

Net Neutrality is important to me because the current lack of big business present on the internet allows students to obtain the external resources that are becoming necessary to get a higher level of education. Whereas if companies are allowed to regulate and charge internet services however they please many students with lower financial income will be unable to obtain the tools they need to aid in furthering their already expensive education.

—Timothy Stokes, Washington, MO

We deserve Net Neutrality. We pay enough just to have access to the internet, it's no one's right to police it. It's a free space of innovation, creation, and sharing that connects you with all walks of life and the world. No one has a right to take that freedom away from us.

—Jaycee Cleveland, Mont Vernon, NH

Net Neutrality helps ensure that small artists, video makers, websites, or any other form of producer are able to compete with much larger companies and firms. It is competition that spurs the economy along and keeps information and innovation at the forefront of society. Implementing a system that would allow internet service providers to charge internet producers to allocate bandwidth would simply destroy smaller producers and therefore destroy competition. All that would be left would be the big name companies, and they would have no need to try to improve the quality of their product since there is no way a smaller producer would be able to challenge them.

—Eliot Mook, Solon, OH

Because it is the only place where people can speak louder than money. And we deserve that one place

—Carolyn Marie Fox, Bedford, NH

We need you guys to protect net neutrality for us consumers.

—Marco, Ladoochee, FL

If an image of someone lazy pops into your head while thinking of "a person that loves the internet," then forget that. The internet is home to a huge group of diverse people all across the globe, and we live and love together in this peculiar world. Turning the internet into some communist-Russia type of place is no way to lead a country, and if you're thinking it is, then get out of America. Let us all be free and equal, so that way you guys don't have to deal with an incoming revolution. That'd be annoying wouldn't it? Sending down policemen to stop angry protesters and rioters would be annoying wouldn't it? Having to contact other countries and territories because your actions have affected their country without their consent would be annoying wouldn't it? There's no need to give more money to these companies, they already have everything in the world they want. Be the dominant one here. Speak up for the people and tell companies like Time Warner Cable and Comcast that the people aren't having any of that. If you're thinking, "Oh what does a loser on the internet think he can talk to me like this," just realize that you're in charge of a country where everyone is loved equally, and no matter who you are or where you're from, you can be the best you can be. I hope my words reach thousands upon millions of men, women, and little children, wanting a land where we can roam free like we have before. But it's been taken away by the introduction of greed. Greed has poisoned mankind, and if you change your ways, you can make this world a better place. Sincerely, a worried citizen.

—Troy Lamphere, sandy hook, VA

Because the internet is the only truly equal playing field that humanity has ever known, and it has led to an entire global subculture, and with the restraints that cable companies want to put on it, the entirety of the internet's neutrality is at stake, and we wouldn't have the ingenuity that we see rise to the top of the internet anymore.

—Gus, Columbus, OH

PLEASE! The internet needs to remain free to all users. Please stop supporting big name companies to line their own pockets.

—Drew Conger, Brighton, MA

Without total freedom of information, we will become even more ignorant than we are now.

—Justin L. Voelker, Westlake, OH

I believe in net neutrality.
—Will, Cambridge, MA

With how integrated the Internet has become in every aspect of our lives, it cannot become subject to the whims of a private industry.
—Jack Teed, Philadelphia, PA

I am trying everything I can think of to understand why the FCC has not classified ISP's as common carriers. The best thing I can fathom is that Tom Wheeler and the giant multibillion dollar companies are trying to squeeze every cent out of the internet because they do not understand how to evolve with it. Shame on the monopolies. Shame on Tom Wheeler. Shame on all the greedy old men who will never understand.
—Anthony Baca, Albuquerque, NM

Restore net neutrality. Make all isps public utilities. There should be no fast lane, pay to play, pay to see. The internet most stay open and free.
—Chris, Minnetonka, MN

The internet is important to me because it connects the whole world on a level that has never existed before. By taking this simple form of communication away you are not only doing a great disservice, but also trying isolate people. I'm a broke college kid, I can't afford to pay for internet. Lastly, creativity lives and breathes on the internet. Take that away, you take away the opportunity for talented people to never be heard or seen.
—Stephanie, williamsburg, VA

Net neutrality is extremely important because without it we would witness the halt of technological growth. To progress into the future us as humanity needs to learn and where is the largest collection of human knowledge? You guessed it on the internet. With the filtering and omission of websites, DUE TO CORPORATE GREED, the internet will loose most of its infinite library of knowledge. People like me a designer and innovator rely heavily on the internet as a source to attain information and learn. By removing the freedom you cut the process for technological and scientific and artistic growth and ultimately bring future technologies to an instantaneous halt. By allowing corporate greed to control the internet you are putting the world into a technological and economical dark age. Without the access to knowledge humanity is doomed!
—Kyle Blanchette, Blandford, MA

The Internet needs to be free and open to everyone, not just people who have more money to spend.
—E Tapia, Sacramento, CA

equality for innovation and freedom of speech.
—Ty, Valencia, CA

This is our land. A land of peace and of plenty. A land of harmony and hope. This is our land. Oceania. These are our people. The workers, the strivers, the builders. These are our people. The builders of our world, struggling... fighting, bleeding... dying. On the streets of our cities and on the far-flung battlefields. Fighting against the mutilation of our hopes and dreams. Who are they? Eurasia! Eurasia! They are the dark armies. The dark, murdering armies of Eurasia. In the barren deserts of Africa and India... on the oceans of Australasia... courage, strength, and youth are sacrificed. Sacrificed to barbarians, whose only honor is atrocity. But even as we grasp at victory... there is a cancer, an evil tumor... growing, spreading in our midst. Shout, shout... shout out his name! Goldstein! Nothing the Party says is true. Nothing the Party does is good. Even the war itself isn't real. The Party wants you to believe we are at war... so as to channel your aggressions away from their rightful target... the Party. Big Brother is not real. He is pure fiction, created by the Party. The real rulers of the State... are unknown, faceless manipulators... who, because they are not known... are able to wield power without let or hindrance. People of Oceania, you are being duped. The Party doesn't serve the people, it serves itself. We are not at war with Eurasia. Death! Death! Traitor! You are being made into obedient... stupid slaves of the Party. Open your eyes. See the evil that is happening to you. The Party drops bombs on its own citizens. Traitor! It is the Party, not the Eurasians, who are our enemies. Rise up. Throw off the yoke. You have nothing to lose, and everything to gain. People of Oceania. Big, Big, Big"... "Innuendo, deleted. Intransigence, rendered as crime. Inversion... Back, Day One. Ref". Times" - - Page Byline should read: "Miniproduct Forecasts Increase Chocolate Ration, April, ... "from to Grams Per Week." I confess to spreading the rumor, on orders from Goldstein... that the war is not really with Eurasia, but with Eastasia. That, for years, in fact since the days of our glorious Revolution... I had no faith in our future. I forged government announcements and falsified figures... quoted for agricultural and industrial production. As a result of mental disturbance from my experiences during the atomic wars... I was a willing subject of Goldstein's influence. I was stubborn and egocentric. When ownlife thoughts occurred to me, I reveled in them. I went into the proletarian zones... I had sex with prostitutes, I deliberately contracted syphilis. It was at this time that I made contact with the Resistance. I was personally contacted by the archtraitor, Goldstein... and ordered to assassinate certain Inner Party officials. Bugger! This I did. My agents forged documents and gained entry into the Ministry... "Thought crime is death. "Thought crime does not entail death. "Thought crime is death. "I have committed, even before setting pen to paper... "the essential crime that contains all others in itself. " I have spent many hours of my free time, encouraging my agents... to deface Party posters and hoarding announcements. I read and memorized Goldstein's book. For years, I have plotted to bring down the Party. I was sick in mind and body. Together with my colleagues, Aaronson and Rutherford... I did counterfeit important Party documents... including ex-London permits and travel passes. And that by use of these documents... my agents traveled freely throughout Airstrip One... encouraging insurrection and organizing a massive counterplot... to destroy the innermost faction of the Oceanian leadership. Furthermore... I used my position of privilege within the Inner Party... to pervert and betray the truth at all times... and to suggest, wherever possible, that our traditional allies in Eastasia... were in fact, our deadly enemies. "April the th, . " In my position as Chief Factory Planner... "I think..." I stole military plans... and, at vast financial profit, sold them to the Eurasian leadership. "...to the past... "or to the future... "to an age when thought is free. "From the age of Big Brother... "from the age of the Thought Police... "from a dead man... "greetings!" -to- group, take your places, please. Right, let's see which one of us can touch his toes. Right over from the hips, brothers and sisters, please. One, two. Smith? Smith, W.? Yes, you. Bend lower. You're not trying. Watch me. There, brother. That's what I want. Anyone under is perfectly capable of touching his toes. I'm and I've had four children. We don't all have the privilege of fighting in the front line. Remember our boys on the Malabar Front. Just think what they have to put up with. Production of water-heaters is up . percent. Switchgear, . percent. Electrical wiring, percent. Cigarettes, percent. Bricks, percent. Morning, Smith. Parsons. Heard the rumor? No. Good news, is it? I should say so, yes. Choco rations going up. Really? Twenty-five grams next week. Doubleplus good. Speakwrites, percent. Vibra-aging castings, percent. By the way, Smith, I seem to have run out of razor blades for some reason. You wouldn't happen to have any spare, would you? I'm sorry, brother. I'm on the last one. Bandages, percent. In Oceania's coal output... reached million tons. In coal output was million tons... an increase of . percent. . million tractors were produced... an increase of . percent. . million trucks... I wanted to ask you if you've got any razor blades? I've tried all over the place. I've been using the same one for six weeks. ... a staggering increase of . percent. Did you see the prisoners hanged yesterday? No, I was working. But I shall see it on the screens. You'll pick up the gin on the way? I'll have two. . million Airstrip One Mark submachine guns... . million Grenville gas-operated light machine guns... Give me a gin. . million. Victory recoil-operated heavy machine guns... million rifle grenades... million Perry pineapple pin grenades... and . million lightweight... spigot-launching, anti-tank rocket projectors. Food production is also up... - How's the Newspeak Committee? - Working overtime. ... butter, percent, milk, percent. Plusbig waste is in adjectives. Plusbig problem is timing the language to scientific advance. It's a beautiful thing, the destruction of words. You won't have seen the Dictionary, th edition yet, Smith? It's that thick. The th edition will be that thick. So the Revolution will be complete when the language is perfect. The secret's to move from translation, to direct thought, to automatic response. No need for self-discipline. Language coming from here, not from here. Excuse me for intruding. You're saying that we'll be rid of the last vestiges of Goldsteinism... when the language has been cleaned. - I couldn't agree with you more, brother. - Absolutely. Praise be to our leader and the Party workers! Other munitions production figures are as follows. M- tank destroyers... with -mm cannon. Smith. Syme. It's encouraging to think that by ... not a single person will be able to have a conversation like this. Except the proles? The proletariat don't count. They're animals. See the hanging? Missed it, myself. Bloody committees. Black Eagle cc motorbicycles. Doubleplus good, this. You know, I don't think there's a single piece of meat in this stew. Looks like meat. Tastes like meat. It isn't meat at all. Doubleplus good. Not like it, Smith? Yes, it's too rich for me. Do you mind if

I"... " Brothers and sisters, the battle for production has been won. Completed returns show that the standard of living... has risen by no less than percent over the last year. All over Oceania there've been spontaneous demonstrations of Party workers... voicing their gratitude and joy! In honor of this massive overfulfillment of the ninth three-year plan... it's been announced that chocolate ration is to be increased to grams per week! "If there is hope... "it lies in the proles. "If they could become conscious of their own strength... "they would have no need to conspire. "History does not matter to them. "It was three years ago... "on a dark evening. "Easy to slip the patrols. "And I'd gone into the proletarian areas. "There was no one else in the street, and no telescreens. "She said, '\$. ' "So I went with her. "She had a young face... "painted very thick. "It was really the paint that appealed to me... "the whiteness of it, like a mask... "and the bright red lips." Come on. "There were no preliminaries. "Standing there, with the scent of dead insects and cheap perfume... "I went ahead and did it, just the same." Rutherford unperson. Substitute Ogilvy. Ogilvy bio, details as follows: "War hero. "Recently killed, Malabar Front. "Today awarded posthumous Order of Conspicuous Merit, Second Class." I accuse myself of sabotage... embezzlement of Party funds... sale of military secrets... of being in the pay of the Government of Eurasia... of being a sexual pervert and a thoughtcriminal. I exploited my trusted position at the Ministry of Peace... to mislead our allies in Eastasia... and also to corrupt youth by means of seditious literature and drugs. I am guilty on all counts. I stand here... a victim of the influence of... "Under the spreading chestnut tree... "I sold you... "you sold me." And I ask only... for you to accept... my love of our leader. Can I help you? Anything special? I was here before. Razor blades. You sold me the notebook. Yes. Please look around. What's this? It's a beautiful thing. Over years old. Cost you \$. There's another room upstairs that you might like to see. But there's not much in it. Just a few things. My woman's dead. I'm just trying to sell the furniture. It's a beautiful bed... if you can get the bugs out of it. Interested in old prints at all? The frame's fixed to the wall, but I daresay I could unscrew it. How did this escape? I know what it is. It's the museum in the street outside the Palace of Justice. "Oranges and lemons," say the bells of St. Clement's. What was that? Something old. War is peace! Freedom is slavery! Ignorance is strength! A triumph of willpower over the orgasm. At a rally of the Anti-Sex League in Victory Square tonight... held to celebrate a -percent decrease in civil marriages... over Party women took a vow of celibacy... and pledged themselves as vessels for the artificial insemination... "I hate her. "I should kill her before she denounces me. "I have disliked her from the first moment of seeing her. " Sector ... male... female. Sector ... male... female. Sector ... male... female. Sector ... - Are you hurt? - It's nothing. It's my arm. I'll be all right in a second. Brother, could you"... " Are you all right? It's nothing. I only gave my wrist a bit of a bang. Thank you, brother. Who is she? All I know is that she works in the corner section... probably on the proletarian novel-writing machines. Mrs. Parsons? A spanner? Under the sink, beside you. Thank you, brother. I wouldn't have had to bother you, but my husband's out late. Committees. You know what us Parsons are like. You're a thoughtcriminal. They haven't been out much. Thank you, brother. Attention! Your attention, please! A newsflash has this moment arrived from the Malabar Front. The forces of Oceania in South India have won a glorious victory. I am authorized to say that the war against Eurasia... is within measurable distance of its end. Eurasian soldiers have been killed or captured. Can you hear me? Yes. Do you have an ex-London permit? Yes. Can you get Sunday afternoon off? Yes. Take this. It's quite precise. I rely on you to destroy it. Are you sure you can come? Yes. On your own, brother? No, I'm joining the Vic Mans community hiking group. I was held up on urgent Minrec business. Sing to the bravest on the sturdy fortress Sing to the soldiers on the battlefields Sing to the airmen in the burning azure Sing to the farmers' rising yields We are the children, builders of the future And we the children swear to thee Loyal devotion, fearless devotion And to die with dignity Sing to the faithful... A daring and resourceful maneuver... under the personal direction of B.B. himself... ensuring the total annihilation of the Eurasian heavy-armed divisions... Look. It's a dream. I want you. Not here. Come back to the woods, it's safer. Have you done this before? Of course. Hundreds of times. - With Party members? - Yes. Inner Party members? Not with those bastards. Though there's plenty who would. Look, I hate purity. I hate goodness. I don't want virtue to exist anywhere. I want everyone corrupt. I ought to suit you, then. I'm corrupt to the core. Do you like doing this? I don't mean just me. I adore it. Winston? We shall meet in the place where there is no darkness. Adult literacy amongst the proletariat has risen by percent. The proletarian infant mortality rate has dropped by percent. Incidences of leukemia, tuberculosis, and meningitis have dropped considerably. Improved diet has been responsible for a dramatic decrease in rickets. Eye diseases show a steep drop. So, too, do deaths from pneumonia and smallpox. The improvement in sewerage and drainage systems... has resulted in better health, overall. State rodent operatives report a -percent reduction... in the number of vermin in the central proletarian zones. I just want to finish by saying a few words... about the impact of this imminent neurological breakthrough. When the orgasm has been finally eradicated... the last remaining obstacle to the psychological acceptance... of the principles of Ingsoc, as applied to artsem, will be overcome. In other words, the unorthodox tendencies towards ownlife... which constantly threaten the natural erosion of the family unit... will no longer have the biological support of the organism. As we all know, the biological and social stimulation of the family leads to... private reflection, outside Party needs... and to the establishment of unorthodox loyalties... which can only lead to thoughtcrime. The introduction of artsem, combined with the neutralization of the orgasm... will effectively render obsolete the family... until it becomes impossible to conceptualize. Thank you. Excuse me, brother. You dropped your ink pencil. Thank you, sister. A pincer movement has developed... involving the floating fortresses of the Eurasian th Fleet... Not much. Not much left at all, these days. Walls. Police don't like us much. That room... how much? \$ a week. Traitor! Traitor! Criminal! Big, Big, Big... A vast military buildup of armored divisions... missiles and floating fortresses, accompanied by a fourfold increase... in the number of radio-controlled rocket bombs... directed at the most densely populated areas of Airstrip One... It is folly... as though deliberately, we move one step nearer the grave. I can't understand why she accepted the idea... she, who is so careful. Hello. Let me show you what I've brought. Look. What is it? Real sugar. Not saccharin. And I've got a loaf

of bread, proper white bread... and jam. A real tin of milk. Look. Coffee. Real coffee. Inner Party. Half a kilo. How did you manage to get ahold of all this? There's nothing those bastards don't have. Aren't you pleased? Yes. Of course. Real tea. There's been a lot of tea about lately. They've captured India or something. I want you. I want you, too. Wait. Turn around, and don't look until I tell you. Listen to that. How can she make a song written by a machine sound so beautiful? You can turn around now. - I... - Winston... Do you like me? More than ever. Was there ever a time when this seemed ordinary? Attention! Your attention, please! A vast military buildup has been reported in the Sahara Desert... sectors and of the war zone. heavy-tank divisions... "There is truth, and there is untruth." ... have been sighted proceeding in convoy in a northerly direction... "Freedom... is the freedom to say two plus two equals four. "If that is granted... "all else follows." That is the end of the announcement. We'll rehab the war from a neutral zone, remaking dust in interstate plusplan levels. Intend ego level in dust output by percent. Stop, end emission. Re: "Times", - - . Brother Tillotson wins Mini chess. Request photo. File follows. Attention. Your attention, please. Will all Outer Party members of Ways and Means Committees... please attend their local community centers for discussions and... "Under the spreading chestnut tree... "I sold you, you sold me." The meetings begin at ... hours. Smith? I've been reading your Newspeak articles in "The Times." Yes. You write very elegantly. That is not my own opinion. I was recently talking to a friend of yours, who is an expert. His name has slipped my memory for a moment. What I wanted to say was, that there were one or two unwords, only very recent. Have you seen the th edition of the Newspeak Dictionary? No, we're still using the th edition at Minirec. A few advance copies have been segregated. I have one myself. You might be interested. Yes. There are some plus skillful new developments. Let me give you my address. I'm usually at home in the evenings. If not, my servant will give you the dictionary. Victory Vampires... Ingsoc cadets... Ingsoc sea cadets... Porteous piloted missiles... Victory fighter bombers... Big Brother heavy bombers. "It has happened at last. "The call has come. "It seems that all my life... "I've been waiting for it." ... is to be named after Sub-lieutenant Ogilvy... hero of the State of Oceania... recently awarded, posthumously, the Order of Conspicuous Gallantry... for his action in the recent glorious victory... over the forces of Eastasia on the Malabar Front, in South India. Half the water's boiled away. What does the clock say? It says : hours. What time do they cut the light in your flats? : . At the hostel it's : . What is it? I don't know. A little chunk of history that they've forgotten to alter. Message from years ago. "Oranges and lemons," say the bells of St. Clement's. "You owe me three farthings," say the bells of St. Martin's." Who taught you that? What is it? I don't know. I just know it. You know, the only thing to do... is to walk out of here before it's too late... and never see one another again. Yes. Our luck can't last. You're young... you look normal, you're innocent. You keep clear of people like me, and you might stay alive. What you do, I do. I've thought it out. I'm good at staying alive. When shall we meet again? Not for several weeks. It's not safe. Give me half an hour. I love you. Julia... Do you think the Resistance is real? No. None of it's real. Steamer! Dead overhead! Get down! ...round the clock, plus a sets in eyes top a P.M.A. Willmer. "Oceania is at war with Eastasia. "Oceania has always been at war with Eastasia. "Eurasia is our ally. Eurasia has always been our ally. "Everything fades into mist. "The past is erased, the erasure forgotten. "A lie becomes truth and then becomes a lie again." What is it? I dreamt... about my mother. What, darling? It was during the wars... before the Party. Winston! I couldn't help myself. I knew what I had done... and I couldn't help myself. When I went back, hours later... my mother and sister were gone. I never saw them again. So it's not just staying alive. It's staying human that's important. What counts... is that we don't betray each other. If you mean confessing, we're bound to do that. Everybody does. You can't help it. I don't mean confessing. Confessing isn't betrayal. I mean feelings. If they can make me change my feelings... they can stop me from loving you. That will be real betrayal. They can't do that. It's the one thing they can't do. They can torture you... and make you say anything. But they can't make you believe it. They can't get inside you. They can't get to your heart. I'm going to see O'Brien. I know. Outer Party Member ... Hicks, Minirec, Proletarian Affairs Section. Outer Party Member ... Howard, Miniproduct, Hospital Section. Outer Party Member ... Bolgar, Minitrue, Records Section. Outer Party Member Brady, Minitrue, Records Section. Outer Party Member ... Devereux, Minitrue, Records Section. Outer Party member ... Dawes, Minitrue, Porno Section. Outer Party Member ... Ware, Minitrue, Porno Section. Outer Party Member ... Bigland, Minitrue, News Section. "Items one, comma, five, comma, seven, approved fullwise. Stop. "Suggestion contained item six doubleplus ridiculous verging crimethink... "Cancel, stop. End message." Outer Party Member ... Rosenblum, Miniproduct, Light Industry Section. Outer Party Member ... Davis, Miniproduct, Women's Section. That concludes the list of known agents of Goldstein... actively engaged in the latest conspiracy... Not much of this gets to the Outer Party, I'm afraid. To our leader. ... that our eternal allies in Eurasia are turning against us. More nests of conspirators and saboteurs have been uncovered... and further arrests are expected shortly. You can... Yes. We are allowed that privilege. Some more of this? It's called wine. There are thoughtcriminals who maintain the Resistance is not real. Believe me, Winston... it is very real. Perhaps you are not familiar with how it operates. I'm attentive to the news. Indeed. Perhaps you imagine a huge network of conspirators... prepared to commit any atrocity to demoralize... and weaken the order of our society. The reality is infinitely more subtle. If Goldstein himself... fell into the hands of the Thought Police, he could not give them a list of his agents. Such a list does not exist. They're not an organization in the sense we know. Nothing holds it together but an idea. There is no possibility of change in their lifetime. In the face of the Thought Police... they cannot act collectively. Individually, they cheat... forge, blackmail, corrupt children... spread disease and prostitution... in the name of spreading knowledge from generation to generation. Until... in a thousand years... You may find this of interest. Thank you. ... address a rally in Victory Square at ... hours. That is the end of the announcement. Goodbye, brother. They have attacked an unarmed village with rocket bombs... and murdered defenseless, innocent... and peaceful citizens of Oceania. This is no longer war. This is cold-blooded murder. Until now, the war has been conducted with honor... and bravery... with the ideals of truth and justice, in the best traditions of mankind... until this moment. Brothers

and sisters... the endless catalogue of bestial atrocities... which will inevitably ensue from this appalling act... must, can, and will be terminated. The forces of darkness and treasonable maggots... who collaborate with them, must, can, and will... be wiped from the face of the earth. We must crush them. We must smash them. We must stamp them out. We, the people of Oceania... will not rest until a final victory has been achieved. Death to the eternal enemy of Oceania. Death! Brothers and sisters... one week from now... in this very square... we shall, as a demonstration of our resolve... as a sure sign to those who attempt to threaten... our Party and our State... we shall execute publicly... the same number of Eastasian prisoners... by hanging, drawing and quartering. Big, Big, Big... "In accordance to the principles of Doublethink... "it does not matter if the war is not real... "or when it is, that victory is not possible. "The war is not meant to be won. It is meant to be continuous. "The essential act of modern warfare... "is the destruction of the produce of human labor. "A hierarchical society is only possible on the basis of poverty and ignorance. "In principle, the war effort is always planned... "to keep society on the brink of starvation. "The war is waged by the ruling group against its own subjects. "And its object is not victory over Eurasia or Eastasia... "but to keep the very structure of society intact." Julia? Are you awake? There is truth, and there is untruth. To be in a minority of one doesn't make you mad. Julia, my love... I understand how. I don't understand why. I'm hungry. Let's make some more coffee. The water's cold. There's no oil in it. That's strange. I thought it was full. They say that time heals all things They say you can always forget But the smiles and the tears across the years they twist my heartstrings yet. She's beautiful. She's a meter across the hips. Easily. It's her style of beauty. The future is hers. We are the dead. We are the dead. You are the dead. Remain exactly where you are. Make no move until you are ordered. Now they can see us. Now we can see you. Clasp your hands behind your heads. Stand out in the middle of the room. Stand back-to-back. Do not touch one another. The house is surrounded. The house is surrounded. I suppose we may as well say goodbye. You may as well say goodbye. While we're on the subject... "Here comes a candle to light you to bed. "Here comes a chopper to chop off your head." Pick that up. Thought Police. Smith. Open your eyes. Parsons. Keep away from me, Smith. I'm an agent of Goldstein. I didn't know it myself. Thoughtcrime is so insidious. It just creeps up on you. My daughter found it out. Very proud of her. Very grateful I've been discovered before it's too late. They won't shoot me, will they, Smith? I know I could be very useful in a labor camp. Room . No. Please, you don't have to take me there. Why? There's nothing I won't confess. Nothing. I've told you everything already. What is it you want me to know? Take him instead of me. He's the thoughtcriminal. It's him you want. They got you, too. They got me a long time ago. You knew this would happen, Winston. Don't deceive yourself. You've always known it. The photos of you and the girl will be recycled for proletarian use. Do you know where you are, Winston? I don't know. I can guess. In the Ministry of Love. Do you know how long you've been here? No. Weeks? Months? Do you know why you're here? Shall I tell you why we brought you here? To cure you. To make you sane. That was . You can see that the numbers on this dial run up to . Will you please remember that, during our conversation? I have it in my power to inflict pain on you at any time... and in whatever degree I choose. You know perfectly well what is the matter with you, Winston. You've known it for years, though you've fought against the knowledge. You are mentally deranged. You suffer from a defective memory. You never tried to cure yourself of it, because you did not choose to. It was a small effort of will, which you were not ready to make. For example... which power is Oceania at war with? Eastasia. Oceania is at war with Eastasia. Eastasia. Good. And Oceania has always been at war with Eastasia, has it not? Tell me what you think you remember. I remember... that until only a week before I was arrested... we weren't at war with Eastasia at all. It was Eurasia. That lasted four years, I think. Another example. A serious delusion. Photographs about which you've had hallucinations... which you believed you held in your hand. They never existed. Say what you were about to say, Winston. They exist... in memory. I remember. You remember. I do not remember. Only the disciplined mind can see reality, Winston. It needs an act of self-destruction... an effort of the will. Do you remember writing in your diary: "Freedom is the freedom to say two plus two equals four?" Yes. How many fingers am I holding up? Four. And if the Party says there are not four, but five, then how many? Five. No. That's no use. You're lying. How many fingers, please? Four. What else could I say? Five, or anything you like. Will you please stop it? Stop the pain. How can I help it? How can I help what I see in front of my eyes? Two and two makes four. Sometimes, Winston. Sometimes they are five, sometimes they are three. Sometimes they are all of them at once. Neither the past, nor the present, nor the future... exists in its own right. Reality is in the human mind... not in the individual mind... which makes mistakes and soon perishes... but in the mind of the Party... which is collective and immortal. - Again. - No. How many fingers, Winston? Four. Four, I suppose there are four. I tried to see five. I wish I could. Which do you wish? To persuade me that you can see five, or really to see them? Really to see them. Again. How many, Winston? I don't know. Better. No one escapes, Winston. There are no martyrs here. All the confessions made here are true. We do not destroy the heretic because he resists us. As long as he resists us, we never destroy him. We make him one of ourselves before we kill him. We make his brain perfect before we blow it out. And then... when there is nothing left but sorrow and love of Big Brother... we shall lift you clean out of history. We shall turn you into gas and pour you into the stratosphere. Nothing will remain of you. Not a name in a register. Not a memory in a living brain. You will be annihilated in the past, as well as in the future. Three thousand. This time it won't hurt you. Before we bring this session to an end... I want you to ask me your questions. I want you to clear your mind. Julia. She betrayed you, Winston... immediately, unreservedly. All her rebellion, deceit, folly, dirty-mindedness... has been turned out of her. Does Big Brother exist? Of course. The same way as me? You do not exist. You've not asked me the question that is uppermost in your mind. You know what is in Room . Everyone knows what's in Room . Now... fix your eyes on mine. What country is Oceania at war with? I don't remember. Oceania is at war with Eastasia. Do you remember that now? Yes. How many fingers am I holding up? Five. You see, at least, that it is possible. You've understood the reality of the past... and of the present. Now for the future. A question: "How does one man

assert power over another?" By making him suffer. Exactly. Obedience is not enough. Power is inflicting pain and humiliation. Otherwise, you cannot be sure. Power is tearing human minds apart... and putting them together again in new shapes of your own choosing. Power is not a means, it is an end. In our world, there will only be triumph and self-abasement. Everything else, we shall destroy. The past is forbidden. Why? Because when we can cut man from his own past... then we can cut him from his family, his children, other men. There is no loyalty, except loyalty to the Party. There is no love, except love of Big Brother. All competing pleasures, we will destroy. If you want a vision of the future, imagine... a boot stamping on a human face forever. You are thinking that my face is old and tired... that while I talk of power... I'm unable to prevent the decay of my own body. But the individual is only a cell. And the weariness of the cell is the vigor of the organism. - You'll fail. - Why? It's impossible. Hatred, the fear of life. Why is hate less vital than love? I don't know. But somehow you'll fail. Something will defeat you. Life will defeat you. We control life at all levels. We create human nature. Men are infinitely malleable. Or perhaps you've returned to your old idea that the proletarians will arise. Put it out of your mind. They are helpless animals. Humanity is the body. I don't care. In the end, they'll beat you. Sooner or later, they'll tear you to pieces. On what evidence? Goldstein's book. I wrote it. Or, at least, I collaborated in writing it. No book is individually produced, as you know. I just believe it. I know you'll fail. Something in this world... some spirit you will never overcome"... " What is it, this principle? I don't know. The spirit of man. And do you consider yourself a man? Yes. If you are a man, you're the last man. Your kind is extinct. We are the inheritors. Do you understand that you are alone? You are outside history. You unexist. Get up. Come here. Look at you. You're rotting away. That is the last man. If you are human, that is humanity. It will not last forever. You can escape from it whenever you choose. Everything depends on you. You did it. You reduced me to this. No, Winston. You reduced yourself to it. When will you shoot me? Might take a long time. But don't give up hope. Everyone is cured sooner or later. And in the end... we shall shoot you. The law of gravity is nonsense. No such law exists. If I think I float... and you think I float... then it happens. I love you. You have the strength, Winston. You have the whole Party. You are the Party. You're one of us, one of the chosen. I love you. I love you, too. Julia, my love. Get up. Stand up straighter. Look me in the face. Tell me, Winston, and remember, no lies. What are your true feelings towards Big Brother? - I hate him. - You must love him. It's not enough to obey him. You must love him. Room . You asked me once, Winston, what was in Room . I told you that you knew, already. Everyone knows. The thing that is in Room ... is the worst thing in the world. It goes beyond fear of pain or death. It is unendurable, and it varies from individual to individual. It may be burial alive or castration... or many other things. In your case, it is rats. No. Please. What do you want me to do? You will do what is required of you. What? What is it? How can I do it if I don't know what it is? In the proletarian areas, they will attack a baby... and within five minutes, strip it to the bone. They also attack the sick and dying. They show astonishing intelligence in knowing when a human being is helpless. Please. The mask fits over your head, leaving no exit. I press the first lever... and the rats move into the front compartment. I press the second, and the door of the cage will slide up. These starving brutes will shoot at you like bullets. Have you ever seen a rat leap through the air? They will leap onto your face and bore straight into it. Sometimes they attack the eyes first. Sometimes they burrow through the cheeks and devour the tongue. Tell me. What do you want? No, please. I love you. Do it to her! Do it to Julia! I don't care what you do to her, but do it to her! Tear her my face off! Do it to Julia, not to me! Do it to Julia! Not me! A vast military buildup has been reported in the Sahara Desert... in Sectors and of the war zones. That is the end of the announcement. Brother. On the house. Thank you for coming. You are warned to stand by for an important announcement at This is news of the gravest national consequence... concerning the war with Eurasia. Are you worried about the African front? The news is disquieting in the extreme. I've been worrying about it all day. It's not just a question of losing Africa. For the first time, the territory of Oceania itself is threatened by invasion. It's inconceivable. It must have been possible to outflank them in some way. I have an instinct. There's bad news on the way. I told them all about you. I'm only thankful they got me before it was too late. Yes, I told them about you, too. Thoughtcrime... sexcrime, all your treachery. I have a meeting to go to. We must meet again. Yes. We must meet again. I accuse myself of the following crimes... I have seduced Party members of both sexes... I've been to the proletarian areas... I deliberately contracted syphilis in order to spread the disease... to my wife and other Party members. Together with other agents, I have counterfeited banknotes... wrecked industrial machinery, polluted the water supply... guided Eurasian rocket bombs to targets on Airstrip One... by means of coded radio signals. I stand here, a victim of the influence of Emmanuel Goldstein. Guilty on all counts. I'm glad I was caught. I was mentally deranged. Now I am cured. I ask only for you to accept my love of our leader. I ask only to be shot while my mind is still clean. A glorious victory! A vast, strategic maneuver to outflank... the Eurasian Forces on the African front has been successful. Perfectly coordinated, it has resulted in the utter rout of the Eurasian Army. There have been nearly a million prisoners. It has been an utter rout. Waiter? This immense victory brings the war within measurable distance of its end. Wonderful news. I love you.

—Andy, Nassau, NY

The internet is a place for people to easily express themselves however they wish.

—Jessy Nguyen, Vancouver, WA

It is important to maintain Net Neutrality in order to foster the creative minds on the internet who may not otherwise gain recognition for their innovations, ideas, and inventions. The internet was created to be limitless. It was created to spread information to users across the globe. By picking choosing which content to provide, we will lose all progress made.

—Anastasia Starrett, Cutlerville, MI

The internet offers freedom and possibility for all people. Changing it would prevent so many from realizing their potential or pursuing goals. For example, anyone can start a blog and, for some, that becomes their career. This goes along with those who create music on their computers or sell products on places like Etsy.com. Complicating access to the internet would limit so many rising artists and writers and visionaries across the world. The internet as it is right now is an important tool for people to explore their possibilities. Please don't crush our potential.

—Faith Fyles, Centennial, CO

Because i dont want the glorious internet to become a clusterfuck like cable

—Rebecca, st.louis, MO

The internet is the freest place on Earth thanks to net neutrality. U.S. Citizens are supposed to protect freedom right?

—Robert, Reston, VA

The internet should be free for me to decide what I see, not what ISPs are paid to allow me to see.

—Rob, Waukesha, WI

If we lose net neutrality I will have no reason to use the Internet. Plus it would take freedom of speech away from many outlets online.

—Stevi Stewart, Logan, UT

Net Neutrality is important because being able to access information/ideas/issues from multiple and unfiltered sources creates grounds for the public to educate itself and become aware of the world around them without the biases from others limiting their information. People ideally should be able to educate themselves no matter their social or economical standing.

—Jen, Boulder, CO

Please for the love of all that is good and sacred in this world keep net neutrality as it is. You will be cutting creativity and job creation off at it's knees. And that is not something the people want or will forget if it happens.

—Collin Blank, NEW HARTFORD, NY

Dear FCC, please keep net neutrality. :c

—Elisia, Fort Myers, FL

If your goal is to cripple economy and hurt start up companies more, then by all means overturn net neutrality. But if you actually give a damn about anyone outside your own petty, outdated, and insultingly short sighted interests, you'll do your job and fight to keep the net neutral.

—Joseph Reinemann, Madison, WI

Dear sirs, As a native of Silicon Valley I have witnessed first hand the explosive growth of commerce and worldwide good that has been the result of a neutral, loosely regulated internet. This is about America and Freedom and the benefits that come to society by allowing trade to happen freely. Allowing an oligarchical system comprised of the Ma-Bells reassembling remnants (and the not-so-subtle monopolies they are forming on local and national levels) to treat public infrastructure as a privately held good does a tremendous disservice to mankind at large. Do not enable the greed and malice espoused by a handful of robber-baron cronies and the pockets they populate (yours included dear sir) to displace the benefits of a wider populace, even one that extends beyond our great borders. You are better than this, sir, and history is watching. Enshrine Net Neutrality permanently and tell the plutocracy to take their nefarious dealings back to the fossil fuel industries where they belong.

—David Evans, Palo Alto, CA

There are many injustices in the world and this is one where I can make a stand. The internet is a precious resource for so many things and it would be such a shame for it to be thrown to waste.

—Benjamin Christensen, Provo, UT

I love the neutrality that the net offers. Peace, simplicity, calmness of mind.

—Matthew Jedediah LaPoint, Oak Harbor, WA

Net Neutrality is important to me because the internet is the single best communication tool we have. To allow private enterprise to carve up this communications system and to increase the potency of money within FCC rulings fundamentally undermines the promise and the future potential of the worlds most important open communication tool.

—Gabriel Bernadett-Shapiro, Los Altos, CA

The internet is the new frontier where all voices are equal. This must be guarded at all costs.

—Scott Sawa, Chicago, IL

I'm a 23 year old software engineer. Having access to whatever necessary sites allows me to do my job better and create more innovative ideas. If you want to hinder creativity and intellectual growth in America, then you might as enforce Net Neutrality. Having access to all sites encourages growth in the country and entrepreneurship and that's what capitalism is about. This act should not be enforced. Let the little companies win for once

—Chavi, Irvine, CA

My income and the livelihood of my family are dependent on the freedom of the internet. For nearly 20 years, from the age of 14, I have been engrossed in the neutral internet and the success that it can create in all aspects of our world. I cannot imagine the atrocity that would be created by hampering or preventing the evolution of this human wonder. Please leave our access to the internet unadulterated and open.

—Chris Risse, Frankfort, IN

Because your pockets are already lined with enough cash and ours with less freedom.

—Josh Pittenger, Chicago, IL

Because dissolving net neutrality benefits nobody but big business and I'm sick and tired of them getting preferential treatment from the government at the expense of the individual.

—Kevin Shea, Omaha, NE

The internet has become my life, you taking the freedom I have on the internet is basically killing me. (But I suppose greedy bastards like you don't care much about the lives of people or how you affect them)

—Jerry, Houston, TX

Please protect net neutrality! Net neutrality is important for me because it allows for an even playing field. When I pay my bill for internet, I want to be insured that I will have equal opportunity to reach any site, at appropriate speeds, irrespective of wether or said website pays the already monopolistic internet provider companies.

—Ethan Montague, Downers Grove, IL

The internet should remain neutral so that the internet is free from corporations and business men trying to force citizens to pay for privileges that have always been free.

—Kody, Chili, WI

Net Neutrality is essential. Butts.

—Jess Schmidt, Lowell, MI

Shove it up your a**hole, the internet is the only place where free speech still exists. Pretty sure you don't own the interwebs anyways...peace out.

—Jordan, Redwood, CA

keep the internet free and unbiased just like it is now. i have no desire to fill your pockets with my money. so stop being greedy.

—Avo, glendale, CA

I want the Internet to remain as free from restriction as possible.

—Haley Larson, Covington, WA

Net Neutrality is important to me because I think everyone should have an equal voice on the World Wide Web. The idea of "fast lanes" galls me.

—Jennifer Tucker, Houston, TX

Honestly don't, you've taken our freedom don't you dare touch our fucking internet

—Kenzie, FCCSUCKS, AK

The internet is supposed to be a free, open, weird place for humans to express themselves. Everyone is supposed to have the same chance at success through the internet. Don't take this away from us!

—Kimberly Anderson, Rexburg, ID

So it is fair for everyone.

—Andrew Smith, Chicago, IL

The Internet is great because it's a universal place free from politics and control. Everyone is allowed to be heard without anyone deciding what we can and can't listen to. Everyone is allowed to be simply a human being, just like the rest of the world. Nobody gets to control the internet. We all made the internet, we continue to make the internet, and it belongs to everyone. No one organization gets to decide how to run it.

—Kenneth Thornhill, Whitestone, NY

The internet is a place where American citizens exercise our right to the Freedom of Speech. By passing this proposal, you're taking away the ability of American citizens and the citizens of the world to speak their minds, for better or for worse. Don't be the people to take this away for the sake of something so insignificant as money. You're better than that. And God, can you imagine the riots you'll cause? You'll be laughed out of your position.

—Mary Burrow, La Crosse, WI

The internet is the only place where literally everyone has the opportunity and right to express their opinion. Taking and making that right into something people have to pay for is a perfect example of how capitalism is ruining this country. The internet was designed to be a place where information could be freely traded and people could connect with each other more easily.

—Maura Hannum, Pottstown, PA

As an aspiring entrepreneur, a free and open internet is absolutely critical to me. It allows me to compete with larger businesses with much more capital on a more even playing field. Without a free and open internet many successful start ups would never have been possible. Please keep the internet way it is.

—Richard Welch, Choctaw, OK

Net neutrality is important for the free access and distribution of information, creativity, education, and entertainment.

—Scott Marberry, Winter Park, FL

Please keep net neutrality. If you don't, the internet will suck. Think of the innovation that will be lost.

—Matthew Saponaro, Wilmington, DE

Please save the internet, FCC. Protect net neutrality.

—Neil Jacobsen, Akron, OH

Dear FCC, Please do NOT vote for the abolishment of net neutrality. The internet is quickly becoming the last bastion of truly free speech and expression. The ideas it generates and the access laypeople have to collaboration with others to create true products is unparalleled by any other mode of communication up to this point—and it continues to grow. Allowing ISPs more control over the internet by commandeering what users see first is unfair and will only stifle the creative force in the internet as it is. Please, do NOT abolish net neutrality!

—Christopher Zimmermann, Galveston, TX

Large corporations should not have access to a large amount information just because they have more capital to throw around.

—James, Lansford, PA

The Internet is truly equal-opportunity, and that's a beautiful thing. Don't screw it up.

—Greg, Columbia, SC

The internet is one of the final bastions of true freedom left, not only in this country, but in the world as a whole. Every other facet of modern life is controlled by who ever has the most money or connections, and the internet is one of the last places where anyone is capable of anything. it shouldn't be turned in to yet another way for people with vast wealth to make more money. Keep the internet where it belongs and not so overtly in the wallet of big business.

—Phil, Lapeer, MI

I'm tired of being screwed over by larger corporate interests who have control of their regulatory provisions. Net neutrality allows me to learn about all kinds of ideas and processes that save me thousands every year. I don't want to have to beg Comcast and pay extra cash every time I want to learn something new on the internet. I don't want to have to buy each website individually or in packages like channels on T.V. are currently. Net neutrality may not be the biggest freedom we have in this country, but I'm tired of losing each and every other freedom that I have one by one. I take a stand on this one.

—Joseph McWhorter, Athens, GA

Protect Net Neutrality. Aren't we corrupt enough already? Let the internet we've come to know and love live!

—Jen Sass, st paul, MN

Net Neutrality allows the small businesses that I do web development for compete with larger businesses. By hurting their businesses not only are they being affected, but I am as well.

—Alex Kirkpatrick, Loveland, CO

It is absurd this is even an issue to be discussed. Save net neutrality.

—Dylan Guy, Easton, MD

Net Neutrality is extremely important to me and our society! Regulating the internet in this way is taking away our freedom as American's and giving too much control to corporations! Don't let this happen! Protect our freedom!

—Jared Sichel, Port Washington, NY

Please don't take away what has made the internet great. As a citizen of the US, what is being proposed is not what I want, is not what I will vote for, and makes me believe that those proposing it don't care about the citizens of the US, and care only for their profit margins.

—Maya, Monterey, CA

Dear FCC, Net Neutrality is important to me because without it, I won't be able to watch my normal content without paying with money my family doesn't have. Thank you for reading this (if you do). Sincerely, Jarryd Saly

—Jarryd Saly, East Hampton, CT

The internet is a powerful tool for communication, allowing any person an equal chance to be heard. For the first time in history that is true, and by removing Net Neutrality you would be crippling one of the most valuable tools for free speech we have.

—Dylan Kunz, Orangevale, CA

The Internet is about the free expression of ideas. Don't make it about money.

—Matthew Orman, Tucson, AZ

Net Neutrality is important to me because at the moment we have a group of people who grew up without the internet, selling the freedom of the internet off to the highest bidder just so they can line their own pockets, all in the name of "protecting people on the internet" when in reality its censorship at its finest.

—Jacob, Tyler, TX

Because innovation needs to happen, and we don't need another service being controlled by our government.

—Dallas, Houghton, MI

Net neutrality is important because it allows the sharing of information and ideas to all.

—Blaise Lamb, Edmonds, WA

The free internet allows me to express myself with my friends! It allows my creativity to be shared and seen by many, without net neutrality I will never see all this be

—Eduardo Arellano, Oxnard, CA

No! No! No! How many times do the AMERICAN people have to say No!!!

—Jesse Folds, Milan, NM

The United States claims to support freedom and democracy. Handing over control to censor the internet to the highest bidder is the very epitome of what this country is supposed to stand for. Without true net neutrality, we simply join the ranks of the Chinas and Russias of this world where citizens are spoon fed what to think by the state. I support true net neutrality in the strongest possible way, and wholeheartedly condemn the corruption that exists in the backdoor links between the FCC and the industry it pretends to regulate.

—Ross Edmondson, Sewickley, PA

Leave the internet alone, things are already harder on this generation. We don't another obstacle.

—Janet Rivera, Irving, TX

The FCC should take a stand to protect net neutrality not completely disregard the principles it was founded on to make a profit. Is it not a conflict of interest to have the former chairman of the FCC (the government agency that's SUPPOSED to protect citizens) as the cable industry's head lobbyist, and another former cable industry lobbyist as the CURRENT head of the FCC. It is shameful to take advantage of the American public in such an obvious manner.

—Charles Broyhill, Conover, NC

dearest FCC I believe it is your JOB to keep the internet free and available, equally, for all users and content. I believe it is your job to keep the internet out of the hands of greedy pay-to-play profiteers. but if you won't do your job, we'll find someone who will. so before we need to resort to more extreme courses of action, such as establishing a 2nd free internet, or a popular movement to have your leadership replaced democratically (yes, I hear you chuckling.. you evil jerks) .. consider doing your job. keep the internet free for all. trust me, it'll be worth it.
—Michael Markus, los angeles, CA

I want to be able to watch my favorite online video makers create entertaining things for me. I want to be able to self-publish books. I don't want everything to be solved by throwing my meager paycheck at it.
—Max M, Columbus, OH

Net Neutrality is important because it is one of the last frontiers where we can voice our opinions and it actually matter. It's also important because our libraries rely heavily on the internet and guarantees the right to intellectual freedom. It is our basic human right to be able to learn whatever we want without censorship, and that includes censorship from companies.
—Randa, Baton Rouge, LA

Politicians talk about big or small government and how it controls. But nobody talks about how corporations control. The internet has, so far, been the only place where control is limited and freedoms are plenty. Putting limits and fast lanes on the internet would be like sectioning the library so that only the books that make it to the top sellers list are in the front, and all the others are in a locked basement. It's "free" information, let it be.
—Nick Hecht, louisville, KY

The FCC was not created to further bolster the pockets of those who have some sort of ulterior motive to the merging of two giant corporations. Do not let net neutrality die with this merger.
—Emiliano Farciert, Houston, TX

Net neutrality offers internet users the possibility of exploring a wide range of information and views on the world. I believe that for those interested in broadening the mind it is the ultimate tool for many interests. I do not want to have my internet restricted by the same restrictions from cable companies, where shallow entertainment has a priority over quality programing.
—Laura Caicedo, San Juan, PR

Maybe you'll read this, maybe you won't. I don't know. I hope you understand how many people are pissed off. Never, ever, piss off the internet. It's not safe my friends.
—Ashley, Hanscom AFB, MA

This bill is important not to me not because of how it directly affects me, but because it directly affects the content and media around me. These in turn affect me and play a major role in my life and who I am. Without them I wouldn't be the same, and passing this bill will strip away my right to have them. Do not pass this bill. Do not be corrupt. Be the change our culture needs. You have the power. Democracy is lost, but if there is an ounce of decency in you, observe the voice of the people.
—Gregory Foken, Eagleville, TN

If you allow the monopolization of the internet, then how do we protect ourselves from the government. You already control everything else.
—Zechariah Lloyd, Vero Beach, FL

What is there to debate here? Companies want whats best for them and citizens want whats best for them. As a government organization there should be no argument that your own citizens should take priority. We the people don't want this. Can we have an opinion please that means something.
—Matthew Maitlen, greenville, OH

An open internet is not only important for home, but extremely important for education! Don't do more damage to our access to information!!!
—Misty F., Woodhaven, MI

The internet is important to me, because it is the one place where speech means more than money. It is a place where innovation begins, and where bad deeds end. It is the world's way of speaking as one, and it is our way of living our lives connected to others. Taking the internet away would essentially be taking people's voices away. What are the odds of us being heard in the real world, when we have brothers and sisters that we have made on the internet who would support us beyond others' imagination. Taking away our freedom, would go against our laws, and go against us. It's for our own good to let us keep it, but we highly recommend you keep it how it is as well.

—Anonymous, Freedom, NY

Why would charging to go on certain sites be a good idea? We need to move forward in the world and restricting access to everyone on certain sites will only hinder any further research or progress. This all seems so stupid to me. Sure you might make more money, but if you take internet from people. People get mad. The government has been messing with the people too much recently something will break soon. Please don't do this whole pay for sites system.

—Michael Wolf, Kildeer, IL

Net neutrality is what the internet was founded on. I'm a developer, and an artist of many forms. I do lots of stuff in many differing fields, and without net neutrality my outreach would be severely limited. The internet is supposed to be free, without a corporate system, for pure information sharing. You've already found a way to corrupt the "un corruptable" U.S. Government. Please, please just let us have this. I dread the day that we move forward into a cruel, corrupt, oppressive world, not by the hands of our government but by the hands of the capitalist system. To be beaten by our own people, by corporations existing to serve "us", that is my true worst nightmare. I dream not of darkened crevasses, not of faceless shadows, but of the heinous atrocity that is human nature. Please, Just let us go.

—Keith O'Donnell, Highland Park, NJ

The Internet is important to me because, as a college computer science student, I need to know that there will not be barriers to entry for the new ideas and services that I hope to bring to the marketplace. If ISP subscribers have an easier time loading websites of existing companies than my new innovative product, there's no way that I or any other small business that relies on the internet the , new store front, will be able to compete or succeed. Additionally as computer science student i recognize the idea that ISPs have to pay for the increased bandwidth with the growth of the popularity of the internet but as technology continues to evolve i find that that argument is no longer viable due to the new intelligent design that people are using to better optimize websites and content as to lessen the pressure that you claim that is too vast for your businesses to maintain.

—Jason Klimaseski, Port Jefferson, NY

Net neutrality sounds like an unfair type of communism

—Cully Lineberger, Hickory, NC

The internet is an open source of information and opportunity. Without Net Neutrality all of this becomes stilted and unbalanced in favor of big corporations. This is unjust and selfish of FCC to constantly try to subdue the internet to ISP proposes. The FCC was meant to protect the people, not bow to the ISP.

—Priscila Fernandez, Sanford, FL

Big companies should not have the power to influence how and what I can use the internet for. Don't let them scam their customers and rig the system.

—Caleb Sims, Crosby, TX

The internet is our past, present, and future. for the love, freedom, and humanity that makes this country so great, please keep and protect our Net Neutrality.

—Brandon Richards, Port Washington, NY

This comment is for Commissioner Clyburn: In a previous post, you had quoted the late Dr. Maya Angelou, whom you had the privilege of interviewing: "I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel." Net Neutrality allows for everyone, regardless of class, race, or belief to access the Internet. Please keep in mind Dr. Angelou's words and consider how you made us feel when you vote. If you can get the rule changed so that paid priority is prohibited, that would go some way to calming our fears. If not, consider reclassification under Title II, or voting with Ms. Rosenworcel against the proposal as originally stated. Thank you for your time.

—Eric Isenbarger, Traverse City, MI

How is this conversation still happening? The right thing to do is so fucking obvious.

—Mary Montgomery, Minneapolis, MN

The internet should be a place where the user is considered equal despite their differences and no one should be given privilege over another user based on wealth.

—Daxton Mitchell, Fort Worth, TX

Why should someone that I haven't voted for decide what I see.

—Anthony, camden, SC

It is extremely important that we keep the Internet open and neutral. Doing so will continue to foster innovation and freedom to explore and learn, unhindered by needless intervention. I believe that as Americans, we have the right to the freedom to learn and to grow. Restricting access to our Internet will cripple us as a nation.

—Colin Mumbach, Houston, TX

The internet is like a deep dark hole that exists at the bottom of a magicians hat. Anything can come out of it. Weird things, normal things, happy things, fake things, important things, things that make people see a reason to live, things that destroy hope, things that keep us sane. It's beautiful in that way and changing it would be no less than changing the way nature works. No different than destroying the oceans, or clear cutting the forests.

—Mekayla, Lansing, KS

I value my internet freedom very much and would hate to lose my unhindered access to hardcore gay bondage porn and funny cat pictures. Please keep net neutrality and turn away from the ridiculous bribes that are surely being thrown in the face of whoever is the boss of the person reading this.

—Edward Lewis Zahniser, Sandy Lake, PA

Why am I paying to access the internet if everything will not be available to me. Do not say that competition will drive the cable company's to have reasonable prices. If I could switch my cable company I would, but I simply can not. We should not be empowering these companies, whom get voted as the worst companies of all time.

—Brian Schultz, Marco Island, FL

For our freedom to roam.

—Andrew, Port Orchard, WA

It's so unimportant for me to say something. Like you're even going to care about what a single person would say. Oh, wait. That's what the internet is good for right now. BECAUSE EVERYBODY CAN HAVE AN EQUAL SAY NO MATTER WHAT. You take that away, and suddenly we have the American government. Leave the government out of our internet. People need to be free to express what they want. People who want to try and start up their own businesses and get websites for them need to be allowed to have the same chance of somebody finding as a huge chain store. Musicians, painters, game makers...so many forms of art you're just going to shut down if you do this. Why....why in any deity's name would you want to starve the already work starved? They put out so much free content that they probably are ACTUALLY STARVING. But they have a chance to be seen. They have a chance to make it big. That's why Youtube artists and uploaders can become real musicians and real record labels. That's why deviantartists can be found and hired by people that like their art. The internet isn't just for porn. The internet isn't just for social media, cat pics, and Netflix. The internet is a playground. Everybody gets to play on it. Everybody gets their turn. And people can work TOGETHER to help accomplish great feats. Just because you don't enjoy true freedom in America doesn't mean you can take it away equality on the internet. We need Net Neutrality because it allows the thinkers and creators to continue thinking and creating. If you try and shut us down, we WILL find a way around it. We WILL find a way to get you back. You can try and shut us up, but there's too many of us. You can't stop the signal, FCC...

—Trent Robinson, Stillwater, OK

I believe in the power and importance of small business and the legal equality of companies which fosters competition. The last thing we need is to damage competition by enabling Verizon and other large corporations to dominate the market more than they already do.

—Jake, Sacramento, CA

The freedom you find on the internet is a refreshing escape, even if momentarily, from the constantly restricting world we live in. How will people retaliate when backed into a wall, the last bit of true freedom of opinion they have taken away? People need somewhere safe to vent their opinions without the fear of judgement. You can find that on this internet, the free one that we are currently using, right now. It doesn't need to change. There's no good reason for it to change. Why fix something that isn't broken, only to end up breaking it?

—Carlie, Sycamore, IL

Net neutrality is of great important to me and my country. Money does not create great ideas, nor would an internet that's solely a playground for the rich. Keep our country free.

—Molly Miller, Omaha, NE

America has already fallen behind the world in telecommunications for the sake of the almighty dollar for big companies and now this bill pretty much takes all urgency to provide a better product for consumers away and further cripples America as a whole from progressing.

—Devante Bonton, Broussard, LA

The internet allows me to access the information in our world. I don't want the accessibility or content to be changed or filtered in a way that does not benefit humanity. The FCC's current heading is a direction that will only endanger the environment of the Internet. Do not pursue this course.

—Jonathan Hall, Castaic, CA

The Internet is a free place and every person has the right to access it freely in the way that they want. Your companies getting richer isn't worth destroying the internet. We will fight this relentlessly.

—Alexis, Naples, FL

We need net neutrality and we stand together.

—Dan, Hillsboro, MO

I refuse to have limits to my flow of information

—Nick O, skokie, IL

Self expression and freedom in a country where every day we loose more rights. I want my children to enjoy the internet like I did.

—Patrick McDonald, Satellite Beach, FL

The internet is the one place where we (excluding China and North Korea, of course) can interact with people from different countries. We can share common interests and ideas, such as headcannons from Sherlock and Supernatural, or have intriguing and thought-provoking debates over forums about vaccinations or other such topics. Limiting any of this over ISPs is an infringement on our rights.

—Lauren Basting, Crown Point, IN

Net neutrality has meant I can access news from around the world, no excessively long wait times for downloads since I'm not paying extra for greater bandwidth and my sources aren't being treated as second class since they aren't among the major players online. Access is critical. Putting only the major few news magazines at the front of the library and hiding the others in back of the stacks wouldn't count as fair access. The internet should be even more transparent and fair, not less.

—Andrea Wells, Bethlehem, CT

I want the Internet to remain free for everyone. I want my kids to grow up in the same world I was fortunate to grow up in. In a free world where the Internet can expand your imagination and open up your mind to new ideas. I want the ISP's to stop trying to control the Internet.

—Jamie Ridenour, Fort Wayne, OH

As we don't have the backgrounds, preferences, life experiences, education or lifestyle, there is no justification for our options to limited by a group that cannot represent us...

—Jackie Snyder, La Mesa, CA

I like being able to produce my own goods and read what I want without any limitations

—John Smith, methuen, MA

Net Neutrality is important to further expand the free sharing of art in multiple formats. Also new forms of entertainment and innovative ideas that come from places that encourage users to upload content.

—Ariel Aybar, Orlando, FL

Don't fuck with the internet please

—Joe G, new york, NY

The internet isn't some sort of new field for a monopoly. It was created and kept by the people, and there is no distinct ruler of the "internet". Stop trying to control every part of everyone's lives in our so called "free country". "Those who would give up Essential Liberty to purchase a little Temporary Safety, deserve neither Liberty nor Safety."

—Wilson Martino, nutley, NJ

The internet is a hub for sharing information, art, ideas, passions, lifestyles, and more. Not maintaining net neutrality is an affront to the expansion of one's mind and the hunger for knowledge and new ideas. It is Un-American.

—Calin Caracol, Yuba City, CA

There is absolutely no reason to make the Internet into another Cable TV. We already deal with the frustrations that come with companies such as Comcast and Time Warner Cable, there is absolutely nothing to gain out of making the World Wide Web a for-profit organization. That is all to be said, you could list a thousand reasons and elaborate on why the FCC need not do this, but the bottom line is, there is no reason to implement this policy and change the Internet.

—Yannick, Chula Vista, CA

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How would you like if it some started to sell you oxygen to breathe? Hackers will destroy you if you dare challenge the Internet. Leave it alone douches!

—Edwin Brito, Riverside, CA

A free and open internet is the single greatest technology of our time, and control should not be at the mercy of corporations.

—Adam, San Francisco, CA

Net Neutrality is important to me because the internet is the last bit of wild west America has left. The NSA is already doing their part to make it painful to use by spying on us, can the cable companies please just fuck off and let us use the internet properly the way we have been? Do the cable companies really need more money? They already are colluding and running monopolies, and likely the small down ISP's that are the "competition" are just little off shoot companies they set up for the appearance. Also Tom Wheeler is a dingo and should go back to Australia.

—Justin, Ask the NSA, NY

Dear FCC: Please know that for every comment you receive pertaining to preserving net neutrality, there are dozens more that aren't heard. The neutrality of the internet is of the utmost importance. Gone are the days when the internet was a luxury item. The internet should be treated as a utility because it is just as important. Have you tried going to school with no internet? It is no longer possible. Internet is required to do just about anything these days from applying to a job to accessing higher education. Please protect net neutrality and stand for what is right!

—Chris Marquez, Homestead, FL

I believe that the users of the internet should be the ones to determine the content viewed, rather than the internet providers. Please leave net neutrality alone.

—Andrew Marshall, San Ramon, CA

Net neutrality is important to me because I don't want ISP's to pre-approve and throttle the websites I go on. I go on the internet to forget how much I hate these greedy companies, I don't want to be reminded even more.

—Max, Old Bethpage, NY

Current and future generations could potentially gain a vast amount of knowledge and skills on their own with the help of the internet. However, if net neutrality is discontinued and online content is consequently driven by profit then online educational material will dwindle. This collective loss of intellectual value is just one of several reasons for saving net neutrality.

—Andrew Thelen, Ogden, UT

The best part of the internet is the weird absurdity that it comes with. The chance to explore all that our people have to offer; the chance to give everyone an equal voice to be heard and an equal chance to be seen. Net Neutrality is what gives the internet life. It's what gives the internet love. It is what reminds us that there are people out there who are strange and sad, and yet it gives us hope that there are also people out there who are just like us. We are human, and Net Neutrality helps us maintain that.

—Kirsten M Kuykendall, Springfield, IL

The internet should be an open place of equal opportunity for everyone. It's literally the only place left like that in our world.

—Jennifer Cole, Long Beach, CA

Many people use the internet for a source of free or inexpensive knowledge. Net neutrality makes that source of extremely vast knowledge available to everyone. Without it it'll only make it harder for those that can't afford it.

—Alvin, cerritos, CA

The internet is the last bastion of equality and free speech. Let's not ruin that for the next generation like you ruined everything for us
—Franklin, Carroll, IA

Without net neutrality, the internet will no longer be the free and open place to discuss and share ideas that it was designed to do. I don't want my internet to become only entertainment like TV. It should be a place to learn and also discuss ideas with other people of like minds.
—Derek Lentz, Austin, TX

Please don't let big ISPs take over our Internet. Let it run free and watch it grow beyond anything we could hope for.
—Jeffrey Davis, Colorado Springs, CO

The internet was made to be a complete database of all human knowledge and media. I will not stand by silently while big companies try to monopolize that well of information. So just stop trying.
—Kenny Tran, Atlanta, GA

Peter: They will clean up all your talking in a menace such as this Brian: They will make you take a tinkle when you want to take a p*ss
Stewie: And they'll make you call fellatio a trouser-friendly kiss Peter, Brian, & Stewie: It's the plain situation! There's no negotiation! Peter:
With the fellows at the freakin' FCC! Brian: They're as stuffy as the stuffiest of the special interest groups... Peter: Make a joke about your
bowels and they order in the troops Stewie: Any baby with a brain could tell them everybody poops! Peter, Brian, & Stewie: Take a tip, take a
lesson! You'll never win by messin' Peter: With the fellas at the freakin' FCC And if you find yourself with some you sexy thing You're
gonna have to do her with your ding-a-ling Cause you can't say penis! So they sent this little warning they're prepared to do the worst Brian:
And they stuck it in your mailbox hoping you could be co-erced Stewie: I can think of quite another place they should have stuck it first!
Peter, Brian, & Stewie: They may just be neurotic Or possible psychotic They're the fellas at the freakin' FCC!
—Dexter Morgan, Orange, CA

I believe that net neutrality is of the upmost importance in regard to what the internet is and without it, there would be no creativity and it
would make like dull.
—Brandon Tingey, San Diego, CA

Don't ruin the internet please, its like a sort of freedom of speech.
—Raimond Ngo, Grand Prairie, TX

I need my porn, it's not fair to regulate it
—Bob, Renton, WA

If you think for one second that YOU have the power to control the vast, wonderful Internet- go to hell. The Internet belongs to everyone, it is
a level ground where we are all accepted. We are equals on the Internet, we are not judged on appearances, race, sex, or color. The Internet
was designed for the SHARING OF IDEAS. What you are trying to pass is the STARVING OF IDEAS. Keep the Internet free! I, as well as
everyone else you have heard from, use the Internet to learn, to teach, to inspire, to BE inspired, and to communicate with the entire world. My
sister went on a trip to Uganda last summer, and to me, it was so beautiful (as well as a blessing) that my family could use Skype to keep in
touch with her from 7,000 miles away. The Internet is vastly powerful, and is the only thing I care enough about to voice my opinion over. So
LISTEN when I say: Respect our rights. Respect our freedoms. Respect the love we have. Respect the power we all can share. Keep YOUR
hands out of OUR Internet.
—Jordan M., Monticello, IL

Free speech and the ability for small businesses and newer websites to be found easily is important to me as a consumer. Sometimes the big
companies that have the money to spend on this aren't the websites or information I need. I don't always want information from larger
companies but opinions and voices from smaller people who have something new and creative ideas to add to discussions.
—Maria Perullo, Albany, NY

Internet neutrality is part of our freedom!!!! Not too mention part of our freedom of speech!

—Melissa, San Benito, TX

Net neutrality ensures a free marketplace in which products and websites thrive on the basis of their quality, not on the basis of whether they are funded by a company which can purchase access to consumers. If net neutrality is compromised, it will compromise the free market principles at work on the internet and harm the competitiveness of American internet businesses.

—Jorge Gonzalez, Los Angeles, CA

honestly this is such bullshit fuck you guys and fuck your money i got rich by playing the game fair. The internet is the only place left for real business to start from nothing, if you want to take that away you realize you take the fucking spirit of our country away. Fuck you, sincerely michael keeler ps. this is bullshit and i can't believe this is really happening again fuck you guys and fuck off i love the internet

—Michael, South Lyon, MI

Godammit,FCC,the internet was not meant for your bigoted,self-absorbed ass. Good day.

—Sarah, St.Petersburg, FL

Net neutrality is important to me because i dont feel it is fair to smaller sites and business to have to pay for their internet traffic. Furthermore i feel it is unethical for the FCC to be so corrupt and to be influenced by big time cable corporations JUST because they are the head chairman. You are going to screw over millions of people because you're greedy. Is that really what america has become? Internet service is already in the toilet, WHERE'S MY 50MB UPLOAD THAT I PAY FOR HUH?! gone. thats where, the same principle will happen with internet

—Drew, ALEXANDRIA, VA

Net Neutrality is absolutely vital. Corporations like these ISPs will destroy one of the last great bastions of free speech, and we can't let that happen.

—Dalton Strong, Grand Rapids, MI

Do not chain and bar me from the only place I can escape to at the end of the day. I'm a good person, I pay my taxes, I have common courtesy to others. Sometimes I feel entitled to have my own niche to rest and disconnect from real life. The Internet is that place. That is why Net Neutrality is important to me. This encroachment affects me directly, and I demand that it be discontinued.

—E Cheung, Tampa, FL

Great Lord above I will use every ounce of personal restraint within me to refrain from using profanity in this message, but I cannot make any promises. Sirs and madams of the FCC and other relevant bodies, I write to you not only as a consumer of entertainment and informational platforms on the Internet, but also as an American citizen. If this bill goes through and you sociopaths (I made no claims about insults) succeed in your goal to end the glorious virtual democracy that is the Internet, then the idea of an equal and fair America is truly dead. Or perhaps it never existed. Either way, the Internet in its current form is a truly American landscape, where everyone's voice can be heard equally and anyone with enough gumption to produce their own content has a shot at success. If this is undone, you have taken away countless opportunities for advancement and innovation for an entire generation, perhaps several. I would ask that you search in your souls to relocate your consciences and do the compassionate thing, but I feel that would be a waste of my time. Consider this instead. The people remain happy and content so long as their entertainment is not tampered with. If you tamper with the Internet, and you are proposing to do quite a bit of that, then you are setting yourself up as martyr-makers. There will be people who claim the privatization of the internet as their sword to fall on, and they will come rising at you as conquerors to demand your removal. You are weak and frightened agitators and your pseudo-supervillain takeover of the most beautiful informational tool in history is an affront to human dignity. May the voice of the American people be as loud as it needs to be, and may your children spit on your graves. Sincerely, Evan Nyarady

—Evan Nyarady, Santa Cruz, CA

Net neutrality is important to me as it ensurs ISPs are limited in the amount of power they have over my experince on the Internet. Net neutrality also allows smaller businesses to stand on relative equal footing with larger, more well established businesses that may receive preferential treatment from ISPs in exchange for money if net neutrality is changed in the ways the FCC is trying to change it.

—Logan Boehler, Ottawa, IL

new, innovative services that can't afford expensive fees for better service will be less likely to succeed. ISPs will have too much power in determining my internet experience by picking and choosing what to provide better access to and what not to

—Danielle, Seattle, WA

I pay my governmental taxes and fees EVERY year like I'm supposed to. I do not ask for handouts from Medicaid/Medicare/SSI. Please do not force me to pay MORE than I already do to browse and use the internet. If this is allowed to happen, what is next? Controlling what books I can read or TV programming?

—David Cline, Davisville, WV

Don't do this. Please don't screw us over even more.

—Juan F Salazar, Brownsville, TX

The internet is meant to connect people from all around the world, and I strongly believe that this new system of "pay-for-play" will greatly limit and peoples ability to connect with others. The internet would not be what it is today if it were not for the freedom and neutrality every individual has now. innovative internet companies such as google, facebook, and kickstarter which all do an immense service to this community would not exist if it weren't for this neutrality, had these mandates been placed before the internet would be a much more closed and conservative environment, allowing no room for expansion, progression, and development in this modern era. Generations to come will only have an exponential fraction of what information is already on the internet for anybody to learn, information that could help advance their studies and education. Please end the further censorship of the internet in America, stricter guidelines and regulations will only diminish what progress we've accomplished.

—Anthony Vaca, Lake Elsinore, CA

Stop being money hungry, it's annoying.

—Taylor, Cary, NC

Effective monopolies aren't conducive to market innovation.

—John Van Enk, Bellingham, WA

Freedom of information is important to create new ideas. If Net Neutrality is gone, so is the large amount of innovation and creativity associated with it.

—Joshua Malinis, montgomery, IL

I support Net Neutrality! Keep internet fair. Everyone gets a fair chance at knowing/listening/speaking their minds online. This is what creates amazing things.

—Amy, Los Angeles, CA

The internet is the last frontier of free speech.

—L, Beltsville, MD

PLEASE save the internet by choosing net neutrality!

—Anthony Ladin, Pearland, TX

OPEN INTERNET IS THE ONLY WAY FOR TRUE FREEDOM

—John, New York, NY

There are literally so many reasons that removing net neutrality is a terrible idea. I definitely do not want someone who can't understand why it's a bad idea, or chooses not to care, in charge of what I can and can't do online.

—Al, Detroit, MI

I want there to be net neutrality. Don't get rid of it.

—Ruben Aguilera, Dallas, TX

Net Neutrality allows me to access the entirety of the internet, I feel like if it is revoked, culture and information will be severely retarded.

—Christian Zarnke, Rockford, IL

Giving corporations the ability to limit services will be detrimental to small business, inventors, writers, artists, students and so many others. Fee bases services would create an unfair advantage for those who have the money to spend, making it harder for the poorer to get education, start a business, and spend money. Please keep the net neutral and give everyone a fair chance.

—Kathleen, south dennis, MA

Removing net neutrality will destroy the point of the internet which is to be a wide open sandbox of information, creativity, and spread of knowledge. Removing and restricting access of internet sites will destroy the internet as a whole and any creativity/activity/profit as a whole. Stop trying to parcel away the internet into the control of companies that NOBODY wants in control. The fact that former cable lobbyists are the head of the FCC is just evidence of your money grubbing and profit pushing ideas that is destroying everything in its path.

—Paula Y, Cerritos, CA

Why on earth would I want the content I view and sites I visit to be throttled? Please consider that my browsing habits are not yours to control.

—Ian LaMotte-Kerr, Tarzana, CA

The Internet should be open to encourage innovation.

—Andrew Weber, Lake Bluff, IL

We deserve to have the internet free and neutral!

—Amy Aberg, Castaic, CA

The internet has proved an invaluable tool, but only if it is allowed to be a free flowing entity. By requiring companies to spend money in order to better serve their customers, you will crush countless start ups that thrive in such a free environment.

—Charles Danner, Boise, ID

The Internet is about freedom and innovation. Please dont take that away from us.

—Marco Lomeli, San Diego, CA

Look, don't fall for the corruption. Just leave the internet as free as its always been.

—Nabil Amin, Philadelphia, PA

Net Neutrality is freedom and freedom is what the USA is all about.

—Jameson Estes, Phoenix, AZ

Net neutrality is important to me as an entrepreneur and small business owner. It's time that the government ended it's collusion with rent-seeking business interests to stifle competition.

—Troy, Anytown, AL

Quit trying to ruin our internet just because your getting paid from bunch of nobodys

—Chan, Louisville, KY

My family has a business website and without it we wouldn't have a reliable source of income. My sister is an artist and the only way she can truly reach out to her audience is through a few websites which might not be able to pay to be on the list. The decision of the FCC to eliminate Net Neutrality will affect me and my family personally, and many others.

—Nathaniel James Watkins, hattieburg, MS

becuz the internet izmy playground. Or because the internet is an important resource. More than that. The internet, this increasingly vast, unquantifiable digital landscape, where information flows is too vast to be limited by the hands of mere companies. It cannot be divided. It cannot be bought. It is a tool. A tool that will allow the greatest of minds to come and congregate, though they know it not. A tool that will allow the future industries, of rich men and women of character and wit, and so on to become wealthy, to become powerful. To become a bulwark of the nation. America's golden age has passed. But the internet, this congregating melting pot represents an opportunity bring it back again. To bring a new age of intelligence and wit and wealth and power about again. It isn't important to me. A simple man. But it's important to the rest of us. To america's best and brightest. The internet is a free place. Let it remain so.

—Isaac J Hawk, Powder Springs, GA

I don't want the FCC to infringe my rights on the internet. This is silly, and should stop.

—Zack Bagley, Clinton, CT

Dear FCC, Net neutrality, the principle that Internet service providers (ISPs) treat all data that travels over their networks equally, is important to me because without it users may have less options and a less diverse internet. A pay-to-play Internet worries me because ISPs could act as the gate keepers to their subscribers. Sincerely, Theodore Waters

—Theodore Waters, Lansing, MI

The internet is a gloriously free and wild place through which anyone can voice their opinion about anything at any time. If we lose that than what is left? Please keep the internet the way it is without any limits or restrictions!

—Jessia Overholser, South Haven, MI

It is important to me that we are able to express our individuality and artistic abilities to be seen by all. The internet is made of all unique individuals coming together to bind on a deeper level. Not some large company dictating our fucking lives.

—Alexis Hieber, brandon, FL

Net Neutrality is important to me because it keeps the corporations from fucking me in the ass any harder than they already do in every other aspect of my life.

—Keyan West, York, PA

I think that if we allowed this to happen then businesses would not run as efficiently due to the fact that most businesses use the internet primarily to communicate to other corporations and businesses. It is not right to control businesses that are hardworking and and take away the free flow of internet. It is an essential part of their profit.

—Alyssa Hickerson, San Diego, CA

The internet is the only thing our generation has to cling to. Make it a corporate venture over all and America WILL fall - there will be nothing left for us.

—Talia Bigelow, Boxborough, MA

Freedom is not a privilege it is a right. This is one thing that people, even the apathetic and the lazy, will fight for. Net neutrality will win. Just don't bother, it's absolutely evil.

—Suzanne Murdoch, Malone, NY

The rights of Americans are slowly disappearing. Are you going to take away the next one? DON'T!

—Erin Conklin, Asheville, NC

Net Neutrality is important to me because if it were to be taken away my whole business goes away. I rely on the views and access to art websites and several other websites for page views and clients to commission my work. This is my way of living, this is my dream. I am 24 and working my dream job, don't take that from me.

—Jessica, college station, TX

Lobbyist of large companies do not represent a nation.

—Jason, El Cerrito, CA

A pay-to-play internet worries me more than an open one.

—Victoria Allen, Woodstock, GA

Please support Net Neutrality for all of us

—Caitlin, Los Angeles, CA

I rely on the internet to keep up with my possible employers on the Renaissance Faire circuit. This is only made possible through sites that allow open forums. If a pay-to-play plan is enacted, then there is a good chance that many of these forums will disappear. This would nearly remove my chances of continuing the job that I love.

—Jonah, Killeen, TX

The Internet is one of the few places where human voices speak louder than money....so protect Net Neutrality.

—Heather Lehman, Reynoldsburg, OH

Net Neutrality is important because the internet is one of the few truly free places in America.

—Maria Barril, Rochester, MN

I'd rather keep this short and simple as long-windedness is not my forte. I believe the Constitution matters. I'd like for something in this country that I truly love to be a part of to be about true freedom instead of money. Is there any chance that this will ever happen? Not likely. I've lost faith that it could happen. Restore faith, please.

—Taylor Frey, Harrisburg, PA

FCC, net neutrality is something the USA needs. Innovation cannot succeed in a country where big large companies capitalize on lack of innovating, competitive products. As a Mechanical Engineer working in SBIR projects in Wyoming, I would sincerely hate to see all aspects of internet life fall into the hands of major business to force out small businesses and ideas. With those gone, out goes competitive innovation and genuine progress.

—Justin Wood, Sheridan, WY

the Internet should be neutral. love democracy!

—Anna Wallsten, stockholm, sweden, AL

The internet NEEDS to stay just the way it is, fair play to all that use it. These companies who stand to profit more than they do already are the voices that are speaking louder than what the people of this country want. The internet is a place where all people have an equal stage to be heard or to listen to anyone and everyone.

—Michael McCormick, Enola, PA

To whomever will read this at the FCC, I am for protecting Net Neutrality.

—Evan Norris, WOODINVILLE, WA

The interwebz should be for all stop trying to monopolize everything you greedy fat pigs!

—Erika, east brunswick, NJ

I love being able to find info on the internet in a couple keystrokes, learning new things is great!

—Abena Atiemo, portland, OR

Freedom of information for all men women and especially children.

—Max, Brooklyn, NY

If Net-Neutrality is done away with several beloved businesses will fail, the economy of America will be threatened, and Americans freedoms and liberties will have been trampled upon. And we all know how irate We The People get when our liberties are violated. Remember the Constitution, forget the lobbies, and forsake your dollars. The future of the nation is at stake.

—Cory Hensarling, RIXEYVILLE, VA

Please keep the internet free. It may be a strange confusing place for people of your generation to understand, but that is no reason to try and destroy it.

—Matthew Bell, Lacey, WA

What would it be like to have an entire, different world that the majority of the world has come to know and enjoy? What would it be like, as a student going into college, to not be able to freely express my writings, artwork, to not be able to find inspiration from the far corners of the net because I had to pay for it, and even then it would not be showed? What would it be like if you had to pay for every bit of information you saw, and for someone to take away your own personal space on the internet because you had to pay even more worthless money on it? The internet is something you can't simply just restrict. It's free, and even if you make an attempt, there will always be a way around it. The people running this must be truly insane because of the gargantuan effort you will have to use to make this work, and all for what, some pocket change? Don't you already have enough?

—Andrew K. Foley, Durango, CO

I shouldn't have to explain myself other than the reason that this is capitalistic nonsense and everything we preach is hypocritical for reasons like killing net neutrality.

—John Jakowski, marlboro, NJ

I believe that we should maintain Net Neutrality because it allows us to maintain a level playing field throughout the internet and does not give large more powerful content providers leverage over smaller ones.

—Muhammad Mazhari, Houston, TX

Net neutrality is what makes it possible for me to receive accurate information from a plethora of different news sites in order to stay current with world affairs.

—Gavin Davis, Monterey, CA

The internet is an absolutely amazing collection of the products of many creative minds. If Net Neutrality is destroyed, then the internet as I know it will be destroyed.

—Branden Roper, Parker, AZ

Really? Getting rid of the ONE most important thing on the internet? Net neutrality is what keeps the internet fun and equal.

—Aiden Hale, Winn, ME