

To Whom It May Concern, I vigorously disagree with and do not support Chairman Wheeler's proposal to allow an Internet "fast lane", whereby Internet Service Providers can charge extra money for a better experience. If implemented, I believe that such a thing would quickly become the de facto standard, with anyone unwilling to pay the toll of the fast lane being relegated to a slow lane, which will become (relative to the fast lane) slower and slower over time. While the proposal includes some safeguards for minimum quality of service for the slow lane, such a safeguard depends on enforcement, the language is vague. There is no concrete definition of what the minimum acceptable service should be, nor does there appear to be any room for that definition to grow over time as technology improves and becomes more widespread. I believe that these rules would hurt small American business' ability to innovate by imposing a tax on them. In order for a small startup's website and content to be as accessible to potential customers as the larger, more established companies in their industry, they would have to be a de facto tax to potentially several large ISPs. That tax represents decreased hiring and production capacity. The dollars from this tax will not go toward building out broadband infrastructure to make Internet access better for Americans -- they will go toward CEO bonuses and shareholder payouts. This benefits ISPs and hurts ordinary Americans. Chairman Wheeler has declared his support for Net Neutrality in the past, and however well-intentioned his proposal is, I do not believe it is an effective means of attaining a neutral, open Internet. I firmly believe that the only way to achieve this is to classify the Internet as a public utility. It is no longer a luxury or a novelty; in order to participate in American society to a substantial degree, you need access to the Internet. The gatekeepers of this access have taken advantage of this reality by hiking rates, providing substandard service and not using the money they make to expand service into under-served areas. The reason we have public utility classifications is to prevent infrastructure owners from leveraging their monopolies to gouge the American people, which is what large ISPs are doing right now. American broadband access is consistently ranked very low in the list of developed nations. The reason for this is that we lack a comprehensive, nation-wide broadband strategy that prioritizes available, reliable quality service. The priorities thus far have been protecting ISP bottom lines, and that has not led to widely-available, quality broadband. Chairman Wheeler's proposal does not fundamentally shift the focus from ISP profits to the American broadband customer, and I believe that is a fatal mistake. Please do not adopt Chairman Wheeler's proposal and instead treat the Internet as a public utility by classifying ISPs as common carriers.

—Damien Sorresso, San Francisco, CA

It is not the FCC's job to pick winners and losers or to allow a certain class of large companies to do so, as well. The FCC must not give large carriers like AT&T and Verizon the ability to decide content with this so-called two-tier system. Throw out these new rules and classify all ISP's as common carriers.

—Patrick Robbins, Palmyra, VA

You cannot and will not control the world wide web its to big if you think you have a problem with hackers now you have no idea what chaos you will bring to everone. Im not by any maens a hacker and even i see this. Let this one go.

—Chantry klaus, Benton, KS

THE INTERNET SHOULD BE A LEVEL PLAYING FIELD FOR EVERYONE! IT SHOULD BE A FREE FLOW OF IDEAS AND INFORMATION FOR EVERYONE! NET NEUTRALITY IS NECESSARY!

—Jessica Johnson, Tampa, FL

The proposed rule should be withdrawn and ISPs should be classified as common carriers. This is the only way to preserve the fairness and usefulness of the Internet as we know it. It is an incredible driver of innovation and productivity and ISPs should not be allowed to hold us hostage.

—Theresa Swayne, Bronx, NY

It is important because it slow down technological advances for regular people.

—Kira Shiratori, oklahoma city, OK

The Internet has, arguably, been a critical component in the speed and quality of recent innovations in many fields. It's crucial to our economy and the health of the planet that we maintain true net neutrality and not stifle the quality or pace of technological innovation.

—Ron Turner, North Vancouver,

The Internet is the greatest chance of totally free access to information mankind has. To give preferred access to a wealthier class would permanently handicap impoverished peoples

—Frederick William Burkey, Columbus, GA

An open equal internet is essential for a functional democracy and society of liberty. The internet should be part of the commons of our society and should be classified as such. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers to ensure equality, and free speech of the internet. While your at Mr. Wheeler and all you fine folks at the FCC I ask that you to quit being corporate hacks for the telecom industry.

—John Swank III, Norridge, IL

The two-tiered Internet will decrease productivity in the workplace, stifle innovation, and degrade the quality of the Internet for everyone. People don't use the Internet to get information from a few, super-powerful companies—they use it to access a huge variety of services. Instead of hobbling the Internet, invest in better infrastructure to make it quicker for all users.

—David Lesscm, Portland, OR

I demand REAL net neutrality. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers. No two-teired system! Net neutrality!

—James Gott, San Jose, CA

The constitution guarantees freedom of speech, not based on how you communicate. Keep the Internet available to everyone on equal terms.

—Peter Zilahy Ingerman PhD, Willingboro, NJ

Regulatory capture is disgusting. Don't side with telecommunications companies and make internet access in the US even worse compared to other developed countries than it is now.

—Nwr W. Richards, Elm Grove, WI

We the People of the United States (and especially me, Wayne Montoya) want TRUE Net Neutrality... that means equality in speed, access, reliability, functionality for EVERYONE... not just for the Have's or all those who can afford to pay extra for what should be readily available to all (rich & poor alike)!! thank you for the consideration. sincerely, Wayne Montoya (Redwood City, CA)

—Wayne Montoya, Redwood City, CA

True Net Neutrality is essential to having an equal playing field on the internet. There would not be room for growth if these plans pass.

—Brendan Carroll, San Francisco, CA

Money and influence should not dictate the information to which I have access.

—Quinn Zukas Belhorn, University Hts, OH

As the spouse of an active duty member of the military, accessible internet is a necessity for staying in contact with family, and keeping up to date with news and changing policies. (A lot of necessary post information is only available via facebook or twitter, and I literally could not function without reliable, non-tiered internet service.)

—Alys Humflect, Middleton, WI

To be able to make a living with online sales and not be pushed out by the large companies that would pay the higher rates I could not afford

—Dennis Watson, Miami, OK

I believe we all have the right to Net Neutrality. Everyone should have the right to use the internet freely and as a means of communication and knowledge. It should NOT be limited or regulated.

—Kimberly Stafford, fullerton, CA

Because it is the correct thing to do and because are supposed to be the Leader of the Western World!

—Cathal O'Cathain, Dublin,

The internet is still one of the rare venues where small businesses, non-profits, libraries etc. play on an equal playing field with large corporations. Would be a real step in the wrong direction to see that go away.

—Matt Reed, Jamaica Plain, MA

Dear Chairman Wheeler - we strongly object to any dual use access or changes in the current rules for equal access to internet backbone by all users. It is terribly unfair to all of us who have contributed to the success and popularity of the system after years of work and investment to suddenly change the rules to favor those who already profit fairly from the traffic to the millions of sites and services the rest of have created and popularized at the expense of the very people who created and built the network..

—Nick@masomurraycom, Portland, ME

Dear FCC, I implore you to throw out the discriminatory rules and to reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Net Neutrality is so important for the common people to have a voice.

—Mia P., West Chester, PA

You cannot do that!!!

—Robert, Fowler, CA

The freedom of uncensored/unbiased information is something worth fighting for. Everyone should have an equal playing field when competing for the attention of customers/ any audience. I demand Net Neutrality!

—Nima, Toronto,

Current regulations are failing American citizens and businesses. We need real competition, which—due to the monopoly most consumers encounter—is only possible by classifying ISPs as common carriers. In nations that have done this, the internet is cheaper and faster. America cannot take its lead in online services for granted. We must provide the tools needed for this vital part of our economy.

—Samuel Crockett, Chicago, IL

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

—Beth Zurkowski, Brodhead, WI

Dear FCC, It truly is important to me to have Net Neutrality because I have copd. I do not get out much and do a lot of my shopping on the computer. You would be ruining the internet for many people.

—Suan Barnes, Valdosta, GA

The economy thrives on healthy competition. You're creating an environment where the big carriers can squash new ideas and companies before they even get started. Not to mention silencing dissent, which I shudder to think about. Please protect free speech online and reclassify Internet service providers as common carriers.

—Tom Wyckoff, Doylestown, PA

We need Net Neutrality! The American people love a free and open internet. That's the way it's been since the beginning and we need to keep it that way. It's what we stand for. It is part of the American dream. Thank you!

—Terry O Railey, McGehee, AR

Please continue to have the Internet remain equal. Preserving the right of online communication for all, not just the highest bidder. Thank you

—Jennifer Parmenter, Omaha, NE

to maintain a true democracy, ideas must flow freely....the air waves do not belong to corps; corps are not We The People. Verizon/Comcast, etc. are dangerous and must be regulated, not sold our country's freedom. Conspiracy with all MSM outlets. Do the right thing, for history and our beloved country! Step up and reclassify now!! True freedom of speech and democracy, now!! Down with oligarchs and their corp lackeys!! Sincerely, db

—Dee Black, westcliffe, CO

The internet should be the same for everyone; not for these with big pocketbooks

—Mr. John Arnett, Van Buren, AR

The two tiered internet is the end of the open free internet that has allowed our society to advance in so many ways. This must not happen in order to give normal people without the deep pockets of a large company a chance to thrive.

—Richard McBride, Nashville, TN

Stop selling everything to whomever has money. Keep my internet free!!!

—William Watson, Orlando, FL

The proposed changes to Net Neutrality would be extremely detrimental to our economy. One of the few long term, prosperous, economic foundations our country succeeds at is Information Technology. It is appalling how we allowed the monopolization of Internet Service Providers. We have immediately seen how the quality of service and innovation has degraded by having this detrimental. Tiny, unknown countries have network infrastructures that far surpass our own. Allowing ISP providers, that are expanding into other Information technology markets, have direct control over their competitors is a pathetic and neglectful consideration. We might as well be considered the Soviet Union of IT if allow these rules to be placed. Obviously, I highly disagree with these new rules. If these new rules are placed, I see many aspiring entrepreneurs leaving the USA to take the ventures into other promising technology countries.

—Michael Hotan, Seattle, WA

We all need to have access to information, not just information put out by the largest, strongest company, or the one with the most money. The smaller providers need to be heard just as much if not MORE than the bigger providers. To make this more difficult is terrible. Please help support the majority of the people, and preserve net neutrality.

—Deborah Brunelle, El Cerrito, CA

The creation of the internet is one of humanity's greatest achievements. We have only just begun to scratch the surface of what near-instantaneous global information sharing can do to improve cross-cultural understanding, innovation, and invention. To eliminate net neutrality is to eliminate, or at very least, significantly reduce the ability of the common person to be heard through a major communication medium. This is already the case with most major media and communication outlets, there is no need to extend it to the last remaining area of truly free-speech. Allowing price discrimination by monopolistic companies is a betrayal of freedom of speech, and as such, a betrayal of core American values in favor of catering to the interests of a few. There is no way to view this where you cannot see the potential for abuse by those these rules favor, which will certainly be acted upon. Recognizing this potential for abuse and ignoring it, as well as ignoring the public which fundamentally opposes the end of net neutrality goes beyond a betrayal of values, and further becomes a betrayal of the American people. Furthermore, the choice made here, by the country that birthed the internet, will almost certainly reverberate around the globe and will be used as a precedent for other nations. Which message do you want the rest of the world to hear? I, for one, do not want the message to be that crippling freedom of information is acceptable in the name of increasing profits. Comcast has made nearly \$60 billion dollars in the last 12 months, other ISPs have performed similarly. They do not need any more money in the form of legal hand-outs. Some things are more important than maximizing profits, Mr. Wheeler, and freedom of speech and information are among those things.

—Alexander Kennedy, New York, NY

The internet is a blessing to all humanity. No one has the right to turn it into some twisted caste system. Equality for all is what we demand!

—Paola Suarez, New York, NY

net neutrality should be for everybody and haS ALWAYS BEEN SO.

—Jane Clinton, moorestown, NJ

Net Neutrality is vital to secure our right to free speech in practice regardless of income and moneyed interests.

—John Costello, Warwick, NY

Chairman Wheeler, Do you use YouTube? Even if you don't use it, you've heard of it, right? And you know what a massive game changer it was in the online world. Consider this: If a Two Tier Internet (like the one you're proposing) existed when YouTube started, YouTube wouldn't have gotten to the point it did. Why? Because of Google. Google launched its video service around the same time that YouTube launched. Google was already massive and powerful, and would've been able to afford the fast lane. YouTube on the other hand was just a startup, and would have been stuck in the slow lane. Do you remember Google Video? I do. It was horrible. And users knew it, so they used the vastly superior YouTube. But with a Two Tier Internet, people would've gone to YouTube, realized how much slower it was, and suffered through Google Video's lack of usability simply because it delivered content to them faster. So because of Two Tier Internet, we would have been delivered an inferior product. Instead, the world got to decide which they liked better, and YouTube, a tiny little startup, beat the giant Google (eventually Google bought YouTube, and did away with their own video service, they knew they had an inferior product) So you have to ask yourself, what kind of internet do you want? One where users have to deal with inferior services simply because the big companies know "Hey, we're faster, and we always will be. We don't need to make something good, people will come to us just for the speed." This will effectively put an end to online innovation, and mean that new services (like YouTube, Facebook, SnapChat, etc all were at one time) will never see the light of day again. They just won't be able to compete. Or do you want an internet that's open? One where everyone has the same speed, everyone is free to use the same roads, one where competition thrives? Finally, keep in mind that what you decide affects more people than just the United States of America. What you do will ripple through the world. Maybe other countries won't enact the same Two Tiered Internet, but the majority of internet startups are founded and take shape in the USA. Without them, the rest of the world will be stuck without innovation too. The choice is yours, and it will affect approximately 2.5 billion people around the world, the vast majority of which aren't even in the USA, nor North America. Please, maintain true Net Neutrality and reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Alex Brandeau, St. Catharines,

Make the internet an utility. Killing net neutrality is like having to pay extra just for a clear, non-static filled phone call.

—Steve Daniels, Dallas, TX

Net Neutrality allows for competition in various industries, as well as allows small businesses to reach larger audiences. Net Neutrality is also important, as with it is allowed great ease in the spread of information. While this may disappoint certain Internet providers, I'm sure it would keep other companies, especially those who profit from online stores and would have to pay extra to said companies, very happy.

—Logan J. Tomko, New Kensington, PA

All internet traffic should be treated equally. Dividing the internet into "tiers" would make it almost impossible for new services to grow, since they'd by definition lack the capital to get access to "fast lanes".

—David Lovely, Chicago, IL

The internet is a fabulous tool that can be used for learning and a strengthening of community. Let people continue to make decisions for themselves about how and where they choose to use to spend their time on the internet. The internet was meant for EVERYBODY, certainly not corporations with their own limiting and money making agendas that are not in the best interest of everyday United States citizens. I can say this as an everyday person that the a life without net neutrality is not in my best interest as an individual nor financially. The internet is not a county, state, or national matter. It's not broken don't fix it. Thank you.

—Cristina Alicea, Hobart, IN

no corporation should be allowed to make money off the Internet, the Internet is a free and open services to all people throughout the world. all speeds and websites are treated equal, no one should have to pay more for faster speeds.. Now is the time to end corporate Greed! I demand it now!! fight for the freedom of the Internet.. by the way, if corporations are able to make record profits then so am I.. I am a corporate brand, a human being, and I deserve record profits.. on that note? the Internet today will be the same 60 years from now.. the Internet shall remain free and open for ever..

—Justin Gamache, Readsboro, VT

Two tiered internet is fundamentally unfair to start-ups and small business that cannot afford to pay for faster service. The internet should be neutral and equal.

—Amy Janzen, Oakville,

Stop trying to destroy Net Neutrality; liberty is requisite for a free and open society to remain strong.

—Wes Lund, Huntsville, AL

I am against "pay-to-play" for the Internet, which has historically provided access to everyone regardless of financial status. Preserve Internet Neutrality! And do not let companies like Verizon and Comcast dictate the terms!

—Jill Rapaport, New York, NY

Hey Corporate Whore, Net neutrality Bitch.

—Rufus Godbold, Tallahassee, FL

Freedom of speech shouldn't go to the highest bidder

—Bradley S. Zellman, New City, NY

Freedom of information is the most sacred freedom we have and THE pathway toward creating liberty and democracy world wide.

—Kenneth Prince, Lagrangeville, NY

The internet as we know it is the single most important tool for the spread of information that humanity has developed. To create a two-tiered system would diminish the flow of information and discourage the sharing of opinion and information through this medium. This is an incredibly dangerous proposal as it opens the way for more laws that inhibit the ability for people to speak freely. Please consider the reclassification of Internet Service Providers as Common Carriers to protect the right to spread information.

—Harry Fernandez, Edgewater, NJ

A few years ago we lived in America, today we are citizens of the Obama hell-hole.

—Brian Smistek, East Amherst, NY

Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the only fair and equitable solution.

—A R Gibbons, Tuscaloosa, AL

Don't sell out pussy. Keep the internet free.

—Ryan Killooy, Franklin, MA

This rule is so anti-American. People all across America are telling you how to vote, because the people in this country are America. We are creating a terrible precedence. which will open a door for more corporate control of our government. I am absolutely against more government control of basically monopoly corporations. What has happened in this country? After WWII, we celebrated individual freedoms of our country by doing away with monopolies. I do not support this rule, I support net neutrality.

—Diane Arena, Plainfield, IL

Our 166 Unit townhouse association is already experiencing FiOS slowing down transmission for selected online content. With the new rules, what will we experience. So, throw out the rules and reclassify the ISPs as common carriers. Thanks, Lucy

—Lucy Scott, silver spring, MD

Please do not go the route of two-tiered internet. By doing so you will squelch American creativity and the entrepreneurial spirit of start up internet companies

—Eric Semmelmayr, Pleasanton, CA

We have way to much government control and Big business. Enough is enough ,it's time to vote back real Net Neutrality so that Big business can't continue to control our pocket book. No paying for service based on who pays more for streaming service. After all the internet was not created just for the rich.

—Addison Reeder III, Girard, PA

Even tho it seems compelling for very rich people to get even more money, control and power, the responsibility for that power claimed by taking away the freedom of people is so big that it will destroy not only the rest of the world but themselves.

—Reoslav Hollos, Zagreb,

We all depend upon having equal access to the internet, regardless of income. This should be treated like a utility and kept equal to each and all.

—Carolyn H Berkoz, LOS ALTOS, CA

Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers to help protect net neutrality

—John Lavender, BERWYN, PA

Please reclassify internet providers as common carriers and please support net neutrality. Thank you.

—Clayton Helme, Salt Lake City, UT

Net neutrality is important to me because it's the only true freedom we have.

—Brooke Baker, Vista, CA

I work as a programmer for a small internet based company. On the internet speed is most of the battle. If a site doesn't load fast enough then most people will leave. Allowing for the rich, big sites to pay to be faster than the smaller and start up sites. Also, the public already pays for the internet speeds they want and rarely gets them. The ISPs should be forced to give the consumer what they pay for, not get more money from websites to provide that specific site at that speed.

—Hannah Prest, Jackson, MO

The internet doesn't need gatekeepers. It needs to remain an open and fair playing field for innovation to continue. Allowing the telecommunication companies to dictate who gets fast internet speeds leaves start ups at a huge disadvantage. The internet was built with public money. It should be a public utility at this point. As shown in Chattanooga, doing so actually fosters competition. Start ups there have a better chance at making ground because companies like Verizon, AT&T and Comcast don't dictate the terms unchecked. The United States is already behind much of the developed world with regards to our online and wireless communication: We pay the most for the slowest internet. This is embarrassing, but doesn't need to be the case. Consider your country and not the corporate interests at obvious play. We need America back on it's feet, and the greatest number of jobs and growth is coming from our online tech sector. Please help our country grow and prosper. Please listen to the American people and not the lobbyists. Thank you!

—Sean Clark, Rego park, NY

I feel that in a free society, it is vital that everyone to have the same access to the information and communication possibilities of the internet.

—Stefani L Cushing, Seattle, WA

Why would this fast lane option really even be an option? Especially after the obvious outcry against it, it's appalling as an American citizen to see the opinions of it's people being ignored by the FCC and Sr. Executive Wheeler. If this fast lane deal goes through there will be more than just opinions being voiced, there will be protests and police will have an excuse to abuse people like with the SOPA and PIPA protests. For once I'd rather people be listened to than have them have to risk their lives to show their discontent for the moronic plans of the government.

Please act on the side of logic and reason

—Tim Welsh, Sycamore, IL

It is hugely important to preserve the internet as a open and democratic tool.

—Nicholas Phipps, Lechlade,

There should be an equal connection speed for all websites, I do not want any mechanism to be in place that can undermine my internet usage experience by changing the access speeds of websites that I may like to visit. Please do not implement a two tier system for broadband access.

—Yevgeniy Kuksa, Brooklyn, NY

Save net neutrality. Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Larry Gott, Los Gatos, CA

A two-tiered Internet would undermine democracy and liberty by limiting the voices of some and favoring others. It is discriminatory and violates the very principles this country is founded upon. Net Neutrality must be preserved.

—Jessica Morlando, Washington, DC

Corporate running of the net is bad for people !

—Andrew Katsetos, Salem, OR

Mr. FCC Chairman are you out of your f\*\*\*ing mind?!!!!

—Peter Gobin, Wellington, FL

ISP's are not different than any other carrier except their sheer size which is enough power in itself. Keep America great by standing by the ideals she was built on. The people are speaking to you Chairman Wheeler...are you listening?

—Niki Kircher, mission, KS

The web is an equalizing resource that gives every site equal chance to attract visitors without being a class system. It should stay that way. Do not allow big corporations to ruin the internet.

—Steven Bailey, Hooksett, NH

RECLASSIFY ISPs as common carriers. The Internet is a utility. It was built using our tax dollars. It has become essential to modern life, just as water and electricity are. It should be equally available to everyone, with no preference for those who are wealthier to have greater access.

—Nancy Wade, Chicago, IL

Internet is an important tool to free speech

—Chris Evans, Sacramento, CA

Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Net neutrality is important to maintain a truly free network.

—Theresa Hummel, North Wales, PA

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers to protect Net Neutrality.

—Sophia Hauserman, Bloomington, IN

As an independent artist my job would be compromised with the two tier system. Adding another cost of access to high speed internet will take away the independence and freedom the internet has given the middle class to make a respectable and liveable income. I hope you understand how many of us rely on internet equality for our businesses, in order to pay our mortgages and buy our groceries. In an increasingly competitive job market where so many are sliding beneath the poverty line, the internet is often where we can work remotely without leaving our families far behind. All the best, Taylor

—Taylor Lenfesty, Edmonton,

Dear Mr Wheeler - Please do not change the current access we have to the internet by permitting 2-tier tolled access to the inetnet byways where those with more resources and power will have better access than the majority of us who tend to be small entrepreneurs and who created the products that create the demand that those with money and power would profit from at our expense

—Nick Murray, Portland, ME

Net neutrality is the engine of growth for our future economy. Throttling or creating pay to play approaches only reduce innovation and competition without providing any benefit to consumers.

—Ted Howes, Oakland, CA

you can not take our freedom away on the net for corporate money!

—Farjad Zaghi, Great Neck, NY

Without Netr Neutrality the Mega-businesses will drive ou the smaller businesses. Prices rise and choice declines.

—Lawrence Weber, Colorado Springs, CO

The internet is a forum for people from all over the world. It is a means of connection. By taking away net neutrality, charging more for adequate service, lower class persons will lose that connection due to lack of funds. The global community will suffer as a result of the death of net neutrality.

—Deanna Kitchen, Colorado Springs, CO

This corrupt lobbying bureaucracy is broken. Throw out your corporate money. Do not approve what amounts to digital segregation. Do your job FCC. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Protect real Net Neutrality.

—Joseph Anthony Bianchi, Surprise, AZ

The people want net neutrality.

—Bradley Long, Lockport, IL

DO NOT give in to Comcast's pressure to allow service providers to charge extra fees for faster service. This is NOT ACCEPTABLE to free enterprise, job creation and economic growth. PLEASE RECLASSIFY ISPs AS COMMON CARRIERS.

—Thomas Buell Jr., Pittsburgh, PA

Keep the Internet free and equal! Corporations already have too much power in this democracy (that more and more starts to resemble and oligarchy), they do NOT need to control and reap exorbitant profits from the Internet too. Throw out your rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers!!!

—Fredrika Thelandersson, Brooklyn, NY

Please protect our internet for the good of all us common people. Respectfully, M Dorman

—Marolyn Dorman, N. LITTLE ROCK, AR

This is the last bastion of freedom. Please keep it equal for us all. You will win in the long run. It is hard to put into words what the amazing usage of our Internet system has meant to me. It's employment, communication with family and amazing entrepreneur websites and designers all over the world. Amazing health information and Yoga and Peace organizing efforts. I guess I really cannot name all the uses, but it MUST remain free! To all of us, and equal. And it is not exactly "free" anyway. We all pay something to our Internet Providers to be online. Let's just keep something that works!

—Baji Milici, Santa Fe, NM

Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers. A tiered Internet is unacceptable! As a small business owner and regular blogger (i.e. I don't make any money from my blog) a fast lane for those who can pay to play would effectively silence me and others like me.

—Jenn Poniatowski, Lynn, MA

I value free speech and access to diverse ideas. The only way to ensure these ideas reach a wide audience is true net neutrality.

—Chanel Helgason, Lakewood, CO

The Internet MUST remain neutral, or it will no longer be the Internet. It will be destructive to small businesses and other organizations. You simply cannot allow for discrimination based on who can cough up the most money.

—Phil Geyer, Frederick, MD

Complete, open equal opportunity with ISPs as common carriers is the way to go.

—Edward B Hatfield, Freedom, NH

The FCC should change the status of ISPs and reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality. In today's world the internet is essential, even more so than phone service. The internet should be open to all, and no one should be discriminated against because of corporate greed. One fee and the service for ALL.

—Charles Price, Philadelphia, PA

As a programmer, my entire life revolves around the internet. Net Neutrality is incredibly important for me (and my industry) as it allows tech companies to build products and services that can help move the world forward. Without \*real\* Net Neutrality, we will be holding back innovation and technological advances for the foreseeable future.

—Randall Degges, Walnut Creek, CA

The problem of net neutrality has similarities with the equality between people. The idea that people are not equal in front of the law is dangerous because of the unpredictable consequences even if the rationality for that idea has the best intentions. Similarly, the idea of a two tiered Internet has likely consequences beyond any predictions, and consequently, net neutrality should be defended by any legal means possible.

—Calin Copos, Canton, MA

reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Brent Ballatore, Santa Monica, CA

I want net neutrality and to reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is only fair, as internet access is the next wave for education and information access, and I don't believe it will be fair to limit access by cost. This should be essentially public access. thank you.

—Thomas Mathew, Ocala, FL

A truly democratic society needs an unfettered and unbiased means of communication to function fully. The internet is such a means and should NEVER be controlled from a monetary standpoint. Too many things in the modern world favor those with abundant resources, leaving those with modest or no means out in the cold. Please do not allow this type of discrimination to take hold of the internet - it better serves humanity by remaining neutral and available to all, equally.

—Jane Ujhazi, Bandon, OR

Please ensure that all Americans continue to get open internet. Cable and internet companies should not have the right to choose which services and online content I have access to. Please ensure net neutrality laws are put in place to protect the internet.

—Matthew Polselli, Macomb, MI

Net neutrality is essential to controlling the emerging monopoly power of the internet infrastructure providers in the US. We have already fallen behind leading countries in internet service provision and this essential infrastructure for the modern economy cannot be managed by the free enterprise competitive price mechanism - there isn't sufficient competition!

—Peter Crosbie, Nicasio, CA

Cable and internet provider monopolies hurt innovation and our economy,

—Mr. Teague Hopkins, Arlington, VA

free internet means free discussions amongst people broad understandings of other cultures, exchanges in ideas, and the ability for a mom and pop store front to compete with large corporations. Now how bout you tell me why it isn't a good idea to keep the net a free and open playing field.

—Frank, rockly mount, NC

ISP competition is non existent as it is.. If you don't reclassify broadband cable companies will continue to give consistently low levels of service.

—Grant Bruneau, Kent, WA

Take a step back and just look at the amount of people that don't want what you're doing. Imagine, picture this quantity of people who will forever blame you if this is pushed through. The internet does not forget. Will you bend to that corporate and political pressure fueled by power and greed? This will be an easy choice that either makes or breaks you, Mr Wheeler, and other members of the FCC. Good luck with your decision. Prove me wrong by taking the right decision.

—Ben Klinkhamer, Fontenay le Fleury,

I believe you need to reclassify ISP's as common carriers. Protect net neutrality. Not one net for the haves. And one for the for the the rest of society.

—Charles Ebbing, lafargeville, NY

Without net neutrality you can kiss grassroots activism good-bye.

—Maria Mejia, Long Beach, CA

The Internet is where where people are guaranteed freedom of speech, where people can express themselves without fear. Allowing internet providers to manipulate our servers will rob us of these freedoms. Conglomerates will undoubtedly make ties with different providers, and organizations will make ties with these companies. A whole inner circle of people will make infinite money so long as our voices, complaints via the Internet are muffled. These companies and organizations will become even more powerful when providers slow down rival businesses. People will have little choice but to bow down to the most powerful. Our country is already corrupt from large donors...as a cry of mercy, please promise us what little freedom we still have: the Internet, and do not allow providers to manipulate us. Net neutrality is vital for maintaining true U.S. morals.

—Alexander Leonardo, Westbrook, CT

Net Neutrality is important to me because we wouldn't have gotten to this point without a free and open internet. The Internet belongs to everyone and to no one all at the same time. Please don't let the dark side of capitalism take precedence over the single greatest source of human knowledge there is. Study the accomplishments of other countries in the fields of human rights and basic morality and choose to emulate that.

—Logan, Felton, DE

Like the railroads of 100 years ago they want to discriminate against users and control the speed of who gets what. WRONG

—Dennis Gears, South portland, ME

Stop thief! FCC proposed "net neutrality" regulation is a sham. Keep the internet free. I join Google, Amazon, Yahoo in protesting this odious attempt to favor the largest monopolies like Comcast, Time Warner, Verizon. This is a gift from the commissioner lobbyist to his pals. He should recuse himself from any part of this act. Restore the internet.

—George M Bojanowski, Evans, GA

As a SMALL business we depend on the internet to reach our market. As a musician and audio engineer I sometimes need to transfer relatively large files (i.e. larger than most photographs). If BIG corporations gobble up all the bandwidth because they can afford it, independents like we are will be left back in the days of dial-up service. It will be just another example of the widening gap between the 1% and the rest of us, another way to destroy the middle class. Keep the net neutral, please.

—Max Bloomquist, Norton Shores, MI

The end of Net Neutrality would mean the end of the Internet. If you thought the American economy was bad enough the end of Net Neutrality would take it to a whole new low. There are a lot of small businesses out there who provide their towns with income and marketing plays a big role in growing a small business. Net Neutrality gives the small guys equal online marketing competition against the corporate giants. By taking this away it would result in small companies shutting down their websites, not allowing them to gain customers through the largest marketing venue. Companies would shut their doors with the lack of sales needed to afford their equipment & rent. Let's make an ethically correct decision here and help each other rather than just ourselves. Do you not believe in the human race? Do you want us to degress? We need to move forward rather than take steps backwards. Net Neutrality is a positive outlet that allows everyone an equal right to show the world what they have to offer. Let's keep it that way.

—Diana, Granger, IN

It isn't fair to give so much power to corporations. Please keep net neutrality & allow all of us to have equal access to the internet

—Danielle Bonaccorso, Forest Hills, NY

The implementation of fast internet is already billed at a higher rate and that rate does not need to be increased. It would not cover any new expense other than provide companies with profits larger than the ones they have now on present fees. The intent of the creation of the internet was to provide a free flow of information for everyone, not a chosen few who can afford a better connection. No one should choose where one goes on the internet either. It contradicts one's freedom to information.

—Charles Fish, Portland, OR

Dear FCC, Please reclassify ISP as common carriers and enforce net neutrality. Thank you

—Jonathan Plotts, Huntsville, AL

If action isnt taken to prevent the internet from being monopolized then the people will rise and we WILL take action. Nobody wants that, just keep it common.

—Timothy K Owen, Sneads ferry, NC

The internet is ingrained in our society for personal and business use, and is much like a utility. There needs to be a "level playing field" for all to use. If ISPs are allowed to have multi-layered access priced accordingly, then we all will suffer the consequences. Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers to prevent this.

—Jeff Long, BRANSON, MO

Do NOT create a 2 tiered internet according to financial ability to pay! That is discrimination not freedom.....

—Robert Hart, indanapolis, IN

Dear FCC, Net neutrality is one of the many things that has made the Internet great. It has given small companies and ordinary people the same chances as rich and powerful corporations. But Wheeler's plan would change all that. It would allow ISPs to pick winners and losers online and rampantly discriminate against online content and applications, all in the name of corporate greed. And the worst part is that nobody would be able to stop them. This is why I am writing my opinion on this matter. As a member of the Millennial Generation who grew up with computers and the Internet, I am very concerned about what is going on right now. I have no wish to see equal rights and opportunity trampled by shortsighted and selfish greed for profits. I hope you consider my opinion, along with those of millions of other worried citizens, and that you think twice about what you are voting on. Yours sincerely, Christopher Stoneking

—Christopher Stoneking, Leipzig,

Do not let yet another utility become controlled by the 1%. Reclassify internet ISP's as common carriers.

—William Adamsky, Northglenn, CO

Without net neutrality, a handful of the rich will be able to hinder the free and open discourse now available on the internet on issues critical to our nation's, and the world's, well-being. Without that information, we can't make educated choices about who and what we vote for, or support with our time, money and other support. All of us can currently access this discourse, regardless of our wealth or lack of it. If funds are limited and we happen to have a laptop, we can hook into the library's free wireless access that gets us the full internet, except possibly items such as porn. If we're really broke, we can use a library desktop computer to access the internet for free. Please think carefully about the impact internet access has on U.S. citizens' ability to do their proper, informed duty in elections at the very least. There are plenty of hard-working but not rich citizens who wouldn't currently be in office without the information available on the internet to counter the lack of information in our current mainstream media (and I speak as a former member of the media), expensive TV smear campaigns and so on. I urge you to protect an open internet by building a solid legal argument for net neutrality using Title II of the Telecommunications act which would declare the internet an essential service as a public utility.

—Margaret "Maggie" Larrick, Burien, WA

People who discuss Net Neutrality often speak of creating a "fast lane" on the Internet. The problem is that this is a misconception. The Internet Service Providers are not building increased capacity to support this fast lane. They have absolutely no intention to build dedicated lines to support this fast lane. They intend to use the same old, outdated lines that they already have and simply add software that will artificially throttle your speed on the Internet if you have not paid an exorbitant fee. Thus what they are actually doing is slowing everyone else down artificially unless you pay them to prioritize your traffic. So what they are actually creating is a "slow lane" and an extortion racket. Extortion is a criminal offense of obtaining money, property, or services from a person, entity, or institution, through coercion. This is exactly what ISPs are trying to do. They are saying we will slow down your traffic unless you pay us. This is a crime. If a citizen tried to do this they would be charged with extortion, tried, convicted, and sentenced to at least a year in prison and significant fines. The Internet became what it is today because it is free and open. It should remain that way. The United States is already falling way behind the rest of the world in terms of Internet speed. The average download speed in the United States is 20.77 Mbps. The average upload speed is 6.31 Mbps. The upload speeds in the United States are ranked 42nd in the world. We are behind nations like Estonia, Hungary, Slovakia, Uruguay, Lesotho, Belarus, and Slovenia. This is bad. If the ISPs are allowed to create this slow lane, the United States will fall even farther behind. This would be extremely harmful to the economy. The only way to avoid great social and economic harm to the United States is to maintain the principle of Net Neutrality.

—Ben Key, Austin, TX

The internet should remain free and open to all without paying for the access.

—Mr. Thomas H. Westbrook, Chesapeake, VA

Access to the internet needs to be equal for all users.

—Roger Harmon, Fridley, MN

I demand real net neutrality! Leave the internet as it is!

—Elijah, Agency, IA

How can this not be settled yet? The American people actually crashed the FCC's site commenting how they want Net Neutrality and to reclassify broadband providers. Hundreds of companies have shown support of neutrality. There is no way the FCC can stay the same course and it not get past the public with the coverage this topic gets as it is. We've spoken. We crashed the site. Give us the internet that we demand.  
—Joshua Hulgan, Valley Head, AL

The two-tiered internet serves corporate interests, not the public interest. Please reconsider and maintain net neutrality, not gut it.  
—Jason Heredia, Springfield, MO

I don't have much money but I am able to access all the news as well as stream movies and videos. I feel rich with access to a free internet. Don't take that away from me. The wealthy have enough - don't give them the internet, too. We can't have a financially unequal country AND an information unequal country.  
—Kerry Mackenzie, Sea Cliff, NY

No double standards! Net Neutrality for ALL!!!!  
—Johann M Gippe, mesa, AZ

Net neutrality is important to me so that I feel that I can create a new company that could compete with existing companies. Net neutrality means preserving the American dream where I am free to make a better life for myself and my family.  
—JB Fischer, Philadelphia, PA

It's doing those that pay for Internet access a disservice.  
—R, Cheshire,

An Internet where everyone is on a level playing field allows anyone to be successful, whether it's a large corporation or a fledgling startup. Any system that allows for faster download speeds at a higher cost will limit the success to those of large corporations.  
—Dalton Mulkey, Austin, TX

I'm a small business owner. Net Neutrality is a vital part of small business to prevent large corporations from stifling and undermining small business growth  
—Edward Lukasik, Homer Glen, IL

Tom, Please don't give the rich another way to make money off of us. They have enough already. This is everybody's way to connect and it is only fair to keep it the same for all. Regards Hans Pottinger  
—Hans T. Pottinger, Lawrenceville, GA

The internet needs to be free and open to all with no tiered service based on what you pay. It is inconceivable that any other approach to treating each bit and byte in the same manner is even being talked about. Just as the phone service in this country was created for full and unfettered access, so should the internet. Do not scale our service and demand that all of the backbone and on ramp providers offer the same service to all regardless of content.  
—Robert Wendel, Westfield, NJ

Dear FCC, you were created to protect the interest of the people and not the interest of the big corporations. If you can't do your job, we can create something to replace you also.  
—Jaspreet Singh, Menlo Park, CA

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality.  
—Joanne Holden, Philadelphia, PA

Dear Mr. Wheeler, I run a small marketing agency in St. Paul MN. We help our clients create content for their websites. Our expertise is content strategy and we start by understanding consumer demand for content as expressed in the 100 billion monthly search queries conducted via Google. The content we recommend is informative and educational - we help our clients answer questions and provide solutions. Video is the most demonstrative and compelling format for content and therefore it is high on our list. Load speed is critical for our clients as it effects search rankings (whether it can be found on Google) and time on site. If a site/video is too slow - people lose patience and jump off. I believe that we need to treat access to all online content with equality - it is in the best interest of the public and of business. Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Thank you, Patty

—Patty Radford Henderson, St. Paul, MN

Mr. Wheeler, the Internet is not a little playground for you to barge in and start kicking over sand castles. It is a community of people and services that operate out of the only place in the world that is in any way above the systems of the world. So you see this place, and instead of thinking, "I can take advantage of this as it is and use my position to make it even better." you think, "How can I wreck this place and reap the benefits while everyone else suffers." The trouble with this from your perspective is going to be that you use the internet too. This isn't about a fast internet and a faster internet. It's about arbitrarily redefining price points for the system as it already exists, and giving ISPs the ability to stick new, gigantic price tags on things we already pay more than enough for. And if you're still around in 10-20 years, the policies you put in place today are going to have lead to further policies in your absence that are going to have been biting you in the butt for years by that point. Are you really ready to be that idiot? The guy who sells his standard of life away for short-term gains and then can't figure out why that deal didn't turn out differently, as if the words "short-term" weren't plain enough? Reclassify ISPs as common carriers. That's what they are in the first place. They have no right to be anything else. The government doesn't get to issue discriminations. Not if this is really the U.S. government.

—David Smith, Beavercreek, OH

Large corporations have too much control. Things NEED to swing back to give regular citizens more power. The internet is a major equalizer. Please keep it really fair. Thank you

—Stephen Boorsma, South Range, WI

We are killing the future of the country. To explain: We have already outsourced most of our manufacturing. Currently the country's most precious remaining competitive advantage is innovation. Innovation will die with net neutrality since the little guy won't be able to compete with large corporations for bandwidth (good bye Instagram and the like). If the rest of the world (ie China, Europe) doesn't follow suit they will keep prospering and innovation will move overseas. The net result is that our cable companies will get richer but the country will gradually decline. I consider getting rid of net neutrality the most dangerous decision for the future of America that I have witnessed in my entire lifetime. Don't do it. The world is a competitive stage. We have the advantage now. Don't kill it for greed. American corporations will still be the richest in the world.

—Dahn Maier, Brooklyn, NY

Been using the internet for years and it has been very satisfactory. To change it to favor large corps is unnecessary and totally unfair. Change rules to reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Ms. Janet Benner, Goleta, CA

A two-tiered internet is unacceptable. The large ISPs already have too much power, we don't need to hand them more. They also don't need more money, and despite their claims, a tiered internet would not provide additional incentive to improve their infrastructure.

—Jack Aldridge, Alton,

I am a supporter of the government. I do not want a corporate run world (any more than we now have). An open internet is essential the voice of the people. To impair this in any way would convince me that the government wants to squash the voice of the people. That would have a drastically negative affect on my viewpoint of government.

—James Thompson, Santa Monica, CA

Chairman Wheeler, We've seen the power that the Internet, as real Freedom of Speech, has had on an international level. Please remove the ability for giant telecommunications companies to tamper with that Freedom, by reclassifying Internet Service Providers as Common Carriers.

Thanks, Donald Tsang Seattle, WA

—Donald Tsang, Seattle, WA

It is the only way to honor equal access to all!!

—Anna Driskill, Liberty, MO

people as well as small businesses depend on fast internet speeds and can ill afford to pay extra for it.

—Cheryl Filsinger, New York, NY

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Protect net neutrality and keep the internet free!

—Tiffani Burns, Modesto, CA

So I can have the freedom to create something over the web where in a lot of places with internet restrictions you won't be able to do that. I feel this is something that a Big Business should not control. We're America, Land of the free! So lets keep it that way with all gates of media!

—Sierra King, San Marcos, TX

The internet needs to remain an open community of free and unadulterated speech. Please don't take away our internet!

—Ali Irwin, New York, NY

It is your duty, not to corporations, but to the people to reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Victor Henry, Marina, CA

Please Help! My business depends on this!!

—Kurt Kaptur, Lakewood, OH

The internet is a modern-day utility that requires an even playing field. Big-money websites should not gain any advantages over the average internet protocol address.

—Mr. John Leal, Yuma, AZ

I fully support the goals of a neutral internet and am completely against the idea of a "tiered" system that allows performance to be dictated by preferential payment to the ISP. In fact, I believe that -- given the degree of a monopolistic hold that these primary service providers have over the Internet's infrastructure -- it is imperative that the FCC reclassify these operations as a PUBLIC UTILITY.

—Jeff Jarris, Parker, CO

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers. The web was built on an even playing field, don't kill what made it successful. As a web developer, I don't want to have to choose my companies that I work with based on how much they can bribe their ISP, or end up like cable packages where I have to buy the fast lane for my websites. The FCC's job is not to protect business models, it's to assure access. Yet this provides barriers to entry.

—Jeffrey Forsythe, Buchanan, MI

I would love to have some control of what I do.

—Gary Gibbs, San Fernando, CA

The internet is the New World of today, it's where a huge majority of innovation is happening. I didn't go to college, instead I relied entirely on free information available on the internet to educate myself and now I'm able to fully support my family. Please classify the ISP's as a utility and don't let big business destroy the internet as we know it.

—Justin Gable, Fresno, CA

Just like our highways, same speed for everyone!

—Ted Kropiewnicki, Bear, DE

The internet is one of the things we're actually doing right. It's created such an overwhelming opportunities for business and enabled small companies to promote themselves at low costs and enabled large companies to expand at incredible rates. Don't blow this one.

—Austen Sherman, Los Angeles, CA

Transmitting data over the Internet is fundamentally the same as transmitting phone calls over the POTS network. We have never discriminated among phone calls and we should never discriminate among data types or sources. We need to have an open Internet.

—Vincent D'Amico, Burlington, MA

As it is now, We are very disgusted Time Warner customers. The picture quality has frequent dropouts, pixelization, dropped audio. The internet speed drops substantially when the kids are home from school. And our VOIP constantly breaks up and drops calls. They check it out and claim all is well. They constantly get into fights with the networks and hold us hostage, blocking channels then raising the rates. Every other month there is some lame reason for a rate hike. Our local politicians do absolutely nothing to help us. The local government gets a kickback from our monthly bill, so this conflict of interest fuels their lack of concern for us consumers. Time Warner commercials proudly proclaim that you don't pay for more than you want. THEY LIE. We are forced to pay tremendously over inflated prices for tons of sports programs that we have absolutely no interest in and never watch. Time Warner is an absolutely horrible company to deal with. I can't imagine how much worse they will be if you give them this green light to charge whatever they want!

—Jim Albrecht, Saugerties, NY

I already spend a large portion of my income on communications (i.e. phone, cable, internet) and having to spend more to get faster internet would be a hardship. While I appreciate the right of corporations to make profits, to do so at the expense of the non-wealthy seems an unnecessary burden added to the already over-burdened backs of the average (read majority) working class.

—Todd Isom, Golden, CO

Net neutrality is an important part to keep everyone on an equal playing field. There shouldn't be an discrimination based on the entity using the internet nor should I be, or anyone else for that matter be penalized in speed/service based solely on the fact that we are not a large corporation willing to pay a large sum of money in order to get our message heard. Net neutrality is what has made the internet such a great tool to the small layperson in being a huge success through business, other economic drivers and communications. Don't take that away from the internet users as this could have severe consequences for the true end users. Thank you for your time and consideration. Kirk Youngbauer

—Kirk Youngbauer, Concord, CA

Myself, along with everyone of my family members and friends is in STRONG support of net neutrality. We imploringly ask that the FCC throw out its rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers! America has long been a place of innovation, supported and encouraged by a commitment to free speech. Creating fast lanes for giant ISPs that can afford them will stifle smaller companies, ideas, and innovations. This is not the American way. The next Netflix, youtube, pinterest might never come to be. Do the right thing. Do not pass Wheeler's plan. Protect Net Neutrality. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Kelli Holsopple, Brooklyn, NY

I am opposed to your two tiered internet plan. Please instead consider reclassifying ISPs as common carriers. ALL of us need and deserve equally fast Internet speeds. While you are at it, consider doing something about getting highspeed internet to everyone in the country. We have no access to wired/optical internet. Despite being 1 mile from a cable end point, we can not get Comcast to connect us. There are 15 houses in that distance, how could that not be profitable?

—Bill Arduser, Williamsburg, MA

To the FCC: I feel quite strongly that it would be a huge mistake to allow the ISPs to introduce a multi-tiered approach to broadband access. Such a system will serve to allow them to jack up the price for access to popular services or even price access prohibitively to services they view as competitors. Net Neutrality is an alloyed good for all Americans using the Internet. Please do not give in to the monied business interests trying to turn what is essentially a public highway into a system of premium lanes and toll booths. We need you to take a stand on this. You're the only agency standing between us and the greed of the Internet Service Providers. Certainly, we can't depend on our politicians, bombarded by checkbook wielding lobbyists, to tackle this problem. Please do what you can to keep the Internet open for all. thank you, Dan Berks

—Daniel Berks, Minneapolis, MN

Please, your plan gives too much power to the large corporations while crippling the people who purchase their services.

—John Hrabar, Pittsburgh, PA

the Net covers the whole globe. but the companies would favor places that can afford the cost, and has higher populations. What about the missionaries in Africa? or places that are hit with disasters? Neutrality is needed to for small businesses to afford video conferences and networking.

—Jonathan Koontz, Baker City, OR

The Internet has been a tremendous success so far. As a customer for broadband I believe that I have paid my dues for access and we don't need separate speeds depending on the service. I'm an advocate of community broadband as well where local municipalities could support open access networks meeting local demands just like they do with other essential infrastructure. We can't let big money drive these decisions through lobby and high priced attorneys. Please protect the interest of the consumer, open access and net neutrality. I am not sure common carrier is the answer either and it may be a new class of service that we need to deal with and regulate. But I don't think tiers work. Please promote open access, net neutrality. No compromises. Thank you for making good policy that is not influenced by big money and monopolistic interests.

—Elliott Ellsworth, Rancho Cucamonga, CA

We need ISPs to be common carriers. Do not let businesses rule the last free frontier of human expression. We are the people and we have spoken against this policy.

—Peter Galle, New York, NY

A two-tiered Internet system would be a huge mistake for the public resulting in higher fees and reduced usability. Please vote no to the Wheeler's plan.

—Mr. Thomas Barfield, Robins AFB, GA

Net neutrality is important to me because the Internet is one of the few places that isn't strangled by corporate ruling and it needs to stay a free place of expression.

—Kaitlynn Cantrill, Carlisle, MA

The internet has changed the way we do everything, and has created an equal playing field for everyone; something Americans have historically valued. The only parties that are interested in this tiered system are ones who are only concerned with adding to their bottom line. It seems that moneyed interests have an uncanny ability to interfere with legislation that the public are typically united on. Please do not destroy the integrity of the internet. It is truly the most important tool in the world for people to better their situations. The internet should be considered a human right, and be thought of as a utility.

—Riley Schiefelbein, Coon Rapids, MN

Your proposed rules are a terrible idea. ISP's should be classified as common carriers.

—William Busacker, Schenectady, NY

Please do the right thing! Reclassify the ISPs as Common Carriers.

—Richard Goodwin, Colfax, CA

ISPs have to be reclassified as common carriers, it's the only way to save the Internet and all good that comes with it!

—Erik Gustafsson, Skövde,

You are going to slow down all the progress and innovation that the internet has allowed us so far. Why would you do this? It's all about the money for a few, including money for you. Please, please stop this. Throw out your rules. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers and protect Net Neutrality.

—Noell Hyman, Chandler, AZ

I am a struggling multi-media professional with a growing family and college debt up past my ears (the American Dream) trying to make headway in this tenuous economy. Gas prices soar making it a very real possibility that I will be walking to my day job sometime in the very near future. Now I hear that the Internet, an essential tool for my chosen profession, is going to become even more difficult for me to maintain on the level of my competition making it nearly impossible for me to be a contender in my market. The politicians of this country always boast the benefits of small local businesses and at times like these the choices you make will severely impact what those business are capable of accomplishing. I urge you to ask yourself, "How does this change benefit the average American?"

—Justin Primmer, Sturtevant, WI

The lack of REAL net neutrality and not treating ISPs as common carriers hurts their customers, the American public. As a customer, I already have little to no choice when it comes to where I can buy internet access from. Most of the country is limited to one provider and the only real choice is no internet or crappy expensive internet. These companies are not competitive, engage in price setting practices, ration out territorial turf like drug lords, and exhibit little interest in improving the quality of their actual services. Allowing ISPs in what is already an oligopoly to absolve themselves from common carrier regulation just proves that their lobbying efforts (resulting from all the money they extort from customers like me) counts more to the FCC than the actual public interest. Enforce Net Neutrality and reclassify Internet Service Providers as common carriers.

—Polina Giralt, Brooklyn, NY

I want the real net neutrality!

—Tim Wirtz, Düsseldorf,

We demand fairness for everyone on the internet! Those with the most money should not automatically win.

—Jesse Jones, Portland, OR

A two-tiered Internet is NOT the way to go. This proposal would create a fast lane for companies that can afford the steep tolls — and push the rest of us to a slower tier of service. This is the worst thing imaginable for the Internet. The only way — and I mean the only way — to protect free speech online is to reclassify Internet service providers as common carriers.

—Jason Sickinger, Lowell, IN

I am disabled and rely on the internet for my news and outside info. I frequently visit small websites with low budgets. Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers to protect my right to quickly access these websites without prohibitive costs for them or for me.

—Joan Summer, Potect, TX

A two-tiered Internet by price is not a good idea for the general public which will suffer in the end and STOP using the net all together. Soon we would have "the have and have nots on the internet " like in real life. Not good for anyone except the wealthy and the uninformed.

—Patricia A. Haumann, Oberlin, OH

Don't give the telecommunications industry the right to squeeze the little guy out. I depend on the internet for daily living (library, mail, shopping, entertainment, community service and networking) since I live in a rural area 2.5 hours from the nearest large city. We need HIGH SPEED, OPEN ACCESS INTERNET...for the love of .....

—Gay Northrup, Winthrop, WA

Please, reclassify ISPs as common carriers. The proposed alternative creates an overly unfair advantage for large well-established companies online over small start-up online ventures who would not be able to afford the faster service.

—Garrett Fine, Hopkins, MN

Preserve net neutrality. It is critical.

—Maxine Blake, NY, NY

Wheeler's plan is corrupt and unfair to the free market. This would develop a monopoly by the Top internet providers, which should be illegal. Wheeler's plan would only help big companies and hurt the consumers and competitors.

—Cody Czarniecki, MUNCIE, IN

I do not agree with the direction of the FCC in regards to Net Neutrality. Please follow the overwhelming voice of the citizens and reclassify ISPs to a common carrier.

—Lucas Merriam, Apex, NC

Mr. Wheeler, If you'd like to continue to push our country towards the idea that politics and public discourse should be completely influenced by money and big business, go ahead. But this is not what we elect our leaders to do. We expect the to set good, honorable examples for us and our children. History shows over and over again the dangers of obsessing with capital and money rather than freedom and expression. I challenge you to argue against me that this is not what you are doing.

—Neal Barenblat, Memphis, TN

Net Neutrality protects us against monopolistic, unchecked, money driven practices of ISP providers in America (at least some of them). No matter the argument, no one can deny that we are lagging severely behind at least 30 other countries and paying significantly more... Additionally, if extra cost for "a fast tier" is levied against internet based companies, it will squash the market, killing off small startups who can't pay the price and stifle innovation and competition. The internet is the single greatest invention of this generation and has changed the world for the better. Stop trying to break it for an extra buck.

—Noah Albro, Washington, DC

The only ethical take on the web is NET NEUTRALITY.

—Alina Mitroi, Hunedoara,

It seems to me that Mr. Wheeler's plan would let Internet service providers like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon create a two-tiered Internet, with fast lanes for those who can afford the extra fees and a slow dirt road for the rest of us. I am writing to request the FCC to throw out the Wheeler plan, and any other rules that impede total net neutrality, in order to reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Enoch Page, Vallejo, CA

Chairman Wheeler - I am writing to voice my and my colleagues objections to any change in the rules regarding access for all to the internet system. To be fair we feel the ISP gateways to the 'internet' should be reclassified as the common carriers they actually are. We depend upon unfettered access to this common good that was built by millions of small entrepreneurs. To allow those with financial and political power to benefit from the demand for good and services created by small working entrepreneurs is a theft of our work and to allow conditions for access to what was a laboratory for democracy and new business models is a theft of the common good.

—Blind Murray, Cranberry Isles, ME

We must protect Net Neutrality! Please take action to do so!

—Rachel Ford, Charleston, SC

Please protect true net neutrality - throw out special rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. We have the most expensive and slowest internet in the free world, please don't make it even worse.

—Janet Schreurs, Denver, CO

A two-tiered Internet is not constitutional. Trying to price tier our access to information is like having to pay extra to see the exact same thing- you are hijacking the American people and restricting access to potentially life-changing information- if someone has to wait longer to be able to see something online, it may frustrate and seriously impede their efforts and make them walk away from important Internet searches. PS- I know you work for "them", so you don't care about the people, but history will show you are on the wrong side. Not that that's ever stopped the FCC from being on the wrong side of history before. You have an opportunity to do the right thing for once: throw out your rules and classify ISPs as common carriers. It's the right thing to do.

—Anya Briggs, Bronx, NY

Please protect net neutrality and reclassify ISP's as common carriers; do not give providers like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon the power to discriminate against online content.

—Misty Chapman, Pickens, SC

The reason why we need net neutrality to protect the internet is that it gives everyone complete access to the world wide web and that free access to the internet is an excellent tool for business and society from all walks of life. Bringing censorship and discrimination will damage many communities and businesses alike. This is what we would condemn as "Online Tyranny", and in a democracy we will not tolerate this type of Orwellian corporate hostile behavior. This repressive idea will never work and it will make life bad for everybody, yes there are several online sites that need to be taken off like hate, drugs, pornography and sex predators, but this type of censorship will target the best and brightest that the world of business, community, activism and ideals have to offer. It is time that we finally delete this online tyranny threat from the world wide web once and for all before it tears a lot of communities and businesses apart. Censorship and government oppression against the internet is not the way to deal with any problem, and as many people from all walks of life would agree, online censorship will not be the answer and it will never solve anything that those corporate- political tyrants are pointing to. This online tyranny is what we would describe as 'a miserable failure in the making' that will answer only to the greed, abuse of power, hatred, arrogance and fears of the businesses and the special interests that support this terrible ruling. This will hurt those tyrants in special interests, business and politics much more than those that they want to kick off the internet, and this whole wasteful mess will be their fault. Free internet is the perfect way for the world wide web to allow people to do business, make discoveries, solve problems, bring people together, create inventive ideas and even have special contact with the highest ranks of government and justice and whatever is highly important in the world today. So this goes to show why net neutrality is very important to all of us, and whether those who want this online tyranny likes it or not, we will make sure that the best in the internet remains free as ever, and we are going to keep it that way because that is what the vast majority of the world's population wants it to be--free and democratic. This online tyranny will have no place in a democracy so those who have this online oppression better get that through their ignorant thick skulls on who they are dealing with. Free access to the internet is here to stay for good and we are going to keep it that way from now on, so we better get used to it before their will be legal hell to pay. To those who support this online tyranny is no friend to all of us, now let's have this censorship- discrimination threat deleted from the world wide web once and for all. It's bad for democracy and it's bad for society--remember that!

—Richard Adam Hendricks, Webster, NY

No to two separate pay to play speeds for the internet!! This is bad policy and affects the very media our democracy depends on!!

—Karri Schlegel, SLC, UT

Respect the needs of the common carrier...

—Joan Nagle, Eastham, MA

Net neutrality - one of the last "free" things we have.

—Mary Gildea, Marietta, PA

please do not privatize the internet! it must remain neutral for the FREE exchange of ideas and opinions. nit just the corporate approved view.

—Mike Smith, ashdown, AR

Two tiered internet is equivalent to the collapse of net neutrality. Blocking carriers from "slowing" internet service is a meaningless restriction when they can ration out upgrades to the highest bidder, destroying startup culture by handing the largest corporations the keys to the system. Preserve real net neutrality. Demand one tiered service.

—Douglas Samson, Ithaca, NY

Net Neutrality is a crucial way of preventing the internet from becoming an "owned" space. The idea of anyone owning the internet is ridiculous, and more importantly, catastrophic to the people who depend on the internet to communicate, start new businesses, and utilize its resources in order to bring themselves into a better place in life. There are people who depend upon the internet for education, whether through an internet university or through self-education, and rural communities that have multiple mile long stretches between themselves and their next neighbor who require the internet to stay in contact and maintain a community. Those people would suffer because of a lack of a availability to afford the faster internet. Please, abolish these new rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Don't allow for corporations which already have an effective monopoly on internet providing gain a monopoly on the internet itself.

—Nicholas Arthur Anastasia, Lincoln Park, MI

Maintaining Net Neutrality will, in my mind, continue to help entrepreneurs make their ideas into economic realities.

—Matt Shriner, Shoreline, WA

The gap between the rich and the poor is ever widening. Net Neutrality is one of the ways we can have universal access to information and knowledge! Save net neutrality now before it's too late.

—Leila Atkin, Kailua Kona, HI

A "tiered" Internet would cripple the biggest economic engine since the industrial revolution. Giving everyone equal access to the Internet has fostered and allowed for a tremendous amount of invention, both directly and indirectly. The ability to learn from others through the Internet, to apply that knowledge to create something new, and to in turn share that creation with the world through the Internet is the single greatest force for innovation human kind has ever developed. In creating a tiered Internet, you eliminate the vital third step in this positive feedback loop by preventing anyone but those with the deepest pockets from sharing their ideas, creations, and knowledge with the world. Classifying ISPs as common carriers sends the message that along with life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, the right to access the stored knowledge of the entire human race is an inalienable one. The right to absorb from and contribute to the living archive of our knowledge should be protected.

Please re-classify ISPs as common carriers.

—Juan Gutierrez, Glendale, CA

Dear FCC, Please, for the sake of keeping information free and equally accessible, keep the internet free and uphold net neutrality. In order to make this world a better place for all we need access to all the information the internet grants us. Thank you -Leo

—Leo, Portland, OR

Big companies already receive breaks financially. Don't give consumers the short end of the stick for having a decent internet connection. We already pay a lot for access to the internet and we don't have any other choice.

—Hector Cruz, seattle, WA

Two tiered internet would be discrimination against the poor, not all of us can afford beyond a basic package from our ISP's , thats bad enough but when you add a Tier it would be like being on dialup. In my humble opinion there should only be one tier - please listen to us.

—Chris Jones, coalville,

As an artist who is beginning his career, I needn't to get the word out about what I do as quickly and to as many people as possible. When any entrepreneur starts out, they have a small amount of money if any. This act would make my probability for success very slim. It would intern have consequences for the economy as a whole.

—Chris D. Anderson, Studio City, CA

The internet is the future.

—Vincent Cimino, Phoenix, AZ

Dear Sir, Which of our freedoms are you going to take away next. The price of everything we need to even exist is ever rising and now you want to force us to pay twice as much for our access to the Internet which has been even now getting ever more expensive all the time. We don't need you to chime in with this new legislation to make our daily life even more expensive. You can't possibly think that Internet providers won't jump all this as an excuse to raise our costs even higher than they are already doing with their greed for profits at our expense. I can't afford to pay more than I am paying now, so what do you propose I do now? My income is fixed.

—Fred Belt, Sunland, CA

The internet belongs to 'We the People' who paid for it. Now this too is up for grabs by the corporate powers? Chairman Wheeler, please do the right thing and make the internet part of the commons.

—Linda Gale, Salem, OR

As a web developer, I strongly oppose the new FCC plan concerning Net Neutrality. A two tier system places my clients would be at a disadvantage from the moment their website are launched, unless they are willing to pay-to-play with the 'backbone' providers. This would be quickly signal the end of the disruptive upstart, as more established players would always have the advantage. For the internet to be the free and open playing field it has always been, it MUST remain truly neutral to the data moving across the network.

—John Benjamin, Paducah, KY

Privilege at other's expense, or fairness for all?

—Rich Carrasco, Issaquah, WA

Net neutrality now! Don't screw the little people.

—Bridgett Patoka, Germantown, WI

I think that keeping the net neutral is an important think for people. Please don't let the corporations win again. They are taking over this country.

—Joseph P Piontkowski, Tarentum, PA

Internet service providers and governments should treat all data on the Internet equally, not discriminating or charging differentially by user, content, site, platform, application, type of attached equipment, and modes of communication.

—Lorraine Bennett, Pepperlaw,

The FCC's proposed Internet rules are terrible! Net Neutrality Essential!

—Tyler Randall, Guttenberg, IA

Re: Current Net Neutrality propositions. Please, FCC, back to the drawing board. Work on fixing something that's actually \*broken\* by reclassifying ISP as common carriers. Thank you.

—Jonathan Latimer, Kihei, HI

Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Please do what's right for the USA (instead of what's right for large, deep-pocketed corporations). Prove to the USA that you have our best interests in mind and throw out your proposed rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Israel Hyman, Chandler, AZ

The FCC's proposed Internet rules are terrible. FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler's plan would let Internet service providers like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon create a two-tiered Internet, with fast lanes for those who can afford the extra fees and a slow dirt road for the rest of us. These companies would have the power to pick winners and losers online and discriminate against online content and applications. And no one would be able to do anything about it. Please, FCC, throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality.

—Leah Hansen-Montalbano, New York, NY

In a complex and still somewhat ailing economy, with pockets of work and commerce still cratered, the development of new business is crucial and life-saving both to individuals and to the society as a whole. Like a petri dish full of living organisms, like protoplasmic beginning of life, the Internet is the medium in which many small businesses and large are being created. Relegating the value of that medium to a toll highway can kill a lot of the potential growth. A completely unfettered Internet, a Net Neutral, is crucial to the economic health of this country.

—Jeffrey N Hardy, Portland, OR

The internet should be treated like a utility, because it is one. Charging different rates will lead the USA to fall even further behind other nations.

—Andre Danylevich, Los Angeles, CA

You do realize that you're commercializing everything, right? The America that I envisioned wanted equality for all, not just the rich and the powerful. That's exactly what we wanted to avoid. And here you are, like "oh, this is a new thing, this is a thing that everyone uses, LET'S MAKE THEM PAY MONEY FOR IT." Seriously, why don't you use all this effort to reform the educational system instead?

—Shelly Tan, West Lafayette, IN

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

—Marc Petricciani, Seattle, WA

We need to preserve America's essential freedoms.

—Bea Reed, Pembroke Pines, FL

Net neutrality is essential so everyone has equal access.

—R P Hartnett, Burr Ridge, IL

This ruling will further kill intermediate and small businesses. Please rescue the economy and middle class from further corporate takeover. Continue and support Net Neutrality!

—Norm Lindner, Melbourne, FL

I need internet for my job; even if I didn't have a job, I'd need the internet to search for and find one. To say that it's a requirement for daily living would be an understatement. However, I do not have a choice of internet providers. I have but one and if I am not getting good service, I have no option. There is no voting with my dollar. There is no incentive for them to improve. Furthermore, my internet provider also provides telephone, video, and other entertainment services. This means that my ability to effectively use alternative services is at risk--again strengthening the monopoly. Since my internet company has shareholders, the company has an imperative to increase revenue and profits. They can do this not by providing absolute better services, but easily degrading the services of competitors. Internet providers should not have the ability to prefer one source of data over another. If this is allowed, then at a minimum companies like Comcast should be broken up to reduce monopoly control. There is nothing about this proposal that is pro-consumer. It simply benefits the internet/cable company.

—David Liska, Gaithersburg, MD

The saying goes, if it isn't broke, don't fix it! If you hinder the free thought exchange and enforce censorship the outcome could ripple forth and hinder humankind and it's development with technology.

—Dakota Ramin, Sunland, CA

Net Neutrality will ensure that no internet users will fall victim to extortion or discrimination by providers. The internet isn't limited - only hardware connected to it - and should remain available to everyone, no matter the content. There are already different levels of internet speed available today, with different fees for their usage. Creating a broader gap between those able and willing to afford fast connections, and those who can't or won't afford these lines, will only have negative repercussions. It will divide the internet community by class (I could write a whole essay about the effects of anonymity and equality on the internet society here), something most societies have tried to get rid of during the past century. I think everyone should get to keep that level of equality everyone on the internet has today. The internet provider's role is to provide an internet connection, not moderate what their users can view and do. They should stick with providing; that way, their customers will be happy, and happy customers are good for the companies.

—Bjørn Olav Jensen, Mogreina,

The internet must remain a commons. Everyone must have equal access.

—JoAnn Keenan, Seattle, WA

The whole growth of the Internet and the online economy is because of Net Neutrality. It's continued viability is dependent on non-discriminatory regulation. I don't care how you do it, but you must keep the Internet NEUTRAL.

—Gregory Poland, Cameron, MO

The Internet is a 1st Amendment Right of FREE Speech

—Alan Parker, Independence, MO

Stop the madness. Do not allow the Internet to become yet another 'pay to play' entity.

—Wendi Turman, Palm Bay, FL

Giving this kind of power to ISPs will allow them to stifle small businesses that cant pay up like large corporations, businesses that they don't approve of and there ideological opponents.

—Forrest D. Johnson, knoxville, TN

The internet is and should be listed as a utility. Most providers have started charging extra to consumers who use more than their data plan allows and this is the way it should be handled. Say no to any more control of the internet and do away with this two tiered system. The Internet belongs to the people not to the government and the corporations.

—Mark Thomas, Tell City, IN

Real net neutrality is essential for a competitive market that favors the consumer. A two tiered system would only slow growth and innovation.

—Stephan saraidarian, Millville, MA