

All humans deserve equal access to the internet. The internet is the dawn of a new age of our civilization where all ideas can be exchanged instantly regardless of distance or status.

—Jacob Bruce, Windham, ME

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The internet is a digital world of innovation and prosperity, it is not a place to bog down with bills, This bill will cripple mankind's advancements, just for a few people to make an extra buck, so please for the sake of mankind, do not pass this bill. It is time to save the internet

—Bryce, East longmeadow, MA

The Internet is the embodiment of free speech in this generation, and no one should have the power to limit what can or cannot be seen on it

—Katherine Duncan, TOLEDO, OH

It is important to me because I don't want my internet rights infringed upon.

—Dominic Barrasso, Philadelphia, PA

The internet is an open resource that should be available to all, both rich and poor. By compromising net neutrality the government will be inhibiting a basic freedom of the U.S. people and creating a greater wage gap between different economic classes.

—Elliott, Rockville, MD

Net Neutrality is important because the internet is a wonderful playground of innovative websites. We need creativity! And new ideas! Please do not take this away from us.

—Ava Gomez, Westland, MI

Save net neutrality. It's what makes the internet so great. It allows random people on the internet to express themselves.

—Samuel Wightman, Spring Valley, NY

What you are doing will completely eliminate the chance start-up business have of breaking into competitive markets. We need a neutral web, a place that is not run by old men who have no idea about 90% of what the internet is used for.

—Jonathan, New York, NY

Fucking asshats, fucking asshats, fucking.

—Gerald Nocentino, Casselberry, FL

Don't mess with the current system, I'm not about to change the way things are just so Comcast/Verizon/Time Warner can make even more money. Net neutrality is essential to the health of the internet. Imagine if a few large corporations controlled access to all the roads in the country. Without regulation they would be free to charge businesses any amount they wish to allow drivers access to those shops. The openness of the internet is just as important as the openness of our roads. Internet providers seek the freedom to charge certain websites more money to provide their content to users at faster speeds. Whether this means charging popular websites more money for the "base" speed, or offering higher than "base" speeds for an additional charge is irrelevant because they are essentially the same thing, with the latter wearing lipstick. In our current environment the largest internet providers are also the largest providers of television and telephone communication services. Allowing them the freedom to control the speed, and therefore the quality, of online-based video and communications services is blatantly anti-competitive. Ultimately, if there are claims that communications companies are unable to compete with similar online services, that speaks most loudly about an archaic business model that does not need to exist in the internet age. These companies inadvertently make a strong argument that ownership of the infrastructure that delivers the internet would be, like road infrastructure, better in the hands of the public than in companies trying to protect old business models. Short of that, strong regulation is needed to protect the openness and freedom of the internet from companies who would pursue their own interests rather than those of the public..

—Christian Broderick, Baltimore, MD

The internet is a resource we should use to strive toward innovation. We need to utilize it to its full potential. Suppressing information, restricting speeds, and allowing corporations to govern us is not the solution. In fact, it is far from a solution, it is a threat to our way of life. My children need to know of a limitless world, not a country that is governed by corporations.

—Raymond Lillibridge, Madison Heights, MI

The Internet is important to me because, as a college business 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 will be able to compete or succeed.

—Arsene Muchler, Texas City, TX

I want to keep the internet the way it is. The wealthy should not have control.

—Frank D'Agostino, Ronkonkoma, NY

Even as the cute 10 lb. dog that I am, I realize how important net neutrality is to the importance of freedom of information. Don't make me pay extra to watch my beloved dog videos.

—Shiloh Artemis, Miami Beach, FL

Net neutrality has made the internet what it is today, and it would be absurd to jeopardize it. Without the ability of all services to reach customers equally, it would be impossible to ensure that a fair competition exists and capitalism can flourish.

—Carson Morales, Norfolk, VA

It's fucking fine the way it is. What's wrong with you morons?

—Travis Guile, Gresham, OR

The proposal to abandon Net Neutrality on the internet in favor of a multi-tiered content-biased system is deeply flawed. It would: 1. create a system that inhibits technical innovation by allowing ISPs to choose which technologies their customers can access. 2. create a system that protects entrenched companies while penalizing the start-ups that have been the life blood of the internet. 3. limit access of non-profit organizations that cannot afford "fast-lane" fees. 4. penalize media companies that do not directly own cable or satellite access to consumers. The Internet has flourished under the de facto common carrier ISPs held until recently. It is time for the FCC to declare that ISPs are Common Carriers and hold them to that status. I personally do Science for several BOINC based projects and feel that any limitation would damage many projects that help people around the world. Thank you,

—Mike Tremmel, Altoona, PA

The internet is an important public platform, and every user deserves the chance to succeed for free

—Sarah, Chicago, IL

Net neutrality is a must. On the surface it may seem like a good idea, the potential for abuse is too great. The net has served us very well for these many years. There is no need to foul up a good thing.

—SJ Doss, Port Jervis, NY

Freedom. It's not something you understand. do stay out of it.

—John Laffin, Lexington, KY

The internet is the last true bastion of freedom where big money doesn't dictate one's influence. Let's keep it that way.

—Aleksander Poniatowski, Crystal Lake, IL

The internet is one of the last vestiges of society where a person can express themselves or their beliefs without interference from big companies or government telling them how to live. Lets not change this...we need diversity and we need freedom to express opinions, talents, and beliefs. Make the right choice...greed is NOT the right choice.

—James Bull, Noblesville, IN

What better expression of the right to freedom of speech do we have than the internet. Keep the internet free and neutral.

—Mike Shepherd, Weiser, ID

Because the internet should be a place to spread all ideas, innovations, and creativity freely and openly. Not a place for big businesses to make an extra buck.

—Kevin Vorstadt, Dryden, NY

I, as a US citizen and rightful taxpayer, believe that it is in the best interest of me, as well as my fellow Americans, to keep net neutrality in tact. This administration has already done enough to crunch the job markets and stifle entry level competitors. One of the best ways to get your small business off the ground is by spreading it by means of the internet. You cannot deny this as truth, and therefore I think you will come to understand net neutrality only hurts the consumer and the American public. Thank you.

—Patrick Winschel, Lawrenceville, GA

America will never be destroyed from the outside. If we falter and lose our freedoms, it will be because we destroyed ourselves.

—Jim, toms river, NJ

The internet is a place where EVERYONE's voice should be heard, not just the highest bidder. FCC, it is YOUR job to protect those voices and not give in to greed and avarice. Please ensure the future of this open and free exchange of ideas and information by working to protect and preserve a neutral internet that does not discriminate against anyone.

—Lindsay Burkholder, Chattanooga, TN

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I love the internet,its a way to learn about anything you want. i want my kids to be able to have limitless power when on the internet, expose them to the world, how brutal and strange it can be, but also how funny and kind and diverse it can be.

—Roger, Kansas city, MO

I believe it is extremely important that we keep Net Neutrality.

—Alex Cutter, Danvers, MA

Dear FCC, I'm Joshua James Dambik and I live in Akron, OH. 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 ISPs could have too much power to determine my Internet experience by providing better access to some services but not others. A pay-to-play Internet worries me because ISPs could act as the gatekeepers to their subscribers. The Internet is important to me because, as a college student, I need to know that it will not effect my college tuition because my college might need to pay for the fast lane access for the college website. Other websites might be effected as well, like YouTube, Facebook, Tumblr, Twitter, hotmail.com and gmail.com, which currently offer free membership might charge a subscription in order to pay for fast lane access or lay off employees in order to compensate for a fast lane fee. I have internet to look at what I want to look at, whether it's watching videos on Youtube, checking my email, doing research for a class, or playing online internet games. It would be unfair for me and others to be unable to do the things we enjoy on the internet because some of the websites we enjoy might be put in the slow lane and the service of those that were able to afford fast lane might be effected. Sincerely, Joshua James Dambik 77 Fir Hill Drive #6B2 Akron, OH 44304

—Joshua Dambik, Akron, OH

Net neutrality is important to me because it protects everyone and their rights. It prevents ISPs from reducing the speed to your site due to you opinions and thus protects free speech. It gives independent and startup company sites equal access speed. It would allow for advancement in Internet access rather than the current stagnant state it's been in the less regulations ISPs have.

—Pedro panzardi, longwood, FL

I need to be able to connect with like minded people, share projects with local artists, and have the FREEDOM to create anything I want so long as it DOESNT INFRINGE ON OTHER PEOPLES RIGHTS. Set

—Stephanie, Ypsilanti, MI

Because the internet is not a property of the guy with the most senators in his pocket.

—Michael D Black, Kent, WA

reclassify broadband as a telecommunications service under title II of the telecommunications act

—Fred Hickler, Chicago, IL

We can't trust the FCC to do it's job, so let's just ask the FCC to do it's job.

—Kaitlyn, Swarthmore, PA

How can you not protect the main source of American innovation, expression, and knowledge of the last two decades? The driving force of the economy? Every person's window into the world? How can you risk losing that by listening to some of the most hated - by their own customers at that - corporations in the world?

—Piotr Mankowski, Cambridge, MA

Failure to enforce net neutrality will impact America's ability to compete with the rest of the world by creating an additional barrier to entry.

—Thejus Chakravarthy, Baltimore, MD

Because the internet, as it is, has allowed for amazing things to happen that help improve the world as we know it. Limiting that is only going to hurt everyone in the long run.

—Ashley Daniels, Oceanside, CA

The internet might be messed up and weird. But it is a places where everyone's voices can be heard. By getting rid of internet neutrality this will be hindering the 1st Amendment, the freedom of speech.

—Bianca A Mathews, Warren, OH

I love my open, free internet the way it is; the internet where literally anyone can make their thoughts, opinions, talents and emotions heard. I don't want a world where net neutrality doesn't exist, it gives people the freedom to be who they are without major money making companies having any direct effect.

—Barbara Truman, New York, NY

The internet is a source of education and entertainment for the world. A tool for communication and self-improvement. This is something that should continue to be all-access for those who want to better themselves regardless of income. People will continue to fight for true net neutrality every single time it is threatened. It sickens me how greedy corporations have this much power in America. Keep Net Neutrality.

—Lindsey, Derry, NH

Net Neutrality is important to me because we need the innovation and creativity that shines thru in each individual, apparent thru vlogs, blogs, recipe sites, parenting assistance, art portfolios, musicians' life work, historical documents.....the list goes on and on. One would theoretically be able to learn every minute of every day, and never reach the end of the amount of information that's on the web today. LET US HAVE OUR OWN VOICE

—A, oklahoma city, OK

Protect Net Neutrality!! Do Not let the internet become a pay-for-play industry that leans in favor of large companies/people. The internet is supposed to be a neutral zone where everyone is equal.

—Michael, Cleveland, OH

Please stop choking us out of the last bit of freedom that we have.

—Kylie, Kissimmee, FL

Dear FCC, As with many, my intentions are not malicious or selfish. I am here to speak my part, regardless with the fact that I am only sacrificing a few sleepy minutes of my evening time. I will keep this letter short simply because I feel it will be lost forever in the space of the internet, without a single person taking but a glance. I feel that the bill the FCC is pushing is a threat to what is supposed to be a free and open space in which everyone has the same access to. Imposing a tiered system gives way to a litany of dubious business behavior that can already be witnessed with a select few providers. I leave my thesis statement as is and wish that we do not commercialize something that should be evenly accessible to all. Money can be made elsewhere, just not here.

—Alexander, Boise, ID

Without net neutrality, the internet is vulnerable to greater and greater restrictions. The idea that content providers that are able to pay large fees are more deserving of being seen is a ludicrous idea and one that goes against everything the internet stands for. We live in an interconnected age, where the internet is the greatest tool for free and open exchange. It's a place where ANYONE can express themselves, or put up whatever content they've created, and be able to be heard. If you restrict that, if you make it an exclusive club, then that cripples the entire idea of what the internet is for.

—Matthew Sager, Lexington, MA

The internet is supposed to be a free ground. Net neutrality is important to me because companies should not be allowed to charge money in areas that do not concern them. I do not want my freedom of access determined by an old, out-dated bureaucrat.

—Andrew Meissner, Lawrenceville, GA

Don't let this big cable company control what we do in the internet like their control the content on TV.

—Francisco Diaz, harvey, LA

I am a human. I deserve freedom of information.

—Danny J Perdue, Indianapolis, IN

I know you are considering a new rule that will permit internet service providers to offer content providers a faster track to send content, thus reversing your earlier position on net neutrality. Please do not allow ISPs this level of control over the internet and its contents. Internet service providers already receive proper monetization for the service they provide. As a former enlisted military member, I ask that you make a stand and help the people of your country that aren't in the position you are, or have the power over this decision you have, to please save and ensure net neutrality.

—Kim Modica, Annapolis, MD

The Internet is an entity all its own that belongs to the people, and if these policies that deteriorate net neutrality are passed, we're one step closer to a government-controlled Internet and one step closer to losing the basic ability to voice ourselves clearly on the most effective, accessible, and favored outlet. We will be paying boatloads more for a ruined version of what was once a free and open medium.

—Alex Green, San Marcos, CA

I like my freedom and hate centralized control. Leave free enterprise alone!

—Jason Levens, Atlanta, GA

Don't fuck with net neutrality.

—Kelly, Manassas, VA

Net neutrality is extremely important to not only me but to our economy. Net neutrality is vital to small businesses and, as a business student, I someday hope to start up my own technologically integrated company. If net neutrality is taken away, I, as well as many other small business owners, will have to fight that much harder to succeed. Meanwhile, huge corporations will maintain their lobbying power and continue to fight for conditions that ensure their success- one of those conditions including barriers to small businesses and healthy competition.

—Natalie Happe, Minnetonka, MN

Protecting the internet is good for America. Innovation and creativity are what make this country great, and we NEED net neutrality to maintain those.

—Joe Deckert, Eugene, OR

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

—Andrea Cronin, Medfield, MA

What has spawned from the invention of the internet? How many industries have simply sprouted from the open "playground" of the internet? You cannot standardized freedom of thought. You cannot control our content.

—Allison, austin, TX

I enjoy watching local musicians on the internet.

—Lauren Wright, timonium, MD

Don't mess with my internet because you guys just want something else to control, what ever happened to real freedom?

—Teddi, palm bay, FL

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The internet has become the frontier where the new and the strange have become successful. Without net neutrality, a fundamental resource for the expansion of human creativity and ingenuity will be destroyed. I support Net Neutrality so that a future of opportunity and countless possibilities can exist for thousands of people.

—Leilah Labossiere, Miami, FL

The Internet is important to me because we get all of our news, watch movies, and communicate with other people in our daily live. We have come to rely on the Internet to be fast and stable at all times. We should not allow big companies to interfere with our experience and price gouge us for the internet sites we visit often. Other countries already have it at speeds a hundred times faster than us and we're already complaining of slowing it down even further, putting us farther behind. Please do not allow the companies to interfere with the Internet experience. Thank you

—JoGabriel Castañeda, San Antonio, TX

Net Neutrality, the principle that ISPs treat all data that travels over their networks equally, is important to me because without it users may have fewer options and a less diverse internet. A pay-to-play internet worries me because ISPs could act as the gatekeepers to their subscribers by 1) introducing new restrictions and fees for services we already use and 2) making it difficult for subscribers to gain awareness of new start-ups and technologies that don't have exclusive network access.

—Matthew Hemker, Kettering, OH

There is absolutely no valid reason for this proposed action.

—Linda Pisecki, South Windsor, CT

I realize you, the FCC, do not have the American People's best interests at heart even though you say that you do. The internet is the one place where anything goes. Where anyone can become anything. Net Neutrality would crush everything that the original American Dream hoped to achieve. A pay-for-play system would ruin so many places on the internet that cannot compete with companies like Facebook and Amazon. I also realize that all you people at the top of the FCC are corrupt, just like everyone in our government. We as the people must try and pick the best of all of that evil to make important decisions on our behalf. Please don't screw all the people who love the internet just the way it is. A concerned and scared 20 year old, Zachary Rachal

—Zachary Rachal, College Station, TX

I have only recently learned about net neutrality and have thus come to learn that it is part of my everyday life. I use it whenever i do my schoolwork and whenever i'm bored.

—Zachary Cneault, des plaines, IL

As a creator and small business owner, Net Neutrality keeps the Internet open, and—generally—everyone on the same playing field. To get rid of it would mean I likely would no longer be able to do what I'm currently doing. Please support Net Neutrality!

—Ashley Ruggirello, West Allis, WI

We need Net Neutrality because if a group of companies are able to decide what content we're able to access and at what price, the quality of service we receive WILL be lower than what we have now. Anyone who has a shadow of a doubt about whether this is true or not only has to look so far as current cable practices.

—Kenneth Carver, Trussville, AL

Net Neutrality will be the death of individual creativity.

—Carl Berry, Rapid City, SD

NET NEUTRALITY IS IMPORTANT. PROTECT IT!

—John Alexander, College Station, TX

Net Neutrality is extremely important because the internet is an ever expanding database of knowledge. Of course there will always be people trying to profit from it, but lets leave that to the people who are truly creative and use the internet for positive. Please don't try to make the internet another puppet of this once democratic, now leaning towards communist, nation

—Brett Snell, Broomall, PA

fuck off u maggoting maggot fuck u

—Bilbo Baggings, Shire, NY

I love the internet, and i hope it never changes!

—Jacob, Miami, Fl, FL

Net neutrality is imperative to human scientific and social advancement. If our information is limited, we may no longer be able to advance in ways not desired by corporations.

—Gary Therrien, Salem, NH

Save net neutrality! It's important that the internet stays free for everyone.

—Lindsey, gresham, OR

The Internet is important to me because, as an entrepreneur, 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 me, there's no way that I will be able to compete or succeed.

—Mike Lindell, Issaquah, WA

So the FCC won't let me be, or let me be me, so let me see.

—Brady, EVANSVILLE, MN

We shouldn't have to pay to have better access to the internet.

—Kaitlin Coleman, San Diego, CA

Freedom of speech is a basic right on America. The Internet is the purest form of this expression, trying to control us un ethical. You can not say shame on China for controlling Internet access then do the same.

—Joshua matheny, North Las Vegas, NV

By controlling what the people of the United State of America can see on the internet we are becoming no better than other countries that are controlling their people. If Net Neutrality was to happen what makes us any different than countries likes The Republic of China or Cuba.

Why take away the lively hood of people who are already established as faces of the internet just because big business doesn't agree with it?

—Diana Couch, Vandenberg AFB, CA

Net Neutrality is important to me

—Westonsouther@yahoo.com, Mesa, AZ

We already pay higher prices for lower speeds as it is. Stop making it so that the internet is an unattainable and affordable resource. We use the internet for education, entertainment, employment, and pretty much everything else. But if we follow the current path, the internet will no longer be for everyone. It will be for the select few that can afford it. Please stop.

—Sara S, Hilliard, OH

Paid prioritization and censorship is bogus.

—Ashleigh Woda, Hartland, WI

Without an open and free internet great American ideals are lost. This is the land of the free, no? The internet helps spread new great ideas, and everyone has an equal voice.

—Jesse Galloway, Charlottesville, VA

The Internet provides an unparalleled range of information for anyone who wants to find it. Allowing ISPs the power to assign price tags to Internet aspects of their choosing would be a gross enabling of monetary profit over the encouragement to learn. ISPs should not be able to filter content for their subscribers. They act as providers of a service, not judge and jury over their subscribers' decisions and search engines.

—Dana Lopez, Rochester Hills, MI

I like being able to just read or look at whatever I want. I don't even use lots of high traffic sites that will get the most attention. I want to be able to get everywhere as fast as I do now, without anything being cut off or slower.

—Christina Miller, Des Moines, IA

I am signing this for current and future generations of interneters who have the right to access without limitation the vast collection of knowledge and beauty that is the modern day Library of Alexandria.

—Dillon Marlatt, Dayton, OH

Because poor people have just as much of a voice as rich people, there is equality on the internet, it is for everyone.

—Caitlin, Bedford, MA

Net Neutrality is an important part of fostering creativity and innovation for future technologies. Equal access to consumers allows the best ideas to succeed instead of just the most well funded ones. It is an integral piece of creating our future.

—Christa, Charlotte, NC

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—Caitlin, Bedford, MA

Net neutrality, is the thing making it possible for people to get success. If you take it away, you are taking possibility of success away from them. STOP this.

—Gavi, Buffalo, NY

Net Neutrality is important because it allowed me to learn two languages. I have friends from all over the world thanks to it. The internet should be free just like education.

—Helena, Leakesville, MS

Free enterprise is based on the idea that individuals have the right to fail or succeed based on their own merits. For a government agency to intervene and create any system that restricts that freedom will be detrimental to our freedoms. Allowing private industry to gain control over internet usage in any way is just as bad if not worse than imposing arbitrary taxes just to increase revenue. Instead of developing new ways to better technology and competition it will stifle growth of innovative ideas and our economy worldwide. Please keep the internet open and equal for everyone.

—Jarred Corley, Bald Knob, AR

Cable companies with monopolies in certain areas are already abusing their power by imposing data caps. If given the ability to discriminate between net traffic (no matter how carefully the FCC thinks they have worded it) they would continue to abuse any power they have. Please re-classify internet service providers as Common Carriers to prevent these issues.

—Heather Hubbard, Paducah, KY

America is not a perfect country, but the one thing that is understood by every person living here (citizen or otherwise) is that there is no such thing as a MORE IMPORTANT opinion or belief. An opinion might be ill-informed, based on wrong information, in the minority, or even utterly laughable, but it is the right of the person holding it to express it when and where they please. The internet is one of the only places left where the average US resident has the same standing as a multi-billion dollar lobby. There are many examples of simple men and women who host blogs or websites that have hundreds of thousands of readers despite not having the money to BUY validation for their beliefs. They are popular because people AGREE with them. If Net Neutrality is destroyed, money will become what dictates the "importance" of a belief or service, not actual demand by the public. Isn't the entire point of a free economy that people will buy from or listen to the people that provide something they want of their own volition? I have the right to buy my clothes from a self-employed website owner instead of a big-name company if I want, and I can do so just as easily as I could if I WAS shopping at the big name store. If companies will be allowed to "promote" their businesses over those of the average entrepreneur, it will destroy the very foundation of a capitalist democracy - the right of ANY person to strive and succeed, not just those that are already rich. Don't do this. Corporations are already screaming at us from every billboard, newspaper, and TV ad we see. They don't need the power to silence dissenters or remove competing services from sight.

—Lizaveta Boika, Flushing, NY

Please honor democracy and maintain net neutrality.

—Susan Jahoda, New York, NY

The fact that business and legislation believes that it has a right for how much information people can receive, at what rate, and what pace is beyond ridiculous- mostly considering of the decentralized, free port system that is the internet. Institutions like this (the one you are creating by ending net neutrality) are what promote online piracy. Give people an easy method to lawfully access private entertainment and they will do so; however, give them problems and they will find a way to pirate any and all of the information you are trying to slow down.

—Steven Herran, Elmhurst, NY

Net Neutrality is the only way that the internet should operate. In a country that praises its principles of freedom and liberty, the internet should be a shining example of what we stand for.

—Cody, Waterville, OH

How many times, how many ways, how many scenarios do the people have to go through for the FCC to get it through it's thick head that the people who they are supposed to be working for DO NOT WANT NET NEUTRALITY SOLD TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER. We already know Tom Wheeler has been bought by the Cable Industry like the whore he is but we can only hope that his attempt to collectively fuck the entire internet out of the very quality that made it function will end if everyone all together yells "STOP" and "NO MORE". Maybe then he'll stop trying to rape everything we all hold so dear and do his actual job and represent what's best for the American people not just the lobbyists shoving wads of cash up his ass. And yes, though my language is at times graphic I feel it's a fairly accurate description of the situation so deal with it.

—T Robison, Somewhere, AL

I support net neutrality and the idea that all data transferred through the internet is treated the same. Thank you.

—Daniel Hsu, Princeton Junction, NJ

Please do the right thing and protect net neutrality.

—Jesse Evans, Burlington, VT

Net neutrality allows free and open competition of ideas throughout the world. To reduce neutrality would put content control in the hands of few rather than many and only further move our country down the rankings of "freest." I like freedom. Don't take it from me.

—Dan Gregg, Ypsilanti, MI

The internet is important to me because as a student and someone who creates stuff I like seeing what other people come up with and bouncing ideas off of them for different projects. Plus it has helped me research many different subjects for school.

—Kristina Nelson, Wildwood, IL

Because this is America, you twats. The USA doesn't have much going for it anymore, because men searching for a bigger paycheck have sold away most of the few remaining ideals we had. Our public education system sucks. Let us retain our freedom to educate ourselves, then.
—Teresa Zaffarano, Nevada, IA

I wish for the protection of Net Neutrality. I do not believe that ISPs should be permitted to gain that degree of control over users for something that is so ubiquitous in today's society. The number of proposals that insist on encroaching on the premise of a free internet is alarming. Please protect the internet.
—Jeffrey Wang, Copley, OH

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—Mark Davis, Lancaster, PA

In our modern world, the definition of human rights is evolving as we constantly face new technologies and situations everyday that shape and develop our consciousness. The UN Declaration of Human Rights states that by simply being human we are entitled to certain rights including the right to life, freedom from discrimination based on race or gender, equal access to education and many more seemingly obvious human rights. Net neutrality is important to me based on the human right that we all deserve equal access and opportunities in education. If the previously open internet space is compromised it would affect an entire nation of people's access to knowledge and thus their development and improvement as human beings. I believe that in order to reach my full potential as a citizen of the United States and of the world, I deserve equal access to the contents of the internet and the FCC should not have the ability to infringe on my human rights.
—Stephanie Madara, Carrboro, NC

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The internet has led to incredibly imaginative and innovative creations. But what truly helps these ideas spread is the freedom of the internet. Everyone from enormous corporations to band playing in their own garage has the opportunity to share their content equally over the internet. Destroying net neutrality will destroy these creations by discouraging the development of future content. People will be discouraged to find that what they have created is being limited by slow download speeds. The FCC's claim of the "fast lane" and the "faster lane" is utterly ridiculous. It takes just a cursory look at the cable TV industry to see that once a company can control the speed of content delivery, they will squeeze every dollar they can out of their customers with no regard for anyone's interests but their own.
—Scott Hare, Livingston, NJ

Leave the internet How it is, freedom for all!
—Micah Tallent, Warr Acres, OK

The Internet is an important extension of free speech. The greed in America is alarming and without net neutrality our ability to share and access Internet content will be increasingly limited by the amount of money corporate America can leech out of the masses. The lack of net neutrality will affect innovation, sharing of ideas, and one's ability to interact with the world on personal, educational, intellectual and economic basis. Grow a set - support net neutrality.
—Kenton Garner, Cicero, NY

It is important to me as a citizen of this great country that our ability to access the Internet freely is not compromised by those in power. I want an open Internet in which creativity, thoughts, and ideas can flow freely and uninhibited. I want an Internet in which I am exposed to varying points of view without alteration by greedy companies. The Internet is a place rich with information and innovation, and even of community. It is a place which encourages freedom of speech and freedom of thought. I urge you not to allow this essential part of modern life to be destroyed. Allowing gatekeeping of the Internet by the highest bidder would be an affront to American citizens and would stymie the free flowing of creativity, innovation, and ideas -- with negative consequences in the global community as well. I urge you to protect and maintain true Internet Neutrality.

—Lauren Powell, Columbus, GA

I am against the proposition that restricts net neutrality. It's a monopoly and it's unconstitutional.

—Tiffany Simmert, Painstville, MT

Please protect Net Neutrality, and you should stop execs from the FCC and the cable lobby from trading off...so often. Thank you

—Katie Jagel, New York, NY

Dear FCC, By limiting the internet, you're limiting the future. You're effectively putting chains on advancement for those too young to have a say in your politics. And you're doing it for profit. YOU are supposed to protect us from things like this. Please, support Net Neutrality.

—Justin Graffa, Troy, MI

The government, and corporations, have no right to restrict access to free information just because they want to make more money. It isn't fair, and it violates the freedoms set down by the constitution. And while I understand the Constitution was set down more than 200 years ago, the freedoms it provides to the citizens of the U.S. are translatable into the current era of this country. Stop being such greedy selfish pricks!

—Erik Wollum, Coon Rapids, MN

The internet is the only thing that connects the world without borders, without the fear of persecution, its the only thing that keeps millions of lonely people company, its the thing that lets families talk to one another without the fear of running up a bill, and they can see their faces when that wouldnt have been possible almost twenty years ago. The fact that this is even trying to pass again lets me know that nothing the government or any government agency really has no interest in the best road for this country, just incredibly selfish monetary reasons. Always has been. You've already tried this twice or so before, oh and thanks to the FDA scare about the cigar industry I lost a very nice job that also supported America, and various other countries, but of course, thats going to be messed with again. So get out of the internet now. Leave it the hell alone, there is nothing you people can do to make it better. Focus on things that actually fucking matter, like running the country and making sure that works, since in the past 50 or so years its seemed to be pretty screwed, and no one wants to do anything but point fingers. So just leave the internet alone, go find something else to ruin further.

—Kelsey, okc, OK

We the people need some help. For-profit corporations are ganging up on us. Think of the bullies on the playground, to illustrate, or the gangs in a cartel. Invest in us.

—Mr. Colonel Williams, new bedford, MA

The Internet is not something that should be commercialized for economic gain. There is already enough killing of creative thought in this country, we don't need one of the last venues in which we the people can speak to be choked down

—Scott Burkner, Lawton, OK

We need the internet ok

—Yaniris, belle chase, LA

The internet is the current information stronghold that is actively advancing our world's technologies through communication and idea sharing. To throttle and monopolize this information is unethical and retrogressive. What this world needs is an open source to share ideas equally and efficiently, not having it impeded by greed.

—Josh Petty, Burlington, KS

The internet helps me keep my memory after age 65 The internet helps me maintain my health through research and information available to me. The internet lets me connect with my relatives who are not in the same area. The internet allows me to share my creativity, which I could not afford to do without it. The internet allows me to grow and build my connections to and with others. The internet allows for me to have my small business which means I can eat which means I am not a drain on our economy but an asset. The internet makes me happy and connects me to current events I would not have financial access to otherwise. The internet allows me to pay my bills and shop where I would not have access without it. The internet is my education tool, where I could not learn many things or take many courses without it. Please keep it neutral, for all our sakes.

—Diane, Boca Raton, FL

Make the internet common carrier because it is our common carrier of communication....Unless you steal it from us for your pals, old bosses. You need to resign today if you cannot in all honesty do your job for the people rather than the old bosses some of you have had in the past. We need to see who does conflict of interest suits against public employees if you set up this fast lane for those that are clearly people that have paid you more then you get working as a public employee and likely will again in the future. DO THE RIGHT THING! Make the Internet Common Carrier and ask Congress to introduce Tim Berners-Lee's Magna Carta /Bill of Rights for the Internet. HE UNDERSTANDS IT BETTER THAN YOU! There are two honest regulators on the commission and three with past close ties and earnings from the industries this commission regulates. ALL THREE WITH PAST TIES SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO VOTE ON ANYTHING AND SHOULD RESIGN! That includes Commissioner Wheeler who is either too stupid to realize what he is doing or too corrupt to do the right things and /or thinks the public is too stupid to know what he is up to. STEP DOWN!.

—Monica Seymour McFeeters, Baldwin, MS

The Internet is a place of creativity, innovation and inspiration. It doesn't know any sort of filter and its beautiful that way. Please don't subject the most free space on Earth to the whims (read: expected profit margins) of executives. It is a forum of freedom. Please leave it that way.

—Jennifer Bourlier, Livonia, MI

Don't touch my internetz. Get your filthy, corrupt money out of politics, and your filthy, corrupt politics out of net neutrality.

—Johan Lindegren, Norwalk, CT

Net neutrality is important to me because I don't want to be stuck seeing what YOU are PAYED for ME to see. Also because the change would take place as I am leaving college/grad school with tons of debt and no actual money to my name, which means I probably wouldn't be able to use the internet at all.

—Hannah, Los Angeles, CA

The internet should be an open and free space for people to spread their creativity and ingenuity, and be able to explore without the constraints these massive companies plan on implementing. STOP THIS NOW.

—Melissa, Winter Park, FL

I have friends that create funny short videos. They have been doing it for almost 10 years now, the internet has given them the opportunity to share their funny ideas with people who have a similar sense of humor. It is a way for them to express themselves outside of their mundane jobs. An outlet to be creative and share with other people to enjoy. Removing that will not only strip away their creativity but take away the videos their friends, family and fans enjoy watching.

—Tory Cordero, Philadelphia, PA

Why are you so greedy, is the huge amount of money you have not enough?

—Alex, Dallas, TX

I think it is horrible that people are even considering to change Net Neutrality. This is just a scheme to make sure the rich stay rich and the poor just get poorer. Right the the internet is place where any voice can be heard. Anyone can create their own website to start-up their own business. What will happen when all of the big companies that have the money to pay for faster speeds take over? The little guys will be kicked out and be unheard once again. This is by far one of the stupidest things i have heard in a while. Isn't the FCC run by a former CEO of a cable company? All todays cable companies are big monopoly's. The fact that no one can compete with them; they can make you over pay for their shitty services and all of their "bundles". The same thing will happen to the internet if the FCC gets their way.

—Brett Legendre, Patterson, LA

I don't want a gatekeeper. I don't want someone to have to filter through and approve my content, I don't want a Pay to Play system. What is this, Combat Arms? No thanks.

—Andy Castillo Porres, Palmdale, CA

Net Neutrality is the principle that says ISPs can't discriminate between different types of traffic. Instead of a wonderful playground of innovation that it is now, the Internet will become like cable TV where you can only get stuff that's been pre-approved by a bunch of old rich guys. The Internet is one of the few places where human voices speak louder than money. Please keep it that way

—Ryan Roark, Stroudsburg, PA

No other generation has had something as open, exciting, or full of potential as the internet. It allows expression, community, growth, and learning. Let it do what it was meant to, freely, without restraints, and the world will be better for it.

—Ryn Duncan, Corvallis, OR

Net Neutrality is a cornerstone for the future of internet innovation. All is lost without it.

—Josh Eadie, Pittsburgh, PA

On the internet it does not matter if you are rich or famous, everyone has the same voice. With a pay-to-play internet companies like Google would not exist because services like Yahoo would be too big to dethrone. It literally stops all evolution of the internet because only the richest companies can buy service, and anyone running a start-up site is doomed to fail. Can you imagine a world with out Google?

—C V., San Francisco, CA

This is more than an issue of free speech; it's an issue of censorship and free expression. If I choose to express myself via the Internet and a company can deter my thoughts because they do not support it, this violates my freedom of expression. Not just as an American but as a person, I should not need to pay to have my expressions "unfiltered," or even made easier to express to the level they are now. Net Neutrality guarantees me and all other Americans our rights to express ourselves without any deterring censorships. Please consider what the people want and what we're willing to fight for. Thank you ~

—M Wolfe, Carmel, IN

To Whom It May Concern: I believe the internet to be a free-zone even more so than reality. A business closer to the home will get more business from you than one 3000 miles away. However, on the internet everything is a click away and distance doesn't matter. Music, videos, news all of that is right there. Taking away net neutrality is the equivalent of censoring our content and we may as well be no different from the world's communists and dictators. Sincerely, Jhonny Almeida

—Jhonny Almeida, Hackensack, NJ

The internet is where everyone voice can be heard, mot only of the rich people. Dont kill our right to express ourselves.

—Michelle Montiel, Laredo, TX

Net Neutrality is important to me because the internet is one of the last forms where speech is freely spoken and many ideas are formed. Don't disrupt our free-thinking!

—Tegan Donnelly, Nashua, NH

FUCK YOU SO MUCH YOU ARE THE ANTICHRISTS

—Hans, hans, ID

Giving people fair access to the internet is much more important than earning a few extra dollars.

—Charan Gibbs, Colorado Springs, CO

As a heavy internet user who also works for a startup, Net Neutrality is vital to me being able to let people know my business exists, and ensure I am able to succeed.

—Tom Larkin, New York, NY

Retaining net neutrality is essential to allowing equal access to what has become a central, global information network. Allowing corporations to dictate access through financial barriers will only add to corporate influence and income disparities, further eroding democracy.

—Dr. Laura Maciuika, San Ramon, CA

Net Neutrality is absolutely important to me as it is the ONLY platform left where ALL individuals are able to be equal. Small, large or corporations are all equals on the NET, where each business can grow. It is also important for all citizens. Individuals with lower income are able to use the internet as it should be. ISP's are only concern with maximizing profit. ISP have continued to show profits and there haven't been any reinvestment in the economy.

—Kojo Holman, Brooklyn, NY

Equal access to the internet is the best way new talent can be get the public's attention. Don't squelch the hopes of artists for the sake of shareholder profits.

—John Whyman, Vivian, LA

There is no morality in profit-driven corporate domination of communications. Are populations to be transformed into commodities to be manipulated and controlled by corporate interests solely on economic basis? This is also the banality of evil. We the People require at least as much access on an equal footing with any commercial interest.

—Barbara J Sliger, Montpelier, VT

Please leave the internet a free service for all without restrictions and limitations, HELP us prove that this country is founded and run by its people and not major corporations

—Andrew Bross, livingston, NJ

With the proposed changes, big corporations will effectively silence independent or small entities, which threatens the First Amendment.

—Sara Zalkin, San Francisco, CA

the internet should be FREE, as is primary education in this country. The only sites that should be banned are hate speech and child abuse/rape/porn.

—Jennifer laporta, Oakland, CA

I recently launched my own small business in Washington, D.C., for which online presence is a key component. Additionally, the majority of the know-how needed to start this business was learned online. I cannot be more excited, but also cannot stand for this opportunity being limited or removed to other aspiring entrepreneurs due to a lack of net neutrality.

—Kevin Vanarsdall, Vienna, VA

I am enraged and DEEPLY concerned that this is even a possibility. The short-sidedness of these actions is so obvious people need to FORCE themselves to ignore common sense that this is a terrible idea. Doing away with Net Neutrality will only create a stagnant and sterile enviroment that will discourage growth, flexibility, and creativity. I am dumbfounded that currupt buisnessmen and lobbyiest are once again trying to tie the hands of free people, not just Americans. These persons should be placed on trial and their ideas and actions be placed under scrutiny.

—Cole Riedel, Clovis, NM

The internet as it is now. Is possibly one of the greatest things ever made by man. Sure it has corners of nasty and gross and bad. But there's far more good to it then bad. People can receive support from possibly thousands of people. Any reasons from just normal stress, possibly reaching for a promotion of a job and is seeking opinions. An aspiring artist looking for support. You cannot make this into a controlled system. I stopped watching cable TV for the garbage they call entertainment nowadays. With thousands of reality shows all featuring the same things. Give me people who use Twitch.tv to broadcast and youtubers who are entertaining and good people. Please do not change the internet. For the sake of millions of people and their voices.

—Adam Metcalf, Mansfield, OH

Don't fix something that is not broken. Stop giving more control to superpower corporations such as Comcast. They have enough power already and look what it has done...terrible customer service and lack of acceptable alternatives with an extremely high barrier to entry. They finally have a competitor who is detracting market share and now they want control over their internet speeds? Net neutrality is the only way!

—Brett Dugan, Denver, CO

Please save net neutrality! Keep the internet free!

—Linda Sue Kocsis, San Francisco, CA

Net neutrality is the First Amendment of the Internet, the principle that Internet service providers (ISPs) treat all data equally. As an Internet user, net neutrality is vitally important to me. The FCC should use its Title II authority to protect it.

—Paul, Chevy Chase, MD

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 ISPs could have too much power to determine my Internet experience by providing better access to some services but not others.

—Aydin Sekban, Killingworth, CT

Please keep net neutrality. The internet is the one place money shouldn't speak louder than words.

—Kevin M. Hall, PINCKNEY, MI

I don't think anyone who can look at this objectively could honestly think that getting rid of Net Neutrality is a good thing. Do the right thing.

—Wayne Welbeck, Durham, NC

Dear FCC, Do not make a pay for speed internet. Net neutrality must be a guiding principle for the FCC. Keep it free and open. Sincerely,
Tom L

—Tom Lapor, oakland, CA

We need the internet to be open and accessible to everyone.

—Luis Orellana, Los Angeles, CA

My wife and I run a company as a non-for-profit. We use our own money to host a website to keep in contact with local makers and crafters in our community. The fact that our outreach is treated equally works to help lighten the load, since we don't hold our vendors hostage for high up front fees. Please treat us with the fairness that we treat each other with in our community. Take the time to really sit down and think about the decision you are making, we are begging you.

—Mathias Noble King, Medina, OH

Keep the internet free and where anyone and everyone has a voice, and NOT just the richest 1%.

—Tia Broadway, Higden, AR

Net Neutrality is important for equal opportunity for everyone who uses the internet to create, innovation, and explore new ideas. By limiting access to certain sites and favoring some over others the FCC will greatly decrease the potential that the internet holds, hindering creative progress and social progress too. Additionally a pay-to-play internet will never work because there is simply too much content on the internet. Keep our internet equal.

—Bryony Brown, Pittsburgh, PA

The freedom to access others' ideas creates a collaborative platform unlike any other; without Net Neutrality, we are limiting our potential to find solutions to personal and global problems.

—Ardyn, Brecksville, OH

Under no circumstances should access to information, goods or services be restricted by corporations and the inevitable censorship that follows. Consumers do not need their choices limited - they need them expanded and maintained!

—Saban HESS, Manassas, VA

The internet is my safe place. You cant just changr something so drastically like this. Stop.

—Katie, marietta, GA

The internet is where I feel like myself. I don't have to play politics with any bozo if I don't feel like it. Take that away and an entire generation will feel like they've lost a part of themselves... It's the equivelant of forcing all tumblr users to log into 4chan before they can access their blogs.

—Thias Light, Eagan, MN

The Internet is important to me because, as a college business 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 will be able to compete or succeed.

—Brandon Newberry, Acworth, GA

This "Fast Lane" plan is not fair at all. It will make new, just now starting, sites unusable, and I, like a lot of other people, can't afford the new fees. The internet is fine just the way it is, free and fair. So please, restore Net Neutrality, DON'T destroy the internet (which this will), and for the love of God, STOP doing this.

—Skylar LaFond, Clarkesville, GA

The internet is one of the most important technological advances this world has seen; On par with Gutenberg's movable type. Net Neutrality is the only approach that makes ANY sense. Equal treatment of ALL packets MUST be Mandatory! Creating "fast lanes" (and de facto "slow lanes") will cripple the robust health of this emerging technology. The beauty of the internet, is that nobody knows where exactly everything is going. Engineers and Entrepreneurs are finding new ways to utilize the internet on an almost daily basis. "Watering down" Net Neutrality laws will cripple these advances. Thank you for your time.

—Paul Lange, MASON, MI

The internet, as it is now, is a fair playground where even those without millions of dollars can succeed. I don't want that to change.
—Frank Paschen, Cinnaminson, NJ

The Internet isn't broken. It is the only representation of pure Freedom of Speech. Any changes would just muddy the waters.
—James McDaniel, West Haven, CT

When the power of love, overcomes the love of power, (i.e. money) the world shall know peace.
—Michael Clark, Vero Beach, FL

Hey FCC, protect Net Neutrality!!!
—Raabe, Houston, TX

Net Neutrality give a voice to everyone. There is no prejudice, no control. Net Neutrality gives us freedom. This is a freedom that should not be taken from the people.
—Will, Traverse City, MI

It's a matter of freedom of speech. Everyone should have the same volume of voice no matter where they come from or how much money they have.
—Lena K, Brooklyn, NY

Keep net neutrality. I dont wanna pay a metric fuckton of cash just to see porn and play games and watch youtube and all the different things I use the internet for.
—Andy Papadakis, Fort Wayne, IN

Are you seriously trying to pull 'Big brother is watching'? This totalitarianism will NEVER work. You are trying very hard to be like China and hopefully American citizens and the rest of the world will stop you. I am sick of you.
—Vik Machacku, Burbank, CA

I would like access to ideas that aren't filtered through commerce or the government.
—Vanessa Bedford, Sacramento, CA

Who know who will figure out the problem you need solving that so many others share with you. And you want to silence the voice of the person with the answer?
—Emanuel Pichardo, New York, NY

No selling a faster track internet. Please keep the system neutral.
—Susan Dent, San Rafael, CA

Dear FCC, I hardly think this will change the minds of your incredibly corrupt and self serving heads. I almost find myself not bothering with this sort of thing because the people who are trying to make this ridiculous stuff happen know what they're doing is wrong they just don't care but here ya go. Leave the internet alone. It does not belong to comcast, time warner, or the fcc. Pay for play style internet will not work.
—Edward Collier, Marietta, GA

Net Neutrality is important to me as a small business owner to ensure a fair playing field for companies and consumers.
—Nick Spagnuolo, Peoria, IL

To take away Net Neutrality is to take away the freedom of information. The Internet is an important resource for information and I don't want anyone deciding what I can and cannot view and learn.

—Stephanie Wilson, Turtle Creek, PA

In order to foster a more democratic society our Internet needs to be free.

—Huzefa Mun, west chester, PA

There is little competition between ISPs already when you look at the local level so customers will get stuck with really high fees if net neutrality is not enforced

—Mark Deering, hanover park, IL

I don't want the internet to become the playground of the "select few" who can basically setup digital bouncers to do their bidding.

—Levi Roan, Lansdale, PA

Cable companies deciding for me which internet is the most important can not and should not happen. Your energies should instead be forcing cable companies to create faster internet. I mean look at South Korea's speeds, it puts us to shame.

—George Burlo, BOISE, ID

Net neutrality is essential for good honest capitalism.

—Joshua, provo, UT

Because of the very simple reason of that I like this idea of a place where I can share and gather thoughts, help build up a sizable number of contacts and friends and that should this come to pass not only will you LOSE money in the long run by people choosing to use other services, but frankly, you will be remembered in the history books as the cocksucker that ruined the place of free speech. Do you REALLY want that?

—Harrison Feinstein, Weathersfield, CT

The Internet is important to me because, as United States Soldier, 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 access to information and ability to create products or services will be greatly diminished.

—Aaron Sotzen, Fort Bragg, NC

Do not allow Tom Wheeler's proposal to pass. This is Not in the interest of the American people. Please oppose this harmful proposal! We MUST maintain Net Neutrality.

—David Gistelli, Napa, CA

The internet is the single most important contemporary innovation. By limiting how it can be used, you limit the future progress of humanity as a whole.

—Will Schultz, Glenwood, NJ

I believe in supporting net neutrality because the Dingo head of the FCC will dramatically limit the potential of the internet.

—Charles Martel, Claymont, DE

FCC, please keep net neutrality. If the global events of the past few years have shown anything, it is the important of a free and equal internet to ensure freedom of speech.

—Daniel Flynn, Rome, NY

For civic engagement and exercise of our rights it is currently more important to have access to the internet than roads. We would never allow a city to charge for driving a specific make of car. We can't allow anyone to curtail the free flow of information. Additionally, by allowing the payment from content provider to access provider you are essentially taking ownership of my internet connection from me and giving it to the content provider. The internet will become one big Facebook where the end-user is the commodity being sold. You are better than that.

—Charlie Moses, Canoga Park, CA

Net Neutrality is important to me because I believe in a free internet. A place where freedom of speech is the foundation and anyone with an idea can spread it. The internet is a place where the economic cost of entry into an industry is almost nullified. The only benefit that permitting ISPs to control traffic based on content will provide is to the businesses willing to pay them for privileges. It will not help your constituents. It will not help the economy.

—Jakob Breving-Johnson, Calumet City, IL

We need a vibrant, and level playing field when it comes to the information super highway. Remember those words, INFORMATION super highway. It is not a telecommunication highway, it is an information highway.

—Daniel LaPlaca, Cranford NJ, NJ

By any measure, the middle class has had a rough go of it the last few years. I'm an ivy-league educated 27-year old working for a state college, and somehow can still barely make ends meet. I don't believe anymore that I can persuade organizations like yours using things like "principles," or "morals." I'm not that naive. Instead, look at us - the middle class - as what we are: the biggest lobbying group in the country. We've had precious few wins lately, and if that continues you're going to end up with exactly what you're most afraid of: the middle class getting off the couch. Take away our free and equal Internet, and we'll have one less reason to stay on the La-Z-Boy.

—Daniel Benz, Cicero, NY

The internet makes up a great deal of my daily life. This scope of entertainment is enjoyable, but it doesn't need to be regulated and discriminated upon because someone wants to make more money. All this does is hamper the mode of communication, and ruins the free expression in the name of capitalism. The internet is a network of information, and just as the porn sites proclaim, it's a mode of expression. What this does is no better than what China does, in making expression and the speed of information more muffled and censored depending on your societal privilege.

—Dakota Owen, Alexander City, AL

The internet is a tool of unlimited exploration and it provides more possibilities than there has ever been before. Do not let Capitalist influences ruin this for future generations.

—Margaret Curran, Amherst, MA

Dear FCC, What ever happened to the American Dream? What happened to the notion that anyone could be successful despite where they came from. When did we become an exclusive club? If you take away net neutrality, you are encroaching upon our freedom of speech. I know a budding musician who posts his music to the internet. He lives in a rough neighborhood and without this outlet, he would probably be out on the streets causing trouble. Please keep net neutrality for other kids like him, and for posterity. Thank you.

—Rachael, Fort Collins, CO

My small business will not be able to compete with the toll, as with many others. This is true of many small businesses, and will only serve to strangle innovation and new sources of revenue. It is of great importance to humanity of present and future to set precedent for the internet as a free an open space.

—Patrick Todd, Winterville, GA

It's what we want--FREEDOM. Enforce our criminal laws and then mind your own business please.

—L, Camino, CA

Our country was founded on civil liberties. It must preserve those liberties at all costs, not sell them to the highest bidder. Maintain net neutrality.

—Christian Camerota, Colchester, VT

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

—Claire Gould, Chicago, IL

Net Neutrality is important to me because I am a young chemistry graduation student. If I have been taught one thing in the public school system, it is to keep learning. Without net neutrality, I will have to cut my food budget even tighter in order to just browse scientific articles in my free time. The scientific community needs an easily accessible open forum to share articles and ideas across the globe. With net neutrality, science is flourishing. Ideas and thoughts can be spread around the world easily. Science is for everyone. Don't make it just for the privileged. Keep the internet available to everyone. Thanks.

—Thomas P. McGuire, Amherst, NY

The internet is the most valuable tool I have. it allows me to experience a depth to the world that I would otherwise be denied. If net neutrality is not maintained, it's not just small companies that lose their voice, it's me. When money is the strength of your shout instead of the merit of your ideas the laymen of the world will smother.

—Taliaferro Wiatt, Bowling Green, KY

The cable companies having free reign like this constitutes a complete monopoly, why is this being overlooked like something is not. Elected or nominated officials should have no affiliation with companies or be allowed to enter rolls where their area of profit does not directly correlate to laws they are attempting to pass. We make India look incorruptible at this point.

—Miriam Keaton-Howell, Austin, TX

Please protect net neutrality. I don't want my ability to find new technologies, do research or understand new environments to be held back by decisions of others..

—Randy, Boyds, MD

Net Neutrality is REQUIRED for continued innovation on the web!

—Brad Shaheen, New York, NY

Its wrong. Simple as that.

—Cailin, Shingle Springs, CA

I know it's pretty tempting to use your connections to keep the game going up there and make many times over when I will make in my life, again, but you are elected to a position to help represent us and protect our interests. Please do your job, we're paying you a lot for it.

—Joseph Ream, Newark, OH

Save net neutrality. We need to keep the internet open and prevent cable companies from creating monopolies that will harm the consumer. Thank you.

—Nate Drag, Buffalo, NY

Dear FCC, Fuck you you rich assholes. Serve the people not the corporations. seriously fuck you

—Thomas, Schenectady, NY

Please keep the net fair for everyone. Do the right thing! Don't turn the internet into anymore of a mess that the cable companies have made it.

—Stephen JEz, Shaw AFB, SC

Because it's fucking greedy and horrible that companies would pay money to be the "first ones" noticed when it's the small companies that keep this country alive and kicking and free. Don't fuck with our last outlet for true freedom of speech and creativity. Just don't.

—Caitlin Gray, Coldwater, MI

Please stop, nothing good will come from this decision.

—Alex, Bemidji, MN

I want to continue enjoying the many personal or small team websites that I regularly visit that might not exist anymore if we lose net neutrality. Giving larger businesses monetary control of what is on the internet seems like an infringement on our right to freedom of speech and expression. I may not be an expert on this, but I know that Net Neutrality is something that we need to protect.

—Adam, Dallas, TX

The internet is the one place where voices speak louder than money and it should stay that way.

—Eva, Washington, DC

hi there you awesome agency!

—Amy M. Kroin, Hadley, MA

SAVE THE INTERNET

—Lindsay Embree, Florence, MA

Please Don't Break the Internet Before Rural Gets it.

—Tirso Moreno, Apopka, FL

I work with many disadvantaged communities in the Central Valley, and high speed internet great facilitates community building, via enhanced communication; please support our disadvantaged communities by allowing better to broad band internet service.

—Eddie Ocampo, Clovis, CA

Please don't redline rural areas, thank you.

—Dan Esposito, Manhattan Beach, CA

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—Ret JAG Army Major Kim Ahern Nancy Grandquist Fields and Fields, Alexandria, LA

As the director of a rural non-profit that engages in economic development I implore the FCC to Reclassify rural internet access to rural areas as a Title II telecommunications service. It is important that rural businesses have the opportunity to close the marketing gap through internet technology and rural residents have the capacity to communicate effectively.

—Joyce Dearstyne, Elk City, ID

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—Sharon Kulczewski, Monte Rio, CA

Net Neutrality is important to our democracy. Corporations are making huge profits while many people do not have any access at all. Please reclassify Broadband as the telecommunications service that it is, and provide requirements for universal service.

—Trish Steel, Laytonville, CA

I own a rural business, and I beg you not to redline rural Internet access. Good broadband access is essential to my business and to our community. The Internet takes rural businesses, start-ups, and innovators to global customers. Yet, 14.5 million rural Americans do not have access to broadband service. Lack of access to this vital tool closes routes for rural entrepreneurs to contribute to the progress of our nation. Allowing Internet providers to sell fast Internet lanes to those who can afford them leaves rural businesses stuck in the digital dirt road. To prohibit fast lanes and guarantee that all American entrepreneurs have full access to the Internet, the FCC must classify Internet service as a Title II Telecommunications Service. FCC, don't leave rural entrepreneurs stuck in the digital dirt road! Reclassify Internet service as a Title II service and establish the strongest Network Neutrality rules possible. Rural entrepreneurs, innovators, and business owners working to strengthen our national economy need Title II Thank you for your consideration.

—Karen Fasimpaur, Portal, AZ

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Internet telecommunications infrastructure is essential infrastructure in the 21st century as roads and highways were in the 20th. Internet telecommunications infrastructure is a natural monopoly due to high barriers to entry and inefficiencies that preclude a competitive market. Because Internet telecommunications infrastructure is both essential and delivered in a natural monopoly environment, regulatory policy should protect it from ISP market segmentation and redlining that has resulted in widespread market failure throughout the United States, even in metro areas. Accordingly, "last mile" Internet telecommunications infrastructure should be regulated as a common carrier telecommunications service under Title II of the Communications Act to ensure every home is able to obtain service at affordable rates.

—Frederick L. Pilot, Camino, CA

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—Billie MAYFIELD, Flemington, MO

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—Brian Para, Oakland, MI

As a consortium leader for the FCC's Healthcare Connect Fund, a program dedicated to bringing high-speed broadband to rural health care providers, it was troubling to hear of the proposed rules to redline rural communities' Internet access. Broadband access for rural Americans is a necessity. Outside of the critical role high-speed Internet plays in rural businesses and rural schools, access to broadband services actually saves lives. In rural areas, access to affordable, timely healthcare is not always a given. Many rural residents must travel excessive distances to receive the care they need. Those people who are lucky enough to have a small rural or Critical Access Hospital in their town rely on services within those facilities that can only be produced as a result of a high-speed fiber connection at the site. Furthermore, major advances in telemedicine are making the future look much more promising for providing adequate care to all Americans at a greatly reduced cost to the patient, healthcare provider, and the government. All of these issues, and indeed the mission of the FCC's Healthcare Connect Fund, are dependent on classifying Internet services as Title II Telecommunications Services. Please do not cripple and penalize our healthcare providers based solely on their rural locations. They are providing cost-saving and life-saving services where it is most needed and hardest to find. Thank you, Ally Orwig Project Coordinator Indiana Rural Health Association

—Ally Orwig, Terre Haute, IN

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—Ron Farrow, Farmington, MO

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—Kerry Parker, Baxter, TN

Our neighborhood in West Virginia is the only one in our exchange to not have broadband service from Frontier Communications. This is after millions of grant dollars have been spent, just in WV, to improve rural connectivity. I don't know where that money went or who profited by that investment, but we still don't have high speed internet. Streaming movies? World Cup Football? Nada! The United States invented the Internet, and now our service on average is worse than that of nations one doesn't associate with technology leadership. I think this is criminal. Giant communications corporations roll up profits of billions of dollars, and want to keep their monopoly strong, while providing expensive but poor service, or no service at all! If a company want to install fiber, no one should be allowed to slow those projects! If a company wants to maintain monopoly service in a side area, they should be required to provide the same service to everyone! After World War II Rural Electrification brought modern life to the rest of America. Now the telecommunications industry must be required to bring modern telecommunications to the rest of America! This would begin lowering the use of fuel as people became able to work from home in areas where that isn't an option yet. It could help slow Global Climate Change. But no one wants to do the responsible thing. Step up to the plate and hit one for rural America!

—John R Hodel, Yawkey, WV

Dear FCC, We request that the FCC redefine the Internet as a public utility subject to Title II Communication Act. It is a telecommunications service. Further, no speed tiers should be allowed. everyone should have access to the fastest speed a provider can provide. No paid prioritization should be allowed other than for 911 services. We also oppose the Comcast-Time Warner cable merger and any further telecom industry consolidation. Lack of competition hurts the public. Respectfully, Lena B. Chen & Jess W. Speidel III 10801 Occidental Rd., Sebastopol, CA 95472

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—Allan Sandoval, The Woodlands, TX

This idea is a huge disservice to our nation. The Internet and technology are in the spotlight for health care more than ever before. In the rural areas, such places where my farming family resides, this intervention will decrease their ability to search for and determine best health care options for themselves and family members, leaving them no one to rely on when it comes to choosing facilities, doctors, and even medical exams. The internet is meant to connect communities, not segregate them. And the hardworking people in those geographical locations are just as deserving to quality Healthcare as suburban and inner city people. Terrible, terrible idea.

—Danette Culver, Newburgh, IN

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—Paul Putkowski, eatonton, GA

Please keep the net neutral!

—Ben Lyons, Orlando, FL