairly. We Pay Our Bills. We Deserve To Be Rewarded For The Things That We Work Hard For. The Internet Is Our Connection To The World And If That Connection Is Slowed Down Then That Means The Progress Of The World Will Slow Down As Well. We Are Human Beings Just Like Everyone Else And We Deserve A Level Playing Field.

—Brandon, Charleston, SC

Stop it! Enough with being a bunch of control freaks.

—Kelly Vaughn, Longview, TX

Ending Net Neutrality is like revoking all citizens passports and drivers licenses. Everyone can just stay home, without connection to the outside world.

—Eric, Exton, PA

Dear FCC I am a family doctor and my patients need ISPs as common carriers for their health and well being. I need it to communicate public health and safety to them.

—Patricia Boiko MD, Seattle, WA

I want my children to be able to learn and teach themselves with the internet, if you allow fast lanes then their minds will be manipulated and dumbed down due to orwellian psychosocial manipulation

—Eric, tempe, AZ

You must preserve Net Neutrality for all the people as one of our commons! The corporations are too greedy and taken over too much already. Please don't allow this takeover!

—Jim Zak, Pine City, MN

The net should be available to everyone with the same speed, same capabilities, same everything. Corporations should not be given controls to provide to people based on how much money they choose to spend for the "freedom" to be on the web. This society is losing all of it's freedoms as a result of the government providing to companies in exchange for gifts!

—Brenda Browning, Cross Junction, VA

The internet should remain an equal playing field for all companies not cater to those with the largest bank accounts.

—Andy Mool, Pittsburgh, PA

Two tiered, or more; means second class, and worse. Common carrier designation is needed instead.

—Vince George, Tallahassee, FL

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—Daniel Borcharding, bramsche,

Permitting the ISPs to create a slow lane for traffic generated by less wealthy organizations and individuals will stifle the innovation and exchange of ideas we've enjoyed so much from the Internet over the past few decades. The Internet of Things (IoT) relies on small devices exchanging data between each other and cloud services. These devices may be produced by inventors, young budding startups, researchers, and hobbyists. Forcing them to pay in order to be competitive with larger established corporations will reduce the number of jobs created for small businesses and reduce the competitiveness of this market. Only continued neutrality will ensure that we can ride the wave of free innovation through the 21st century and realize the potential of smarter, greener, more efficient and resilient buildings, cars, cities, and lives. Furthermore, the only time a "fast lane" should be considered is in emergency situations. The ISPs should provide a fast-lane to officially registered and recognized emergency response organizations and no other time. This should not require payment by these groups as they are often underfunded and staffed by volunteers. Please consider the researchers and entrepreneurs, like myself, that will continue to grow our economy and create high-paying jobs right here in the United States. Don't allow the ISPs to pick and choose which companies bubble to the top because they are unlikely to adopt innovation and competition-friendly policies for that process. The public demands that this service, which has become an important part of our lives and economy, be reclassified as a public utility. Given the private ISPs track record, this is the only possible option for revitalizing our networks' growth and catching up to the rest of the developed world in terms of Internet speed, availability, and service. America built the first internet and it deserves to be first. Please don't rob that from US!

—Kyle Benson, Hockessin, DE

Net neutrality is important to me because I the internet is the most powerful force of individual liberty and individual empowerment the world has ever seen. It is a great fortress standing against the corporitization of information. When billions of people can interact with each other Truly the internet it is a public utility. It is the pipeline of information and these pipelines should be as free and indiscriminating as water, electricity, gas. A water company is not permitted to drastically decrease water pressure to mom-and-pop business and give better water pressure to high-paying McBusiness. ISPs should not be permitted to throttle speeds to Small\_Tech\_Startup and give rich McDotCom ultra fast connection. Another analogy would be if telephone companies were permitted to give poor connections and dropped calls to mom-and-pop stores while giving crisp, clear, and reliable connections to Walmart. The American economy is viciously corporatized. We have corporate monopolies and oligopolies in this country that are comparable in size, power, and greed to those of the deplorable oil, steel, and rail monopolies of the early 1900s. The internet is one of the few avenues the people have to do business and innovate without the oppression of mega-corporations. If you allow ISPs to discriminate in any way, you you will be assaulting the rights of your citizens to open and free expression, you will be assaulting democratic values, and you will be seriously damaging e-commerce and all of the incredible innovation and start-ups that a free and open internet permits. To save the internet is entirely within the power of the FCC. Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—David Jiang MD, New York, NY

Big corporations control enough of America as it is. Free and open internet is essential.

—Katy C, Allentown, PA

I am a small business owner and I rely on the internet everyday to run my business. I am also broke as hell. I work a second job to make ends meet but I also have major health issues and have to worry about raising my son. I am already living on a tight budget and have no money to spare. Tiered internet could easily lead to price increases which could effectively drive me, and my partners, out of business. The business we've worked most of our lives to create.

—Logan Guidry, St. Augustine, FL

Net Neutrality is a protection for the technological progression of the future. The internet has been one of the greatest inventions of humanity rivaled only by the invention of the printing press in the dissemination of ideas, thoughts, communication, progress. If you take that away, if you regulate it into restriction and capitalism and demagoguery, then you are destroying one of the greatest resources humanity has ever had at their fingertips, all for the increase of profits in the immediacy for some companies. If you protect Net Neutrality you increase the profit of information and access the world over. Don't throw away Net Neutrality. It's the last bastion of progress America has to pursue.

—Matthew Shearer, Charlotte, NC

Our country is based on equal opportunity. We have noticed that there is less of it than ever and it is affecting our standing as a first world country and our socio-economic health. DO NOT develop a tiered system. The future of our nation depends on it.

—Nicole Fall, Sparks, MD

Please do not sell even more of our democracy to the highest bidder. The citizens of the United States of American need net neutrality to be continued and upheld. Please reclassify the internet as a "common service carrier, and don't shunt the ordinary people who cannot afford any more extra fees. my self and my family included. My husband is on oxygen 24/7, and the internet is one of the very few ways he has to stay connected.

—Bernadette Monaghan, Bedford, TX

Perhaps it's time to think about what's best for the public - that is, the majority of citizens in the United States - for a change!

—Dr. Raymond E. Waldner, Palm Beach Gardens, FL

If we hadn't had net neutrality from the dawn of the internet until now, w wouldn't be able to enjoy and utilize many of the sites and apps that are so popular now. If this goes forward, it still be nothing more than a way for big business to strangle it anyone trying to start below them. How does this in any way resemble, or endorse, a free-market system. This is the kind of decision that law makers will be remembered for in the future. How you are remembered is up to you.

—Greg White, Fayetteville, AR

Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality.

—Ravi Patel, Boston, MA

You can't take control of net neutrality, it's important that everyone can have fast internet if they pay the provider, you can't make certain companies that pay have faster connection. Not only because it's unfair, it's discrimination of small companies and it will lead to creating market without competing business.

—Filip Láslofi, Moldava nad Bodvou,

The internet belongs to everyone. It should not be offered to the highest bidder. That is not fair.

—Sally Mericle, Baltimore, MD

Big companies will control who gets the better service? How fair is that?

—Maria Gonzalez, Houston, TX

The interenet should be equally available to all not just mega corporations who will end up charging the average citizen dollars which should be our right. Have you ever heard of freedom of the press?

—Anita Rosenthal, slidell, LA

Don't ruin the Internet. ISPs are common carriers. They should find another industry if they aren't interested in being a utility.

—Sebastian Ferrari, Ann Arbor, MI

we support net neutrality. hands off. this is discrimination at its finest and I believe deep down you know it to be true. do the right thing. protect Americans.

—Mamie Janik, austin, TX

Net Neutrality has been responsible for some of the greatest economic growth in the last 15 years. Removing it will limit the ability for new entries into markets and provide the already saturated and lazy internet providers unbalanced control of the market.

—Bruce Medler, Cordova, TN

I direct the digital arm of a nonprofit providing seniors who are new to digital technologies the education, information and inspiration they need to get them online. For this population (as well as for low-income mothers) easy access to broadband helps erase social isolation, makes available critical information resources and provides forums for their voices to be heard. A two-speed highway will almost undoubtedly create a situation where slow-lane sites become too slow for many people, especially those who are still getting used to navigating the Internet. It will also undoubtedly mean that sites that do pay for fast-lane status will pass on the cost to consumers. Seniors will not put up with this - and they will want to know who to blame. Efficient and freely available broadband access cannot be considered a consumer luxury. It is essential. The FCC should reclassify broadband as an essential utility, and encourage providers to offer reduced cost service for seniors and low-income families. And ISPs should continue to be required to offer consumers of broadband access to all sites on a level playing field basis.

—Barbara Moore, New York, NY

The internet is free to all, can we please keep it that way

—Evan harris, loveland, OH

The Internet works because it is a free-form platform for innovation, connection, and experimentation. It needs to be free and accessible to ALL people, not just those with money. You need to reclassify ISPs as common carriers in order for true net neutrality to be protected as a common good.

—Pearl Klein, Seattle, WA

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—Edward, Phoenix, AZ

Net neutrality is important to me because I am an educator. The internet serves as a an educational tool for millions of people around the world. Net neutrality means that students and teachers have access to the wealth of resources on the internet. Ending net neutrality is a terrible idea because it would end quick, efficient access to less affluent teachers and students. Please maintain net neutrality. Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the best policy for maintaining a well-educated citizenry.

—Mark Lund, Baltimore, MD

Dear Chairman Wheeler: I urge you to take action to preserve net neutrality and reclassify internet service providers as common carriers. By doing this you would limit the ISPs' ability to charge for preferred access and faster speeds that would completely change the internet as we know it. Right now, a small website or business is able to compete with larger entities on the internet based on merit (quality of information, product, customer service, etc.). Many start-up businesses have come from nowhere and found tremendous success on the internet, for example Amazon and Facebook. A two-tiered system that gives those able to pay preferred access and speed would eliminate this level playing field. Choices for products, news and pretty much anything else would be skewed toward larger entities able to pay. The internet is valuable to me because of the wide variety of information I am able to find. I do business with several smaller companies that provide excellent products and service. I also frequently search for news, athletic, and medical information. While the larger organizations can provide good content, I often find more detail and what I'm really looking for via smaller sites. I am very concerned that with a two-tiered system these smaller sites will be more difficult to find and may have relatively slower speeds that will discourage people (including myself) from using them. In addition, if the larger sites (Netflix, for example) have to pay for faster access, I am very concerned that the increased costs will be passed on to me. Even worse, even though safeguards are technically supposed to be in place, I am concerned that ISPs could potentially discriminate against certain entities by deliberately changing speeds. The prospect of a few ISPs dictating what content we see is terrifying and would be devastating to the free speech the internet is known for. Even if there are laws in place that forbid this, laws like this are often not strictly enforced. Limited access to information and increased costs are what we face if the ISPs are allowed to proceed with a two-tiered system. Again, I urge you to use your power to preempt this potential devastation to free speech and classify ISPs as common carriers. Thank you for your consideration.

—Anne Trotter, Gainesville, GA

The internet is communications. Give the "airwaves" back to the people! Yes, reclassify ISPs as common carriers!

—Sandra Luthi, Fargo, ND

The current proposal would create a fast lane for companies that can afford the steep tolls — and push the rest of us to a slower tier of service. The internet should afford EVERYONE equal access to information and services. As the internet speed increases, everyone should be able to enjoy those improvements. Equally!

—Muhammad Salahuddin, River Ridge, LA

The two tiered plan is not good for everyone!!! True net neutrality is where everyone has the same opportunity at the same costs. Kindly do not proceed with the two tier plan.

—David Etchells, Hudsonville, MI

Do not provide an internet ghetto for some and a penthouse for others. New Neutrality will keep the internet viable for all the peoples of the world. It will keep the conduits of world communication open and available for all which is why the internet works as a way of disseminating instantaneous information on world events, wars, injustice and joy alike.

—Nancy Rutland, Corrales, NM

FCC: I urge you to throw out the internet rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Glassman Mazzeo, Holmdel, NJ

The world is not your personal bastion of personal morals and outdated thinking. Go away, leave it to the people who suffer enough with your decisions, if not as a place to get away from you.

—Kyle Sharpe, Charleston, SC

As we stated before, all citizens need equal access to this medium.

—William d. Dyke, Chicago, IL

Leave the internet as it is and don't create yet another class system that hurts small businesses, the middle working class and the American people in general all for another break for the one percent.

—JayJoshua Anderson, Kalamazoo, MI

Please do not let greed take over the internet. Keep it open for all people rich and poor. There is still plenty of money to be made by big companies without restricting open access.

—Steven Huntley, makawao, HI

The internet costs the government nothing. Why should that require an economic approach to rationing it? Keep the net neutral!

—David Fields, New York, NY

Because we live in a democracy, and the Net has been and should continue to be democratic, not influenced and changed by wealth and power.

—Ainslie Gilligan, Brattleboro, VT

The internet is a public utility and should be regulated as such. It is discrimination against the America public to let it turn it a tool for the wealthy.

—Mollie jay, Cheyenne, WY

The FCC's proposed Internet rules are terrible. As we feared, FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler is pushing a plan that would allow rampant discrimination online. If approved, these rules would mean the end of Net Neutrality. Wheeler's plan would let Internet service providers like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon create a two-tiered Internet, with fast lanes for those who can afford the extra fees and a slow dirt road for the rest of us. These companies would have the power to pick winners and losers online and discriminate against online content and applications. And no one would be able to do anything about it. But we have a way to fight back: The FCC has opened up a comment period for us to weigh in on its proposal. Add your comment: Tell the FCC to throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality.

—Jennifer Cherry, madison heights, MI

Please re-classify ISPs as common carriers. Monopoly power has always been recognized as a threat to democracy. Net Neutrality is a key issue for the future of the USA.

—Michael Shoemaker, L.A., CA

Throw out your rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Leave our internet alone, no charges or discrimination! Thank you.

—Cathy Simpson, Winston-Salem, NC

Net neutrality is important to me because freedom of speech is a basic human right, and if access to websites can be regulated by businesses, people can be silenced.

—Ralph Pootawn, Livonia, MI

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—Michael Horning, San Francisco, CA

Pleaser maintain net neutrality. Maintain the democratic nature of internet communications and avoid the creation of a new approach that unfairly favors the rich and powerful. Keep things the same. Thanks.

—Sean Fitzpatrick, Freeport, ME

PLEASE!! It is entirely an unfair decision to allow this plan to continue. Let the internet be NEUTRAL!!

—Lorraine F Steeves, port saint lucie, FL

To FCC: The ruling to make the internet available to the highest bidder is in direct violation to the principles of free access to the public and to free education. The Internet was invented with taxpayer money — public money and we are now at a crossroad of businesses cutting off access to a free internet. Although I am not against a business interest, your ruling, allow those with money to flourish with no concern for the impact that the Internet has to offer to those practicing in the field of ideas. In keeping within the framework of democracy, We the people should be willing to pay to keep the Internet free and accessible to all.

—Oletha DeVane, Ellicott City, MD

Do you really think you're fooling anyone? Everyone with sense knows that their speed is going to be slowed. If these companies could provide faster service they'd already be charging for it. This is blatant discrimination and people aren't going to stand for it. Not on this scale. Not with this.

—Cecilia McElroy, Brockton, MA

No discrimination. Equal internet for all. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—J, osceola, WI

I'm a free enterprise, pro business person but also work for one of Silicon Valley's largest companies. The level of Internet service we receive here in the US is abysmal compared to those of other countries. We get slow speeds and high prices, and now those few companies that control that access want to strangle it even more. Please, PLEASE, regulate, in no uncertain terms, that the Internet is an open platform with no content restriction on access.

—Eduardo Franqui, San Diego, CA

My current network provider is Comcast they are a poor provider at best. Please!!!!!! don't give them any more control over the way content is delivered... I beg you keep the internet free from carrier control.....

—David W Devey, Salt Lake City, UT

Few would argue that the productivity increases we have experienced, and from which we have benefited, over the past several decades would have been possible without the innovation made possible by the explosion of internet access. That innovation, and all of the innovation that lies ahead for us, is at risk in this decision. Innovation doesn't happen with permission from established players and ISPs. Innovation happens in the most unexpected of places. Net neutrality provides a level playing field for the entrepreneurs who made America the economy that it continues to be. Suffocating them, even a little bit, with anything but net neutrality may make some happy in the short run, but it ignores the long-term consequences. Regulators are supposed to be focused on guarding the long-term for all of us. The arguments for net neutrality have been discussed in depth elsewhere. (For example, by reference, I incorporate the arguments by Marvin Ammori here:

<http://www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/141536/marvin-ammori/the-case-for-net-neutrality>.) We consumers pay for access to the internet. Why should ISPs be able to charge for internet access twice—once from the consumer, and once from the provider? In any world other than the world of DC lobbying, that seems ridiculous. If there are bandwidth constraints, net neutrality would encourage the construction of more bandwidth... and the current FCC's proposal would encourage the reduction of it (higher profitability for the ISPs). The FCC's proposed Internet rules creates terrible incentives for the future. This seems to be a fight between the ISPs and the citizens of the US. I haven't heard an intellectual argument for the ISP's version of the rules, or the FCC's proposed rules. All of the people who think deeply about this (who aren't arguing on behalf of entrenched commercial interests) seem to favor net neutrality. How can the FCC ignore that? Isn't the FCC supposed to be looking out for the citizenry? I beg the FCC to show that it isn't in the pocket of a few powerful commercial interests and do the right thing—fight for net neutrality. There may not be a more important rule from the FCC in the next decade. This one counts. There are plenty of brilliant lawyers who have demonstrated that the FCC has the authority to make net neutrality happen. I encourage the FCC to take that path.

—Ethan Bernstein, West Newton, MA

The greatest democracy in the world should support the democracy of the greatest free speech medium of the world.

—Scott Susslin, San Francisco, CA

FCC, please throw out these restrictive and frankly disgustingly oppressive rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Jessica Beeli, Manhattan Beach, CA