

It would be completely unfair to put all of the internet onto this bogus rule. Not only would you be killing small businesses and entrepreneurs, but you would also be encouraging a revolt of some kind. Every day citizens would not want their neutral net to be at stake because of a very small percentage of people. The internet is especially important to me because my entire career is based around connections I find online, as well as offline. I'm part of the millennial generation and it's an unfair double standard to hold me against. If I can't find a job because my online connections are being interfered with due to no net neutrality, then it's my fault for being "lazy", as many have already cast my generation to be. The entire world has shifted towards using the internet for just about everything. "The need of the many outweigh the unfair desire and power of the few."

—Adrienne, Tampa, FL

We must preserve net neutrality to safeguard democracy and free speech. This issue is of utmost importance to the people of this country, whether they write in or not. Please listen to The People! Reclassify.

—Alexis Harmon, Portland, OR

The internet's fine as it is. Leave it alone!

—Andrew P Chase, East Peoria, IL

If we don't protect net neutrality, the day of the small business is over. It is hard to compete with large business. Small business and independent artists, musicians, film makers have turned to the internet. If net neutrality goes away, innovation will be stifled, small businesses won't be able to compete, one or two companies will determine what we have access to. It is already starting. When I signed a contract with Comcast, it was for unlimited data streaming, now I have a data cap. I either stop streaming movies, music and games or I am charged a fee for the overage. If I am a startup who wants to compete with Netflix, I can no longer compete because of the fees. Netflix can afford to pay comcast more. Save the internet. Save net neutrality.

—Cynthia Jensen, Glencoe, AL

Reclassify because if we continue down a road where the haves and have nots have different levels of access to Internet, we create a caste system for the flow of information.

—Eamon Hosey, Knoxville, TN

The last I heard this was still a free country and our Government is still supposed to be FOR the people. The web should not be controlled by the big corporations who have the funds and connections to grease the pockets of those in power. If it ain't broke and it's not to the benefit of the voting public you are supposed to serve LEAVE IT ALONE!!!

—Marlene Porcell, Las Vegas, NV

I have already sent an email to the FCC regarding their intention to destroy the free world by removing net neutrality, but since this is not only a matter of personal liberty for me, I feel a further comment is due. Net neutrality means a fair and open internet, where everyone has a voice and a chance to be heard and seen. For me, this is not just a matter of human rights, it is my livelihood. I have spent my entire life pursuing my career as a programmer for the web, only to see the internet as I know it potentially destroyed just as my dreams approach fruition. A two-tiered system for the internet will not protect human rights or civil liberties any better than other american crafted two-tiered systems of human rights has in the past. It is imperative that the internet be recognized as belonging to the people of the world, and not to ISPs. They are common carriers, and should be classified as such. Currently they are legally defined as effectively owning the internet. This is not only a technical misclassification, it amounts to grand theft on a scale previously unknown to humanity, and ISPs such as Comcast are already seeking additional monetary compensation for their US government awarded ownership over other people's property. Please reclassify ISPs to common carriers, and give back the fruits of untold hours of labor of the entire world back to the people that performed this work, and to those who seek to use their services; Restore the rights of anyone to be heard on the internet, our largest commons; Protect the ability of start-ups and small businesses to compete on the web: please reestablish net neutrality.

—Raleigh Foster, Eugene, OR

DO NOT CHANGE A THING. It's NOT broke so DON'T fix it!

—Paul Bourjaily, palmetto bay fl, FL

The net needs to be neutral because the information should be made available to all with no special privileges to businesses, the only special privileges should be to law enforcement emergency situations.

—Jon Brown, midway park, NC

Ben Franklin started the U.S. postal system and the founding fathers decided to subsidize it so every one especially news publications could send their ideas to the public. The internet is an extension of the postoffice idea of Benjamin Franklin. But you neocons are doing your best to abrogate democracy especially free speech. You need to rethink your life's work. MAKE THE INTERNET A UTILITY NOT AN INFORMATION SERVICE.

—Joseph Kopnitsky, Pittsburgh, PA

People are more important than profit. The net should not be ruled by big business. The net should be equally accessible to everyone.

—Lee Alden, Putney, VT

An open internet is going to be better for the economy. Reclassify ISP's as common carriers.

—Samuel Collins, SF, CA

Net Neutrality is essential for the future of equal opportunity in our country. Once the door is open to charging differently for different services, there will be no end to corruption among providers. Small businesses and start-up organizations will not have an opportunity to succeed because media giants will have all the power. Technology innovations will be stymied because the media companies will want to keep the status quo, where they are making all the money. School children rely more and more on internet resources and the equality gap will be harder to overcome if wealthy parents are able to pay for their children to be on the "fast lane" and families with less resources are stuck in the "normal speed lane". The speeds will be completely dictated by the media companies that have already proven that money equals speed (ie the Netflix speed slow down prior to the deal they made with Comcast for faster streaming). In the current world and especially moving into the future, the internet is a necessity to life and thus should be reclassified as a public utility.

—Heather Wilmoth, Elmwood Park, IL

I use the internet as other utilities, I communicate with others, I get news, information. It is so important to our future and to my children's future. I believe you should reclassify the ISPs as common carriers. You think you know better than the rest of us because you worked for those industries, guess what, so have we. We do the public work and use the internet in our daily lives. It has become like electricity, water. Please reclassify the ISPs as common carriers to keep companies whose real goals are to make money and not serve the common good. You have the ability to make the right choice, please do not cave to money, be honest and allow the internet to continue to help us enjoy innovation. This is a golden age of creativity, if you allow ISPs to control and throttle data, you, yes you Tom Wheeler, you stifle innovation and risk ending the golden age of creativity and ingenuity. Do the right thing, reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Do it. Be the hero. You will be if you do. Your name will be written in the history books as the man who made the choice for a free internet. Not as the crook who caved to corporate pressure.

—Austin C Germer, NOVATO, CA

There is no valid reason to deny the rest of us ("common folk") the same privileges as anyone else. Please give us net neutrality.

—Clare N. Shumway M.D., Mechanicsburg, PA

Innovation is fostered by an open and level playing field. After all of the public and corporate funds that have been spent to bring the internet to most of this, vast in geography, nation, why would we want to limit access to the infrastructure we've put in place (creating tiered classes of digital citizens, much as we already have socioeconomically). Don't take away the rungs of development low enough on the ladder that our next generation might themselves rise, and all of us as a nation/world along with them, out of their current circumstances while shoveling, yet more, funds into multi-national media conglomerates that are doing just fine already. Thank you for your consideration

—Carl Devon Athans, Austin, TX

AT ONE TIME THE F.C.C. TOOK SERIOUSLY THE JOB OF PROTECTING PUBLIC INTEREST. THIS WAS DURING THE NICHOLAS JOHNSON ERA. AFTER THE F.C.C. BECAME A CORPORATE BUTT KISSING JOKE. RECENTLY IT ACTUALLY SEEMED TO RECOVER FROM AMNESIA AND REALIZE IT'S JOB IS SERVING PUBLIC INTEREST. NOW LET'S SEE IF THEY CAN WALK THE WALK.

—George Hunt, Augusta, ME

The bottom line is that ISPs have already started charging double for services. First, they charge me, and in return claim to give me access to the internet. Nowhere do they state it's restricted to only certain parts of the internet. Now they are also charging companies like Netflix to gain access to their customers. What the fuck am I paying them for if Netflix has to pay them as well for me to access Netflix? This is clearly bullshit. Please take off your corporate blinders and pay attention to the people you're supposed to represent!

—Allyn Hill, San Diego, CA

Our democracy depends on a fair and balanced, free flow of information. Information should not be regulated or considered in the same terms as corporations!

—David Moore, Portland, OR

Too many unregulated monopolies allowed to make rules. Cable companies should not be able to create a two tier system. It can only mean the company consumer loses. Don't let this happen, it is your responsibility to protect buyers not sellers.

—Beverly Mason, San Rafael, CA

Keep the internet out of the hands of a few large providers. This would be a monopoly with all the dangers of limiting access that entails. The speed of access should be 100% independent of content. And human freedom of choice should never be supplanted by corporate.

—S McDonald, Madison, WI

I believe the internet is the only healthy engine of growth in an economy hopelessly hobbled by special interests, red tape and corruption. If you restrict it with fast lanes and tolls you will kill it.

—Janis Konke, St Paul, MN

I will not stand for a two-tiered internet. This action will not only force average Americans to be used and manipulated by large companies, but would eliminate the neutrality we have worked so hard to keep. Giving big companies the power to rule over what people can watch and how well is horrid. I am completely astonished there are people behind it, unless of course they have been swayed by money. Any average person will tell you that this is a bad and horrible idea. Discrimination of what I do on the internet being run by large companies is outrageous. I will not support this.

—John Johnston, Florence, MA

Net neutrality is a major factor that if taken away will only further the slide of Americans freedoms into a special interest nation where only a few are truly free! WE DEMAND NET NEUTRALITY!

—Jack Findlen, Fort Collins, CO

Dear FCC, Demanding rules of regulation will lead to uncontrolled legislation issues, which can not be overseen by the FCC, neither can this be done properly. It's not because of the freedom of speech, but the curiosity this medium is bringing up in the people that makes it so attractive. If Net Neutrality is damaged in one way, people will find other ways to bring up the same, uncontrolled content platform. Please, don't worry about this. But regulate the existing platform is just very wrong, so spending money on it is all spilled, because Internet 3.0 will be invented then. Thank you for that.

—Jasper Kolbrink, Hengelo,

The individual's right to free and equal speech can only exist, in our current era, if there is net neutrality. If large wealthy corporations can trump this basic core right of the individual, Americans will only become LESS equal...a tragedy.

—Stephanie Austin, Haiku, HI

ISP companies should not have the power to pick winners and losers online and discriminate against online content and applications. Allowing such information restriction would be a clear violation of the First Amendment.

—Jim Elsbeth Arnold, Sequim, WA

The internet should remain open - we shouldn't be instituting "fast lanes" that will stifle creativity and innovation. Data providers should not be in the business of dictating content! It is a conflict of interest.

—Stacy Tibbits, Farmers Branch, TX

the american economy is very imbalance with the top 1% holding most of the capital and power. The rest of us need net neutrality to keep up for our own survival; for it be informational to everyday errands. It's very important for not to give FCC with such overpowering right to manipulate consumers with ever increasing internet access payment and in return recieve an even slower internet access!! The american people need net neutrality to remain competitive in the world stage.

—Dan Houg, san gabriel, CA

Please reclassify ISPs as Common Carriers. No two tiered internet!! Thanks,

—Thomas E Anderson, Spokane, WA

The Founding Fathers provided for a postal service in the Constitution to keep all citizens informed. It was part of the nation's human capital. The post roads were part of the nation's physical infrastructure. I think they would consider, as most other countries in the world now do, that the internet should not be owned by certain corporate interests for the profits of a few. It should be just like the postal service.

—Russell D. Ryan, Portland, OR

I share the strong concerns of thousands of people and communities nationwide, regarding the proposal to permit "fast lanes" for businesses who are willing and able to pay for advanced speeds of connectivity. If preferential Internet services are offered only to the large companies who can afford it, the rest of us will be left behind, unable to effectively share content online that is meaningful to our communities, anchor institutions and local businesses. The nature of the Internet is that its value as an irreplaceable source of information sharing increases as the technology in both broadband networks and connected devices evolves. The volume in which consumers are sharing content today, in terms of frequency and amounts of data, has grown overwhelmingly in recent years and will continue to do so for the foreseeable future. High Definition video is now ubiquitous and a tool that so many are using, including public media organizations, journalists, marketing departments for small businesses and nonprofit organizations, and city and local governments, to communicate and thrive in an increasingly online world. If only big media companies like Netflix, Amazon and Google can afford to have access to the advanced broadband services that will define the optimal Internet experience moving forward, particularly in the sharing of high quality video, then the nature of the information that is exchanged online will drastically favor large commercial interests much like the cable television model does now. It's not hard to imagine "fast lanes" resulting in an Internet where Hollywood movies load in 1/1000 of a second and play seamlessly, while a video highlighting the important work of a local non-profit, school, or small business takes ten to twenty seconds to load and requires buffering during playback. The reality is ten seconds in a high-speed broadband world is an eternity, and enough to discourage any person from watching and to send them clicking elsewhere. If "fast lanes" are permitted, the level playing field that web developers, video producers, businesses, nonprofit organizations, local communities, and people everywhere enjoy today, will be eliminated. Content that is local in focus, noncommercial, or independent in nature, will once again be at a devastating disadvantage to big media interests as it is in television today. Preserving net neutrality, defined as the principle that Internet service providers and governments should treat all data on the Internet equally, not discriminating or charging differentially by user, content, site, platform, application, type of attached equipment, and modes of communication, is critical for the organization I work for. I'm the Executive Director at Vermont Community Access Media (VCAM) here in Burlington, Vermont. Our mission is to promote free speech, civic engagement, government transparency and public dialogue by enabling easy access to the expanding world of media. Our understanding of why net neutrality is essential is informed by our first hand experience of being connected to both Comcast's broadband network, as well as to Burlington Telecom, a municipally owned Gigabit fiber network. We clearly understand the opportunities and obstacles in delivering online media content over both. We enjoy true high-speed connectivity on Burlington Telecom's Gigabit network with affordable symmetrical speeds that permit us to upload web content at comparable speeds to our downloads. Our affordable high-speed Internet connectivity via Burlington Telecom is what enables us to meet the demands of sharing large amounts of noncommercial community-based media content online. However, many community media centers around Vermont are unable to keep up in this regard because the prohibitive costs and limited connectivity available to them via large national Internet providers including Comcast, who are more often than not, the only ISP in town. In fact, if you are a prospective customer trying to find out what the cost of Comcast's Internet services are, you will quickly notice that upload speeds are not disclosed at all in favor of promoting their download speeds (<http://www.comcast.com/internet-service.html>). The reason for this is because Comcast is also a multinational media content provider (NBC Universal) whose business model is built on delivering media content from major networks and studios in the form of downloads to customers, and not one that is generous to independent and noncommercial media producers or anyone whose business or livelihood relies on uploading and sharing high definition video that could compete for Comcast's audiences online. In FCC Chairman Wheeler's prepared comments at the 2014 National Association of Broadcasters Show on April 8 in Las Vegas, he's quoted saying "For all the wonderful things the Internet has done, one place that it has yet to deliver on its promise is local content." It's impossible to understand how Chairman Wheeler believes that permitting favorable Internet connectivity only to the large multinational corporations who can afford it will do anything to help the rest of us ensure that the Internet delivers on its promise of important and effective content relevant to our local communities. In short, the simple truth is, permitting incumbent ISPs who are wedded to the big media industry to offer preferential treatment of data to only their wealthiest customers would be catastrophic on an international scale, and undoubtedly prevent the Internet as we know it, from being essential to the free flow of ideas, creativity, participatory democracy, and commerce.

—Seth Mobley, Burlington, VT

Dear FCC, Please help retain freedom of information on the web, and do not give companies with more money than others an additional upper hand in the market. Let conscious consumers make their own decisions based on an equal flow of content and applications, not based on the profits of service providers. Thank you.

—Carly Cassano, Oakland, CA

A true, full, and complete net neutrality plan is necessary. The internet is no longer a luxury or nice-to-have. In this day and age, the internet should be no different than any other utility such as electricity or water. As such, the best way to implement a net neutrality plan would be to reclassify ISPs, broadband or otherwise, as Title II common carriers.

—Dave DeSylvia, Woburn, MA

Net neutrality is possibly the most important regulatory issue of the coming century. The internet is not broken, please don't break it. It's our last engine of economic growth.

—Blake Johnson, Brooklyn, NY

In order to have true freedom of speech, there must be unimpeded access to it. Net neutrality is one way of having unimpeded access to information to make our democracy healthy.

—Angela, Fort Bragg, CA

Keep the Net neutral! Just as wealthy inequality has set up a two (or three) tiered (in)justice system in this country, a two-tiered internet system would allow corporations to control who can and who cannot access the internet, which is obviously unjust. Shame on Chairman Wheeler for even considering such a plan! Gail A. Williams Net user since 1989

—Gail A. Williams, Altaville, CA

Neutrality is important to me because I feel that the internet is perfect the way it is now.

—Jeremy Frank, Bryan, TX

You know perfectly well that the big ISPs are only concerned with the bottom line. You cannot trust anything they say regarding the effects of net neutrality. People with money and power already have so much control over the world, the media and our lives. Giving the ISPs the ability to create a two-tiered internet will give them yet another method of controlling the flow of information, of dissent and the free exchange of ideas. This isn't something that can be left to some sort of "honor system." If ISPs are given this power, they will abuse it. There is no doubt about it. Please. Protect net neutrality. Please.

—Charles Pierce, Portland, OR

Do not allow the two tier internet format. Net Neutrality is important to continue. Providers should be reclassified as "Common Carriers". All citizens should get equal treatment, no matter how much money they do or don't have. Slower service to be few harmful to the continuation of internet in schools, for one thing.

—MaryAnn Melberg, Titusville, FL

Real net neutrality—a single tier internet not controlled by telecom providers—is critically important for internet development. At a time when the economy desperately needs development, letting the giant telecom providers throttle new development to improve their bottom lines is insane. US telecom providers already lag far behind the rest of the industrialized world's services, and paying them to continue their lack of effective service will only make things worse. They should be defined as public telecommunications services, and required to come up to world standards of service. This would generate enormous development in the economy of the internet. And if a telecom provider is unable to make Wall Street happy providing the services we need, they can get out of the business. ITT now manages hotels, and that might be a great option for ATT.

—Robert E Anderson, Oxford, MS

Net neutrality protects small businesses and innovation from large corporate interest groups who would otherwise be free to discriminate against and stamp out potential competition by prioritizing their own IP based business ventures over those of smaller less financially able companies.

—James Worix, Bluffton, SC

Having different speed tiers of the internet goes against the very fundamental nature and design of the Internet as an open and egalitarian communication platform to share knowledge freely across the world. Please help make sure the Internet doesn't turn into a paywalled service for the elite.

—Kieran Gupta, CAMBRIDGE, MA

Net Neutrality is important to me because it's only with an open, equal-access internet that I can pursue my business and academic goals and so make a contribution to society. If that equal access is jeopardised, we are all worse off. I therefore call upon you to reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Derek Rogers, GLASGOW,

Freedom. Freedom to choose. Freedom to decide how I want to live my life and better it. Freedom. I believe that use to be a word highly used in the American culture. However, since it's more than obvious that Greed runs America and Americans now days - Freedom isn't something that's a liberty anymore. More and more rights are getting taken away. In-turn we are basically being told how to live our lives. Rather than having an equal playing field and encouraging people to better themselves, the rich Greed of today's society is only speeding up the down fall of Americans. I thought there use to be a saying that went something like "United We Stand - Divided We Fall." Guess what? These ludicrous rules that you are trying to force into play is just DIVIDING. It's no longer "We the People." It's extremely pathetic that people no longer care for one another. Furthermore, that all companies just doing whatever will make their pockets bigger no matter the sacrifice that has to be made. People wonder why America has been spiraling downhill so quickly leading towards failure. Easy answer, why don't you look in the mirror for that one.

—Ryan Shannon, Glendale, AZ

Maintaining a free and open internet is critical to our progress and evolution as a species. I urge you to prevent a tiered internet from becoming a reality.

—Graham Cowger, Bloomington, IL

A pay tier system is unfair to consumers, and does not hinder innovation.

—Gary Simmons, Tallahassee, FL

I need my internet to be free so I can access any and all information.

—Marcella McGuire, Omaha, NE

I strongly support a move to reclassify internet service providers as common carriers; I believe the alternative, two-tiered approach will diminish competition, innovation, and ultimately the number of internet provider options available to consumers.

—Philip Tracy, Cambridge, MA

Neutrality is important to me.

—John Freitag, IVYLAND, PA

You have proven, through your inaction and lack of candor, that the FCC is the enemy.

—Akash Thakkar, Seattle, WA

Please leave the internet alone. We don't need any changes to help big business make more money off of the people.

—Garry Scherer, lapel, IN

Without an open internet, big corporations would have tight control over how we access websites and services online. This issue is far more broad than just affecting US citizens, the rest of the world is connected to us through the internet. Look at what we allowed to happen to radio and television. We have a chance to finally stand up against this kind of profiteering, and retain control over the technology we as a global community have built, and continue to build every day! Please, for us, and for future generations, stand up against these profiteering corporations and do what is right for us all.

—Jesse A Goll, Loveland, CO

Net Neutrality keeps the democracy in the Internet. The Internet is the last place where the voice of the monied interests don't drown out the voices of the people.

—Peter Uttal, DAVIE, FL

This cannot happen. I am counting on you to protect net neutrality.

—Kathy Otto, Naples, FL

The internet is an Utility and needs to be classified as one, period.

—Thomas A Clarke, Durhamville, NY

We work, take classes, communicate with friends and family. We need net neutrality, not price hikes by greedy providers. Please reconsider.

—Margaret Garberick, Long Lake, MN

If approved, these rules would mean the end of Net Neutrality.

—Cassidy Pruett, Crawfordsville, IN

Please make your upcoming decision on keeping our internet open and unrestricted to all of people and not just for the too big to fail corporation who have all the money to lobby and manipulate the system to their wishes and gain.

—Michael Clarke, Spokane, WA

Internet is a public utility like phone service.PERIOD. ISP are common carriers.

—Edward Drapkin, Tucson, AZ

the internet should be free from teiring, with equal access for all. Fast lane and slow lane is just a corporate way to take more money from the middle class. This is pitiful

—Joseph Dellicarpini, Astoria, NY

Net neutrality is important to me because I believe that current proposals will lead to an undemocratic internet which discriminates against less popular websites and internet users who are not interested in well funded, corporate domains. It will result in a two tier speed system which will inevitably be used by the government of the day to suppress information and marginalise websites with which it does not agree. I do not want to see vested interests destroy the very essence of the greatest information and communication revolution since the Gutenberg Press. That is why I believe in Net Neutrality.

—Chris Le Pelley, Keighley,

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

—Jason Morris, Coral Gables, FL

If approved, these rules would mean the end of Net Neutrality.

—Cassidy Ann Pruett, Chicago, IL

Dear Tom Wheeler, I believe that your proposed internet rules are going to be the start of the end of the FREE internet. Please don't continue this quest you are on to make the internet more like the debacle that cable TV has become. If you continue this path, the internet will soon be sold as package deals where you only have access to websites that are part of you plan. This will ruin the internet. Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers so that we as the consumer can finally feel as though both our government and the corporations of America really do have the citizens best interest at heart.

—Lee Runion, Bristow, VA

If we lose net neutrality, some people won't be able to express themselves easily as blogs serve as an outlet to share things with the world. I myself would hate to lose that privilege.

—Robert Poole, West Islip, NY

I am asking you to throw out your rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers. We want true net neutrality. Not an internet bought and paid for by corporations pushing the rest of us out. We have already lost way, way to much because of corporate greed and we don't need to lose more. You know what is the right thing to do and that's what we are asking for.

—Roger Bradley, Pocatello, ID

The internet has become so ubiquitous and fundamental to contemporary American life that high-speed access to it needs to be protected as a common carrier in order to insure fair treatment for all users and prevent ISPs from strong-arming content providers.

—David Wood, Austin, TX

Net Neutrality is not only important, but essential and the foundation for equality on the internet. Everyone should have the same voice. Because we all benefit the most when we can gather up the best ideas of everyone, rather than the ideas of only a few who might have interests other than the benefit of the people.

—Jose Arteaga, West Valley, UT

The net needs to be a level playing field. It was designed and paid for by tax dollars and belongs to the people and should not be controlled by a limited few.

—Derek Blackshire, Jacksonville Beach, FL

So many social justice movements, artistic projects, education efforts, and burgeoning businesses have relied on free open internet to function, succeed and effect real changes. Net neutrality improves, enriches, and saves lives. In today's world, free speech requires net neutrality. Don't let the country down by dismantling that.

—Caitlin Halvorson, Hot Springs, MT

This is the worst thing imaginable for the Internet ! I ASK YOU TO RE-CONSIDER !

—Paul M.R.P. Hallaert, Bilzen,

Please throw out your proposed rules for a tiered internet and reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Raymond N. Corvin, Pinson, AL

Dear Mr Wheeler, We as a people and republic need to safeguard the ideals for the freedom of our internet. Not to be afraid of or, pushed around by intimidating forces, like what you're proposing to do to it. Please have the decency to act on the peoples behalf and keep the internet untainted and equally available to all.

—Eric Schiszler, Fresno, CA

I am a simple college graduate trying to make ends meet as best I can. My chosen profession (the world of software development) often requires a steady and rapid stream of information, and living with a family that uses neutral internet for the basics of media including television streaming is already taxing in that regard. Taking away Net Neutrality would mean that I would have a harder time seeking and keeping tabs on employment opportunities, as well as tearing into my family's life as they start blaming me for slow connection speeds when I have nothing to do with it. I have no alternatives at this point, and taking away a necessity like this would ruin whatever chances I have to be productive in society.

—James Meldrum, Inkster, MI

A two-tiered system would further widen the income gap and stunt entrepreneurial opportunity. Granting ISPs the power to discriminate against companies and organizations would set an incredibly dangerous and potentially irreversible precedent.

—Zach Weaver, Brighton, MA

These are dangerous times for the earth. Big business has nearly ruined the ecosystem. Net neutrality is the only way to ensure that the best ideas for progress and continuation of life on earth can be disseminated. Please maintain net neutrality. thank you

—Rosie Jardine, Branhholm,

We need Net Neutrality so that everyone has equal access to the Internet. The USA already lags far behind in terms of how much we pay for the (poor) service we get. Without Net Neutrality, once again, corporations will get fast access and the rest of us will get the "dregs." FCC, please stand up for the average American consumer instead of Big Money in whatever form it takes. Thank you.

—Connie Molnar, Antioch, IL

The only way to protect net neutrality is by reclassifying ISPs as common carriers. Please make the right choice!

—Travis Yates, Upland, CA

An old saying goes, "Why mess with success?" The Internet is no exception to this.

—Jordan Takumi Davis, Cleveland, OH

I'm writing in support of net neutrality. Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers, and provide equality of service for all users of the Internet.

—Allan Leslie, Carrizozo, NM

We need an end to corporate ripoff.

—Bruce Powell, Antigo, WI

net neutrality is the right of every american citizen. Do not let us become second class citizens for equal access to something that belongs to all of us, each and every citizen.

—Christmas Leubrie, monte rio, CA

Bandwidth-providers already make way too much money, and should have zero role in determining what we do with the bandwidth we pay through the nose for already. Please serve the people, not the massive corporations, and mandate net neutrality, the way the people want you to. How much mail are you receiving from people who really want you to set up a two-tiered internet to further enrich Comcast?

—David Rovics, Portland, OR

The Internet is the greatest resource the world has ever known for the dissemination of knowledge and ideas. It has the power to truly impact and empower the lives of all Americans, regardless of class or economic status. True net neutrality is needed to keep this invaluable resource available to all.

—Mike Heidenberg, White Plains, NY

Premium services are everywhere for consumers and businesses. This is good for productivity in the free market in many ways. Please keep the internet open and free from distinct classes or tiers of availability. Protect consumers and businesses from attack, keep the lanes for connectivity open, and make sure it can grow with time. Roads in America are free to use by legal and responsible citizens. Toll roads serve a purpose, I use them everyday to get to work. Let Businesses create shortcuts to serve their customers, but keep the available lanes open for travel. Make the system more robust or grown the web to accommodate demand. Don't create traffic jams for toll premiums. Premium service is needed, but not at the expense of the whole.

—Jonathan Collins, St Augustine, FL

This is an area where everyone, the public and any company that won't directly profit from this while claiming there is no profitable reason for it, agree. Creation of fast and slow lanes, and the ability to charge more for them ruins the equal for all internet which levels the playing field for all players.

—Dinesh Apte, PITTSBURGH, PA

We don't need more laws and rules controlling things in this country, especially the internet. The internet is the information super highway, and it needs to be accessed by all citizens equally. Companies or governments that feel they need to control the rate at which citizens can receive that information by auctioning off to the highest bidder are corrupt, unjust and we won't stand for it. Keep the net neutral.

—Jeremy Wethall, Orem, UT

Net Neutrality is incredibly important to my daily life. With three roommates, it's understood that at any one time somebody is talking to their loved one over Skype, playing a game online, streaming music, or uploading documents to the internet for their work. It's crucial that the internet service we pay for is being provided as advertised for all sites, regardless of bandwidth consumption. Tom Wheeler and the FCC, please reclassify internet service providers as common carriers. It is the only way to protect the interests of the people over the interests of corporations. Remember the responsibility you have taken on for the people.

—Matthew Sherwood, Denton, TX

Don't let a few big companies control the internet and undermine its growth. It is bad for business and consumers. Plus, it just isn't fair.

—Mark Dresdner, Teaneck, NJ

Taking away net neutrality in no ways serves any benefit to the general public. It only gives more power to the lobbying cable companies. The last time I checked, the FCC is a part of the government which exists to serve the PEOPLE... not the corporations. It seems to me that the FCC has been bought out. Which is exactly what is wrong with this country. The internet has been one of the hugest steps forward in technological advancement as well as economic freedom. What the FCC is planning to do would be a step in the wrong direction. As a citizen of the country you're suppose to be serving, DON'T FOLLOW THROUGH WITH THIS!

—Andrew Calococci, Coppell, TX

I cannot think of anything in the modern era more backward-minded than killing net neutrality. "allowing broadband carriers to control what people see and do online would fundamentally undermine the principles that have made the Internet such a success." - Vinton Cerf, co-inventor of the Internet Protocol Prioritized content / tiered internet? That's an awfully slippery slope. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers and give the internet the freedom it needs to keep innovating.

—Jason Dettmer, Dunwoody, GA

This country is based on equally opportunity. In fact, we legislate to push "equal" opportunity. The internet should remain neutral... same speed and same opportunity for everyone.

—James Taylor, Columbus, IN

Life, culture and commerce as we know it would not be the same without a free and open internet. The future is in a transparent and egalitarian world and anything that prevents that is just dragging the world backwards for no good reason. The future will be amazing if you let it be!

—Katalin Bakonyi, Stafford, TX

As a member of generation Y, I strongly believe in net neutrality. To allow rampant discrimination in the age of information would contrast many ideals that the American government has claimed it holds dear. Killing net neutrality would only prove that the government is funded by big business and does not truly believe in the people.

—pedro Sanchez-Villa, Louisville, KY

The FCC proposed internet rules are an outrage! Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers. It is the only fair and reasonable way to protect real Net Neutrality.

—Mitzi Green, Decatur, GA

The internet is the last bastion of equality.

—Martin Strube, Northampton,

Chairman Wheeler: Maintaining net neutrality is crucial and the FCC should reclassify Internet service providers as common carriers. Anything less is completely unfair to the public you are supposed to be serving!

—Curtis Alexander Young, San Diego, CA

For profit corporations should not be left to regulate themselves and the internet. That's what doing away with Net Neutrality does.

—Karl Kibler, Round Rock, TX

Please keep things fair. We the people should be in control of the internet and not some company.

—Ernest mesa, Fontana, CA

America was built on innovation and freedom of information. Do not force more expenses on users because of the greed of big telecommunication providers. Allow net neutrality to stand and let it nurture innovation and open communication for a better and free society. Thank you for your time, Michael Keown, Carrollton. Mo.

—Michael T. Keown, Carrollton, MO

You've asked for comments on the Internet. Why? Because it is a way to reach millions of people (all kinds of people) simultaneously and directly. Now imagine how different the responses might be if access to this forum was manipulated by the service providers who have a vested interest in the outcome. That alone should convince you to maintain net neutrality. Net neutrality isn't just important to me -- it is important to all of us. Access (or even degrees of access) to the Internet should not be determined by one's willingness to pay extra for it. The rich have enough advantages in this world. The Internet is a resource that allows even the poorest among us to reach for a higher rung on the social mobility ladder. Isn't that what America is all about? How can we call ourselves the "land of opportunity" if we close doors to self-improvement? Or even half-close them while holding the door wide open to those who can afford it? The FCC's job is to regulate media for the general welfare, not for the increased profits of corporations. Do your job, FCC. I'm not sure how this has even gotten as far as it has. Stop looking for a way to justify it and do the right thing. My students and I are depending on you.

—Jennifer Groepl, Cape Coral, FL

I have visited China, we do NOT want that, we want REAL NET NEUTRALITY. AND that is what the world expects, we despite our failures still stand for the option of FREEDOM in the world. Please do not dim this beacon.

—Antonia Shouse, Ithaca, NY

I am for equal spread of information on the internet, not only for those who have more money! I demand that information be kept accessible for all!

—Laura Graziano, Mars Hill, NC

The internet is the greatest tool of our age. Please help to keep it open and neutral so everyone has equal access to it and its information. A two tier system is inherently flawed.

—Cormac Doyle, Long Beach, CA

The internet is for THE PEOPLE...Government needs to stay out!..The FCC is WAY out of line on this. Tom Wheeler needs to be replaced.

—Kevin Hansen, Dallas, OR

I am a gamer and I basically live off the internet with Netflix and with crunchyroll (anime Netflix basically). I can't afford to pay a lot of money for the things I want/need in life and with all this going on I will basically recede to a cave man since I can't go out much because of my life the way it is. Please stop the madness!

—Jonathan, Greenfield, WI

Net neutrality is absolutely necessary for small companies in a world with only a few main Internet service providers.

—Barry MacKichan, Santa Fe, NM

The Internet can be consider an essential services there for it should be regulated like power utilities.

—Brian Hron, Milwaukee, WI

Everything is owned by few these days. The internet is one thing that should remain free, open and uncontrolled. Taking that away would only mean you're scared of the public having free access to information.

—Lyndsey Irish, BURLINGTON, VT

Dear FCC, Net Neutrality does not include a "good tier" and a "better tier" of service. In fact, our internet providers do a poor job at current of providing coverage to our universal "good tier". It would be better if you focused on forcing them to actually be customer service focused and provide better service than allow them to charge more money to companies they don't support or to consumers for "above average" internet.

—Rachel M. Barrett, Franklin, IN

The last thing the American people need is more corporate control in our lives; these people are already cluttering up the airwaves with advertising and putting citizens at risk by parking vehicles willy-nilly all over town with no significant effort to create safety zones around job sites. This kind of irresponsibility, and the egregiously awful attitudes of the customer service departments, do not bode well for our nation. Governments call the shots, or at least they used to; keep net neutrality central to the law. And try not allowing such monopolistic messes to develop in the first place; these companies are too big.

—Jeff L. Koehler, Portland, OR

Please don't divide the internet into a fast and slow lane. That kind of change will create an even greater division between people of wealth and those who are not. Please classify ISPs as common carriers so that the internet can remain neutral and in the hand of all rather than under the control of a few.

—Shara Mills, Ten Sleep, WY

Net Neutrality allows freedom of speech to exist on the internet. This would allow big corporations to do what dictatorships do (censorship) and destroy the free market

—Lance Ostrander, Rockville, MD

Tom Wheeler do not 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!!!!

—Edward Tilbury, Las Vegas, NV

Net Neutrality is totally necessary for all types of businesses to have the chance to find customers for their products and services. Many businesses will not be able to compete or even participate in the marketplace if one must pay a higher price to be on a fast lane. Net Neutrality establishes a level playing field and must be maintained.

—Jane Birkenstock, Campbell, CA

Enough of this insanity! Keep internet free and market competitive. Stop slowing down our progress!

—V Jones, Highland, UT

We already have enough discrimination in the World that it hardly seems necessary to create more areas for disadvantage to be showcased. "Pay what you can afford" is a stunning principle when applied to a restaurant that allows patrons that cannot pay, to eat for free and accepts people paying more for their food than the listed price in order to compensate. "Pay this because it's all you can afford" is ridiculous. Being able to control who is chosen to win or lose is ludicrous. You cannot control everything and everyone.

—Kiyomi, Portland, OR

Please don't sell us out to the corporate interests.

—Bill Ruesch, Salt Lake City, UT

A neutral internet is critical for unimpeded democratic communication. The cost should be low. It is a utility.

—Claudia Griffiths, Camden, ME

It is imperative that the Internet remains neutral and does not cater to corporations and those able to pay enormous amounts to essentially block out other businesses.

—D Corbett, New York, NY

Dear FCC Chairman Wheeler, The two-tier proposal of the internet is not the way to go. If you were to do this, the toll would be severe for not just the companies, but the people using them as well. For the lower class to lower-middle class, most people would not be able to pay for the "faster lanes" which would make the companies lose profit and the people using them also have no way of using the internet the way it was intended to be. Don't let this get out of hand, keep the internet the way it is supposed to be.

—Bryce Lantry, San Antonio, TX

A two tiered network will broaden the rift between the rich and the poor. Only those with the cash will have the opportunity to enjoy faster speeds on important websites. I thought our Gov't was supposed to make our lives better, not allow the greedy to take more money from average citizens. Our internet is already throttled compared to other Countries. Japan, for instance, has much faster speeds for all of it's people. FCC, please work for the people, not the corporations. That's what we hired you to do in the first place. Thank you.

—Wendy Mason, Charlottesville, VA

Wheeler, what is wrong with you???? The internet was developed by the Military using Tax Payer funds! Why do you know think it is a good idea to give it to large corporations with a green light to charge internet users who have already paid for it when we paid our taxes? I am writing a letter to the President and will sign every petition to get you out of office - since you are a corporate lackey and not someone who cares about the American people. How much are they paying you?

—John Grand, Green Valley, AZ

Keep the internet free! I don't want those greedy fucking companies changing my rights as an internet user. Those corporate pigs will not take my rights away.

—Zachary Merwin, Martin, TN

FCC please reclassify internet providers as common carriers and allow the internet to stay neutral as it is now. Small companies and start ups will not be able to compete if providers can charge for access to customers at a different buffer rate. Keep the internet neutral and unbiased by big money.

—Stephen Mills, Snow Camp, NC

Space is not the final frontier anymore. In the age of information, the Internet is the last truly free and ever changing frontier. Mankind has managed to cross mountains and settle distant lands, cross oceans and explore foreign continents, dive into those same oceans and uncover wonders in their depths. Humanity even managed to leave Earth, if only for the briefest moments, and see the world from the outside looking in. Allow us to keep the last frontier unexplored and unregulated. All we ask is one. Of the people, by the people and for the people.

—Eddie Hamel, Oceano, CA

The USA have been the leading country in the development of the internet. As such, they MUST protect net neutrality. In a number of countries around the world, internet is the only way to by-pass censorship. These countries would be too happy if the USA were to abandon Net neutrality.

—Michel Sicco, Orléans,

We should all be equal on the internet, with equal access and minimal govt interference ... Do not restrict the internet. We don't want to end up like China with their filtering of content.

—Jerry Jacque, Phoenix, AZ

The existing, equitable, and long-standing standards of net neutrality are responsible for the numerous technological innovations and improvements to our quality of life as Americans. Please, despite the intense lobbying by ISPs like Comcast and Verizon, do not allow for these utility companies decide the future pace or cost of free thought, creativity and progress. Creating tiers to information access would be an attack on the rights of small businesses and individuals.

—Garner Blume, Boston, MA

People are happy when they freely read what they want to without interference. It makes their minds work.

—William Kazak, Lansing, IL

Favoring the rich again? Additional discrimination? Whatever happened to equality for all? It's long gone and if this bill passes, this is more proof. Please let ISPs be common carriers - no discrimination against those who can't pay for higher internet speeds. To be fair, net neutrality must remain.

—S Serge, Canton, GA

Who is this benefitting? Definitely not the majority. I SAY NO.

—Lawrence Parry, caldwell, ID

Because I don't want to live in the next Egypt.

—Logan ragsdale, memphis, TN

I am opposed to charging for faster internet access - this will cause harm to so many people who rely on equal internet access for their businesses and livelihoods. An open internet is imperative for fair and impartial proceedings and the only way to make sure all voices have an equal chance.

—Kelly Bradley, Dallas, TX

Please don't let these huge companies, AT&T, Verizon, Com-Cast buy the internet. Tell them - it's not for sale - eve! Tell them to "STOP TRYING to BUY the INTERNET - it's over don't try this purchase again!" I am the American People telling you and asking you to stop them - for us!!!!!!

—Catherine Corwin, Santa Monica, CA

If you kill Net Neutrality there won't be a next google, netflix, facebook. Net Neutrality is critical for innovation. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers to protect the future of inovation.

—Shawn Doucet, Baton Rouge, LA

Dear FCC, We should make the internet neutral about the data and don't let profitable companies to decide who gets the bandwidth. Two-tired internet is a threatening act. Please be careful about the future. We will lose most of the hope for true democracy, true free economy, and freedom of speech. This has a potential to make the public weaker. Whoever pays will get to be seen and heard. It makes me, a teacher making free educational material, weaker. The reason that now internet works better than any other system in serving public is the fact that it is neutral. Internet is not broken and does not need this kind of catastrophic change at the moment. Do not let the ISPs to push you in believing that this will do good. This is an unjust power on the hand of few, and we all know what happens if you give few such a power. I do not want to give them the power to take away my bandwidth, even if you still think they won't do such things. ISPs need FCC's guidance to control them and regulate them for human-kind benefit. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers, so they can be controlled with the correct justice system. We do not need data bullies or potential data bullies at least.

—Roshan Tourani, Highland Park, NJ

The internet is inherently democratic and it absolutely must stay that way. If it doesn't we don't have the freedom of the press we need to stay a democracy.

—Jennifer Griebenow, Taylorsville, KY

Net Neutrality is important to continue so the Internet can continue the way it has been. Don't change it.

—Judy Epstein, Minneapolis, MN

The internet is the platform of free speech in this time and the foreseeable future. To limit access with the end of net neutrality would be putting limits on individuals' constitutional rights of freedom of speech. This is a very bad idea! Sincerely, Chris Ehrman

—Chris Ehrman, UPLAND, CA

Your policy regarding a two-tiered Internet is unfair and will allow discrimination against online content and applications. I insist that you reject this plan and reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Sincerely, Penny Anderson

—Penny Anderson, Andover, MN

Net Neutrality is important to me because it will ensure the minority voice gets heard. Websites representing minority opinions will not have the resources to get in the "fast lane", so people will have a harder time accessing them. As a result, the internet will have an even bigger problem with racism, sexism, and homophobia than it already does. Net neutrality is more than just a business issue, it's a civil rights issue.

—Sarah Percival, Madison, WI

**DON'T ALLOW THE PEOPLE'S VOICE TO BE DROWNED OUT BY CORPORATIONS. CORPORATIONS ARE NOT PEOPLE.**

—Carol Laitinen, SAINT LOUIS, MO

The internet is the greatest scientific tool ever developed. Do not allow it to be destroyed in the name of capitalism. The advancement of our scientific development is more important than big money for corporate entities.

—Stacey Spiegel, Lancaster, CA

Dear Mr. Wheeler, Please keep the internet free and clear of a tiered system. Also, it is imperative the ISPs are reclassified as common carriers. If not, you're a scumbag.

—Chris Wolven, Powder Springs, GA

Net Neutrality is important to me for a few reasons: 1. Continued Innovation. The new proposal to provide tiered support will harm new entrants to the innovation race - the future Netflix and Amazons of the US - will be forced to compete on a skewed playing field where the entrenched companies such as Netflix and Amazon will be favored by such an arrangement. NOT a pro-innovation step. 2. Consumers will be adversely affected being forced to pay more for the different levels of service. The proposal is NOT consumer and end-customer friendly.

—Srinivas K Raman, FREMONT, CA

I don't want to live in an Orwellian world where the only information available is what the person with the deepest pockets wants to spoon feed me.

—Penelope Conlon, San Francisco, CA

This has international implications. Whatever the FCC decides will no doubt be adopted by other countries, and is a denial of the fundamental principles of the Internet.

—Doug Scott, Tonbridge,

Creating an unequal playing field is no way to handle or manage the futures of all Americans. Believe it or not our prosperity and future depends on a free and open exchange of data on the internet. Giving preferential treatment to those that can pay more or requiring users to pay to have their data delivered faster is wrong. Regardless of what the data is it should all be treated equally. Internet Providers should not have the right to solicit for more money from anyone except their consumers. And the consumers should have the ability to choose their providers based on free market and competition.

—James E MacLain, Moravia, NY

A two-tiered Internet, a fast lane for companies that can afford the steep tolls — and push the rest of us to a slower tier of service is UNACCEPTABLE!!!!!! Tell the FCC to throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality!

—Keith Rigdon, Jacksonville, FL

Please regulate ISPs under Title II. And try to get rid of the local monopolies all cable companies have. You could require ISPs to let all comers lease "last-mile" connections on equal terms. Treat ISP infrastructure like telecommunications infrastructure.

—Stephen Marney, Sarasota, FL

Everyone should have equal access to the internet and the proposed two-tiered system would place business interests ahead of the average citizen. Therefore I urge you to discard this potentially disastrous proposal and insure Net Neutrality. Equal access to all!

—John V Casciato, Tucson, AZ

Do NOT approve the "two-tiered" internet proposed by Chairman Tom Wheeler. It is a power grab by utility providers. It is NOT in the best interest of the working-class citizens of this country. RE-CLASSIFY ISPs as common carriers. Make them regulated by common carrier rules. Thank you.

—Mr. D-B Hudson, Sparks, NV

As a daily user of the internet, I want to continue to have one speed for all users and not allow profit motives to control the speed I have available to me.

—Richard Bush, Moorpark, CA

Creating a two-tiered system of different internet speeds depending on the ISPs' ability to pay is unAmerican and anti-Internet. It cuts to the core of why the Internet was first dreamed up over 40 years ago: to allow anyone, anywhere to enjoy ALL of the benefits and features of instant communication and research on equal par with everyone else as long as Internet is available in one's area. This proposed change of rules would ruin that promise, and set us back decades in the fight for ending disenfranchisement and poverty with the accessibility of education through the Internet.

—Jenny C, CHAPEL HILL, NC

Please classify ISPs as common carriers and protect my ability to easily share and acquire data for my research into neurodegenerative disease. As scientists, we need an open internet that does not depend on tiered speeds. This decision affects more than just streaming the latest Hollywood movie. Future innovations may be squandered without this reclassification!

—Emily Ozdowski, Durham, NC

Do not let the internet be governed by giant capitalistic companies that will increase prices for premium access.

—Reverend Max Lee, Fair Lawn, NJ

Dear FCC, I currently pay around \$80 per month for terrible DSL service, where I get blazing fast speeds of up to 1 mb per second (sarcasm, in case you guys didn't notice; the Internet I have is horribly bad). Anyway, because I live in a "rural" area (even though there's houses all over the place) I have to deal with this Internet, and the crappy company that I buy it from. Oh, did I mention that this crappy company, with their crappy DSL Internet service from 2003, is my only option? Yep, that's right, the county I live in started a co-op for Internet, phone, and cable, and blocked other companies from putting their networks in the county. So basically, the county I live in has decided (like so many other counties, cities, and towns in this country) that it was going to stick with this one Internet and cable provider, and sign a contract with them saying that they can be the only Internet provider in the city/county/town. So I have three options, I can subscribe to their service and deal with it (this is what I'm currently doing), I could cancel their service and not have Internet, or I could move thirty miles to Chattanooga and live with some of the fastest Internet in the world. A lot of Americans are in the same situation I am. Does this seem fair to you? Do you think the American way of doing things is to limit the competition so that you can make all the money? According to the Akamai 2013 report, the United States is 11th in the world in Internet connection speeds among other developed countries, yet Americans pay the most out of any other country. In America, the average megabits per second to price per month ratio is 5:9, while in South Korea it is 10:1.8. Basically, that means that Americans (who live in a country that ranks 11th in Internet speeds) pay about 4x as much money for Internet that is 1/2x slower than South Koreans (who live in a country that ranks 1st in Internet speeds). So, why would Americans have to pay more for Internet that is half the speed? Simple, Internet companies in America don't give a damn about their customers, because they know they don't have to. Why don't they have to care about their customers like other companies do? Because Internet companies have really good lobbyists in Washington. These lobbyists then cut deals with congressmen and senators so that they have an advantage in the market, to a borderline illegal degree. In America, we have given too much power to Internet companies. In what other business would two giant companies like Comcast and Time Warner Cable be allowed to merge? Would Wal-Mart and Target be allowed to merge? No, because it would be unfair to the consumer. But, because of really good lobbyists who make congress turn a blind eye to these companies in the Internet Market, it is perfectly fine for Internet companies to be unfair, and to not care about the consumer. So now, here we are with the net neutrality issue. And here we are yet again with congress and the FCC taking sides with big business. So, why is an end to net neutrality bad for the consumer (and great for the FCC/Tom Wheeler)? 1) Tom Wheeler has ran many telecom companies and is undoubtedly friends with the top executives of telecom companies. The end of net neutrality would be a great benefit for him so that he may gain power in the telecom industry. 2) Internet companies would legally be able to slow bandwidth to certain sites that they may be in competition with (we already see this happening illegally with Comcast and Netflix, though congress refuses to act). 3) Internet companies would be allowed to charge for a "fast lane" that allows users to access some websites faster and more efficient than others. These "fast lane" websites would undoubtedly be websites that the Internet companies held a stake in, while almost any other website would be slow to load. 4) Internet companies can limit bandwidth to certain Internet services, forcing the Internet service to pay more money or deal with slow loading times for the users. This extra fee, of course, gets handed down to the customer of the Internet service. We've already seen this happen when Netflix was forced to raise it's price to new customers because Comcast decided to raise it's prices (not because Comcast had to raise their prices, but because they were bullies and wanted to make a point that they could). The problem that America is having right now is that it's trying to view the Internet as a corporation's property. The fact is is that the Internet isn't just about making money. The Internet is full of people, activities, protests, games, stories, news, and yes, business. The Internet isn't something we should be putting a price on. The Internet is a community, and the Internet is a REAL PLACE. The Internet has changed the world in terms of communication, information, and entertainment, and it still has a chance to get better. But it can't get better if it gets worse, and the new proposal to allow companies to charge for certain parts of the Internet is about as bad as it can get. This isn't just an issue of companies making money, it's an issue of limiting free speech and freedom of the press. I urge the FCC to reconsider their plans to end net neutrality. Ending net neutrality could see the end of the Internet all together, and we can't allow this to happen. The Internet is just too damn important for that. I thought America was against censorship, against monopolies, and against unfair treatment, but with policies like this continuing to go forward it seems the opposite is true. An end to net neutrality is the opposite of everything this country stands for, and you should be ashamed for even considering it. Sincerely, Jesse Rice

—Jesse Rice, Graysville, TN

Please consider alternatives to a two tiered system of fast lane and slow lane. I do not believe cable companies should be able to charge additional money for faster service for certain content. I have already experienced throttling on various video providers since the verizon ruling went through, forcing me to use one provider (my cable company) to purchase movies. This is unfair manipulation of the market and monopoly. Internet should be free and equally available to all. At the very least, people ought to have the power of choice on their providers. It is too important of an invention to be limited only to those who can afford it.

—Holly Hollar, Brentwood, TN

I do not want access to the "little guys" on the internet relegated to the slow lane!

—John Kirsten, Saint Charles, MO

The countries with the strongest economy from the internet have net neutrality. To allow anything else harms what has made the internet such a economic force in this county.

—Charlotte Lister, Chester, NH

As our country becomes two tiered as the middle class is squeezed out, we need a one tier internet more than ever. How can you justify this policy given your previous employment. It isn't right, and it seems money is all that matters to you. Well, net neutrality matters to the rest of us. Do the right thing.

—James Lanter, Blacksburg, VA

free internet access for all

—Egan Sanders, Denver, CO

The net is equal for all people & corporations. So if corporations are "people" too as the Supreme Court says than it is not fair that some "people" have more access, rights & power than other people. Remember the 14th amendment with it's equal protection clause. The internet was developed with public funds, keep it public and equal. VOTE TO KEEP NET NEUTRALITY FOR ALL, NOT JUST A FEW. Best a Regards, Dexter Decker 56 S Crestview Dr Adrian, MI 49221

—Dexter Decker, Adrian, MI

As a small business owner, net neutrality insures that my messages are seen and heard alongside those of my much larger competitors. I do not want my internet provider deciding for me or my potential clients which messages get priority. As a consumer, I want to have equal access to all information

—Lorraine Ball, Indianapolis, IN

I'm a small business owner, and net neutrality is essential to my success. Giving businesses with deeper pockets than me the unfair advantage of speed online would horribly derail my business.

—Ali Jangbarwala, Chino Hills, CA

Dear FCC, On a daily basis, I am bombarded with news stories that remind me of one simple fact: money is power. Those that do not have enough of it are trampled upon, and this is especially true in the political and legislative arenas. When I come home from work, I take comfort in knowing that I can sit down and enjoy the one avenue where every citizen and corporation is on an even playing field: the internet. Unfortunately, I believe that these proposed rules will prove to be utterly destructive to the internet, and will be detrimental to corporate competition, which is the cornerstone of our economic system. Please - vote to reclassify ISPs as common carriers, and preserve the fair and equal arena that is the internet.

—Nathan W. Jones, Austin, TX

The your jobs as the custodian of the public trust instead of the take-out window for the telecom industry's wish list and support net neutrality.

—Chris Sherrill Cain, High Point, NC

Freedom and equality to all.

—Lugia Chan, North muskegon, MI

Charging for fast lanes is stupid, we already have internet so bad that we are barely even ranked in the world and you want to slow us down even more? Someone needs to fire the idiot that thought this was ok.

—Clarence Dustin Moore, Union, MS

We cannot have a fast and slow lane for the internet. We cannot have the ISP's charge the websites for fast and slow speeds. The price for fast and slow access is already paid by the consumer (Not the website). If you allow for ISP's to prioritize which websites get faster speeds that will destroy the internet. It must remain free. We will never have another breakthrough in communications greater than that of the internet and we cannot let the ISP's control who gets fast speed and who does not. The ISP's should not be double charging the consumers and the websites for speeds that they guarantee. The consumers already pay their fare share. Please keep the internet neutral.

—Tim, Grandview, MO

The internet was developed as a public good. To allow private telecom industries to essentially take it over and control access and resources would be like letting a private industry control peoples' access to electricity. The internet should be a catalyst for innovation of ideas coming from all corners to uplift humanity. Not something for corporations to "innovate" into new ways to make money at the expense of those without money and power who would lose equal access to this resources. So, please reclassify ISPs as common carriers!

—Sage Nagai, Las Vegas, NV

Please do not approve the proposed internet rules. Instead, reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Thank you.

—Ann Hickox, Tucson, AZ

I live in rural northern Wisconsin and it is important to me to have access to the Internet in the same way as those in big urban areas. Net Neutrality is important so that ALL American citizens have access to the same information and service at the same prices and speeds.

—Camille Olson, Park Falls, WI

The internet should not be regulated. Instead regulate the Internet Providers.

—Allan Ostrander, Onondaga, MI

Is America trying to become like Ireland or Australia, with its laughably bad Internet service? Freedom or else.

—Megan Tierney, Lawrenceville, GA

FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler is pushing a plan that would allow rampant discrimination online. If approved, these rules would mean the end of Net Neutrality. Wheeler's plan would let Internet service providers like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon create a two-tiered Internet, with fast lanes for those who can afford the extra fees and a slow dirt road for the rest of us. These companies would have the power to pick winners and losers online and discriminate against online content and applications. And no one would be able to do anything about it. This is completely unacceptable. We HAVE to have net neutrality. Caroline

—Caroline Dando, San Francisco, CA

It befuddles me to think how Tom Wheeler et al would ever think this proposal is a good idea, but in short, it isn't. Please put the kibosh on this ridiculous proposal.

—Brandon Hutchinson, Crystal, MN

You realize of course that a two-tiered internet will effectively be regarded as a singular internet with cost-based obstructions to speed. As history has shown, the network will find a way to route around these obstructions. If the internet does not treat all traffic the same then what you will end up with is multiple different internets. This is a bad idea. Those who propose adding a "fast lane" are the same organizations who have made the United States network one of the most expensive and slowest of any developed nation. Now, out of greed, they want it to pay them even more and in return they will deliver even worse service. I urge you to think carefully and consider the unintended consequences of this action.

—David Kuhl, Arlington Heights, IL

Anything except complete and total net neutrality will discourage the initiation of hundreds maybe even thousands of companies that require the internet to not only exist but to thrive. If you look at the most successful companies now, they all have a major online presence and would have died out or, even worse, not existed if they would have had to pay for access to the people that would use their product.

—Anthony Dent, Columbus, OH

I want the internet as it is...Do not Change it FCC or Mr. Wheeler  
—Myrna Kain, Everett, WA

Dear FCC, As presently constituted, the internet provides the only significant source of non-mainstream news and commentary; and does so in an open and free manner. To allow a two tiered system would relegate these sources to second class status and would further the interests of a very few providers and media companies. Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers to protect net neutrality. Sincerely, Bruce Berwald  
—Bruce Berwald, Santa Cruz, CA

The internet isn't broken. Don't try to fix in favor of corporate government and financial hegemony. Let it be what it is and should be. Free, equal and independent.  
—Scott T Mallory Sr., silver spring, MD

Taking away net neutrality is nobody's right! Please keep net neutrality for all people to have the freedom to use the internet without laborious restrictions!  
—Steve Elliott, Jacksonville, NC

Leave the Internet alone. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers. The vast majority of users want real net neutrality, not the two tier system you are trying to force the Internet into. R. Kemp  
—Bob Kemp, Federal Way, WA

I'm writing to express my disapproval of any FCC plan for a tiered internet. As a rural customer who is already relegated to a satellite ISP for my middling speed access to the internet that costs me plenty as is, I am outraged that the FCC does not understand how necessary net neutrality access is to our lives. All ISPs should provide the same service to all of us within their capabilities, and at a reasonable cost. Too much money is wasted by the big ISPs on advertising their product, which for many of us is not available! As the modern day utilities they are they should be required to build out more of their accessibility to all of us, not relegate us to a further flawed system, as the FCC proposes to allow. This is a disgrace.  
—Mr. Griswold Draz, Wellfleet, MA

Net Neutrality is essential to maintain equality in our country when more and more money seems to be the only thing that provides access to democratic resources.  
—Mr. John D'Angelo, Valatie, NY

I myself find Net Neutrality to be important because I visit a lot of very small, independently owned websites that aren't hosted for profit. They are hosted out of pocket with the specific intention of providing content for their user base. The recent rulings by the FCC put these sites at risk if its users not being able to connect. Purposefully prioritizing website bandwidth by slowing down other sites so the larger, more wealthy websites can take priority is a terrible way to do business. These website owners are already paying to have their information hosted. I can understand wanting to provide faster access for certain websites willing to pay for it, but in order for ISPs to prioritize bandwidth for those sites, they would have to purposefully slow down or completely pull priority from other sites and hosts who have already paid their share to have their information hosted in the first place. It would be like cell phone carriers demanding that certain businesses pay an extra fee on top of their normal fees so customers can actually get through to the business, which is ILLEGAL. Net Neutrality is the same thing, and relabeling ISPs as common carriers would protect the internet from this kind of harsh, purposeful, and immoral discrimination. Net Neutrality is actually LAW in Europe. It assures that our freedom to information, an inherent Constitutional right guaranteed the Bill of Rights' Freedom of Speech and Freedom of the Press, is not hindered. The new laws passed by the FCC would intentionally limit that access to information, thereby going against the same Constitution that has guaranteed our rights and liberties for the last two and a half centuries. Appeal these laws, and relabel ISPs as common carriers, guaranteeing Net Neutrality's safety. Democracy was created so the people of the nation would have a voice against tyrants controlling the government. The people have spoken. Now prove to us that we are not ruled by tyrants and that this country is still a democracy!  
—James Weldon, Hutto, TX

Controlling the internet is like controlling water or air; not yours or any entity to own. Its a resource for all of humanity to share.

—Korbin Uhlman, south brookfield,

FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler, The price of cable or satalite tv has grown out of reach for a lot of people. The price of cell service has also skyrocketed. Please don't let the internet become a luxury only for the wealthy! Internet service providers need to be reclassified as common carriers, which is what they really are! Sincerely, Carl Stephen Heinecke

—Steve Stephen Heinecke, Colorado Springs, CO

Really, are you kidding me?

—Michael Dezotell, San Diego, CA

corporations will not regulate fairly. new starts ups will not be able to gain access

—Peter Leibfred, laguna bch, CA

Because the world is round.

—Hugo Hilton-Brown, Uppsala, TX

As a member of the general public and as such a frequent user of the internet service and a subscriber to Comcast.net (the monopoly provider of cable in my city) I'm already paying outlandish fees for internet service. Please, RECLASSIFY ISPs AS COMMON CARRIERS so that the extra costs of fast lane access isn't passed on to me which is the ultimate consequence of your present position. Thanks.

—W Wayne Young, Salem, OR

Free access internet for all!

—Steve Menicucci, Suisun City, CA

I don't want to see whats being projected into my face through companies that restrict / support different kinds of traffic based on whether they like it or not . I should decide what informations i wanna consume

—Vladimir Lipták, Bratislava,

these rules are for companies gaining power. please stop

—Mike Ramos, long beach, CA

Open and free communications are the cornerstone of our democracy. Without the free exchange of ideas, we lose our ability to become informed citizens. The FCC already regulates the use of radio frequencies and television and telephone infrastructure to ensure no entity can abuse or harmfully restrict these channels of communication. With the rise of the internet, it is increasingly becoming the primary medium through which information and ideas are shared. Proposals are on the table which would allow entities to place harmful restrictions on the way ideas can be exchanged on the internet. The FCC must step up and do its job of ensuring the use of this vital and almost ubiquitous communications medium is regulated to prevent and eliminate such proposed abuses!

—Stephen Balukoff, Puyallup, WA

We need and want open access to the services that make the internet great as it is. Net neutrality gives us this. Keep information freely flowing.

—Samuel Wiltzius, Fitchburg, WI

just stop the nonsense. this is just out of control, and it has been for a long time. start listening to people again, not corporations that get to masquerade as people.

—Matt, Vancouver,

Eliminating Net neutrality will only make our country's relatively slow internet compared to other countries even slower. One day visiting your favorite online site and your page seems to slow down immensely you think this is because of a possible virus on your computer or perhaps it's just time to get a new one? Well in reality it's because your internet provider has decided that the website your trying to visit has not paid them enough money so they slow the page down for all their users who go through their internet provider. KEEP NET NEUTRALITY  
—Zach Wolfe, Saginaw, TX

Reclassifying the ISPs is the only way to slow and possibly stop the rampant abuse of money and power in the internet industry. The ISPs shouldn't be allowed to screw everyone over like they have been just because they have money.  
—Kyle Lawrence, Springfield, MO

Net Neutrality ensures customers get what they pay for and big companies can't put smaller companies out of business at will.  
—Ryan White, Royal Oak, MI

The Declaration of Independence states all men are created equal. Therefore, as we are all equal, the internet should provide equal access in all areas to everyone. To enact the two tier level is repeating history, very bourgeois to the majority of the country, while giving the 1% yet another advantage they don't need. Since our founding fathers stated all are equal, you should remember that fact and stay true to the principles this great nation was founded on and protect net neutrality. Anything less than net neutrality for all goes against our founding father's dream for this country, belittles the sacrifices made by our brave soldiers when we fought for independence from England and is unpatriotic. If you truly care about America and it's citizens (which elect officials to Congress) then you will listen to and respect the will of the people in maintaining Net neutrality.  
—Amy Bruner, Oklahoma City, OK

This is simply an issue that I will refuse to change my stance on. I will guess there are many of my fellow citizens who also demand net neutrality now!  
—Dan Sterkin, St Peters, MO

Americans have equal access to passage on America's roads, they should have un-biased access to the flow of information. They should not be held up by brigands and privateers.  
—Dan Truman, Woodside, NY

FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler is pushing a plan that would allow rampant discrimination online. This is a slavery! We are FREE people and we DON'T let some person named Tom Wheeler make us slaves!  
—Margarita A Ivanova, Seattle, WA

We need net neutrality. It is ridiculous that corporations should control everything in this country. What will it take to realize that the citizens need to have access to information to help better themselves. Why not lock up the libraries too. When you continue to put dollars in front of people, you erode the foundation on which we stand.  
—Carolyn Jones, Minneapolis, MN

The internet is the greatest bastion of free speech we have. If you want to show any semblance of dedication to the people of this nation that you claim to represent, please don't give it to corporations. Thank you.  
—Michael Rianda, Chualar, CA

Net neutrality is as important in our modern world as the right to vote. Please protect it!  
—Lawrence Camp, Morganton, NC

Separate is inherently unequal. Don't split the internet into tiers.  
—Elizabeth Wailes, Winston Salem, NC

Please protect net neutrality and reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Christopher Willis, heber city, UT

Please protect Net Neutrality!

—Kathleen Lawrence, Cathedral City, CA

I am sure the larg suppliers of content will end up with more out of my pocket,if to do not continue net neutrality . H Faust

—Howard Faust, Dayton, OH

Come on! What are you waiting for? We need real net neutrality right now. I'm writing to ask you to please reclassify ISPs as common carriers, so that we don't have a caste system on the internet.

—Allan Dorr, Gambrills, MD

Please preserve free access to the internet.

—Bill Kastelman, Cranford, NJ

Please reclassify Internet service providers as common carriers so that internet speed and access stay equal for everyone.

—Kiril Kostov, Tilst,

Keep the internet fair for everyone!

—Zachary Hirschfeld, Pittsburgh, PA

Net neutrality is important to me because as a consumer it could mean higher prices for internet services. Also, the internet should not be set up to make those who have money to have more power, this makes a path to ab internet oligarcy and steals from the free form of the internet. The internet is one of the last forms of truly free press, and the laws recently set forward insure it's demise.

—Preston Hitzler, Mesa, AZ

The internet is a powerful medium of free speech for everyone. It deserves to stay such.

—Brenton Simon, IRVINE, CA

Dear FCC, Net Neutrality is essential. A two-tiered, pay-for-premium service plan is bad for customers, is bad for innovators, and is bad for the future. Please stop advancing this process. The right thing to do is reclassify ISP's as common carriers. Please act accordingly. A concerned citizen, ~Adam Blue.

—Adam Blue, Cornish, NH

It is all important, just as is free speech.They are linked. Corporate influence is de facto editing, silencing and obfuscation. If we are a country which still regards free speech as right, then net neutrality follows.

—Mr. Thomas Osgood, Santa FE, NM

Maintaining Net Neutrality is important for several reasons. Allowing cable companies (ISP's) the ability to discriminate speeds based on content, will effectively give them the power to influence which internet-based services are successful, and which are not. On the net, speed is extremely important - It can make or break a company. This is not conducive to free-enterprise, nor is it allowing a fair playing field for businesses to grow and compete with one another. This is not in the spirit of the internet, nor will it encourage it's growth - It will only serve to destroy it.

—Ryan Dinan, Washington, MO

Creating a two-tier Internet will lead to a world in which big corporations more completely dominate the dissemination of content, leading to a squeezing out of other voices and less diversity in our broader cultural discussion. This is not the kind of world any of us will want to live in.

—Tag Evers, Madison, WI

All websites and services should be treated the same, and should be given the same consumer and business access. I do not believe in a Fast Lane approach to the internet. 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. I believe the FCC should throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Craig McLane, Los Angeles, CA

To whom it may concern, As a citizen of this country I would like to insist that the FCC do the bidding of the people it represents by instituting net neutrality (declaring broadband / internet / fiber a utility). The majority of people who live in the US are tired of corporations wielding their weight to suit ends which negatively impact the general population and instead favor monopolistic ventures that benefit only the limited few. Please help bring this country back to a stasis where freedom, liberty and justice for all prevails by making a commonsense choice. As government employees, it would be completely unethical to do otherwise. Throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. DO THE RIGHT THING. Thank you,

—Carlos Palacio, Davis, CA

our government is so out of whack. we need to find help for we, the citizens. net neutrality is a no-brainer. WHY would or could you consider anything but? business should not run the government and they will overrun we citizens who will be forced to pay more for basic services. please. vote for net neutrality.

—Dianne Kennedy, dallas, TX

Reclassify the internet as a common carrier. This is what the majority of American citizens want. If the United States is a still a Republic for the People then there is NO reason for this debate.

—Wenger, Maynardville TN, TN

Reclassify internet/broadband as common carrier. Anything short of this only serves special interests and the 1%.

—Michael Berquam, Spokane Valley, WA

I and millions of other artists want to post our art on a free internet and everyone can have equality on it. Please do not put rules on us. Keep the internet free.

—Emily Barber, Ethel, LA

Hello, I plan on starting a small business. I do not want to lose competitive advantage to larger players with a "two tier" system. I demand real net neutrality. Paul Lyons

—Paul Lyons, Seattle, WA

Net neutrality is important to keep the internet fair for any website or start up trying to make a name. Without it new website, apps, search engines, and any new site like twitter or YouTube or something new altogether can be crushed cause they don't have the funds for the fast lane. YouTube, Twitter, and Facebook would not have been able to get as big as they are now without Net Neutrality. They would have been crushed by bigger companies or internet providers who didn't want them around. Keep the internet equal for all so the US and world can see and enjoy all the old and new great and amazing things that people will create and make for everyone to use. Everyone should have the same shot to make it big with their big ideas. Don't crush it and kill what makes the internet amazing.

—John Swanson, Philadelphia, PA