

FCC shame on you for putting the interests of corporations over those of ordinary working citizens. You are why we have no faith in the system. Get rid of Tom Wheeler. He does not represent us. I have nothing left to say to you that does not require the use of the f-word.

—Ada Rubin, San Jose, CA

This is a no-brainer. There is absolutely no reason to change the internet from the democratic medium that it is, except to corrupt it. Do you want to be the people responsible for literally corrupting the internet, for all future generations to look back on and scorn?

—Megan Wedge, Orlando, FL

This is unacceptable. I demand Net Neutrality. Discrimination is a crime of the highest degree.

—David M., Tustin, CA

Please leave the internet open with equal access for all.

—Marlys Halvorson, Mount Vernon, WA

FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler is pushing a plan that would allow rampant discrimination online... Tom Wheeler, what moves you? Internet service providers like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon promised you rollback if you will deprive the rights of freedom from regular people? We know, it's all politics. Politics is dirty. Don't let yourself get mired in the mud just because you are in politics! Stay human being! We want our freedom!

—Margarita A Ivanova, Seattle, WA

I do not want the cost of my Internet service to rise.

—J Paul Lanier, Albuquerque, NM

The internet needs to be kept neutral because without it innovation will be crippled and the ISPs will just slow down sites they don't like which is bullshit.

—Jake Sullivan, Newport Beach, CA

Internet should be equal for all! Don't leave us at the whims of greedy corporations!

—Lisa Baumel, Amherst, MA

The FCC's proposed internet rules are unfair and discriminating. Internet service providers should be classified as common carriers.

—John Kelley, Menands, NY

I am on a fixed income and can hardly afford or support a two-tiered internet service plan proposed by the major internet and cable giants AT&T, Comcast and Verizon. These companies have more than enough money to influence government policies to favor them with ever increasing charges and hidden fees, discriminate against online content, applications and their competitors. For the sake of consumers like myself these companies that provide internet services need to be reclassified as common carriers and the FCC needs to protect net neutrality for all consumers of internet services.

—Alan Minietta, Wheat Ridge, CO

Please work to prevent discrimination online. We should not have a two-tiered Internet. Thank you for your consideration.

—Alma Shaffer, albemarle, NC

Preserving a free internet is the only way to both foster innovation and preserve the global nature of the world wide web. To give a few powerful corporations the ability to create "fast lanes" is to give them the means to corrupt the spirit and core functionality of the internet to serve their own corporate goals To break net neutrality is the first step to ending the wonder that is a free and open internet and subjugate it to the whim of powerful internet providers in the process of reinventing themselves as content providers. And now that corporations have been ruled to be people and have the right to their religious convictions, it is not much of a stretch to imagine my local provider taking advantage of its quasi-monopoly and the control you are considering granting them, to prevent or hinder my access to material not in line with its agenda or interests in total disregard of my freedoms. Karim Sylla

—Karim Sylla, Gaithersburg, MD

Protect Net Neutrality. Throw out your rules FCC and reclassify ISP's as common carriers.

—Nancy Kalina, Bloomington, IN

Can you name ONE time such power has NOT been abused?

—Jeremy Korcykoski, Johnson City, NY

Internet access speed should not be allowed to be monopolized by big media interests vying for viewer-ship of their mindless content. Reclassify ISP's as common carriers before it is too late.

—Lloyd Tebbets, Lebanon, MO

TV is controlled so we need access to real information!

—Betty Phillips, Pittsboro, NC

The Internet is open and only if the small server gets the same rules will it be the USA of the digital age. It needs to be reclassified so this falls under FCC regulation

—Joshua Wilcox, Holyoke, MA

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers, and protect the net!

—Ms. Ericka Cero Wood, Scottsdale, AZ

The people of this country are the ones who vote, you might try to remember that and stop stomping on our rights.

—Jada Baker, Eagle Point, OR

Listen to what the PEOPLE want/need: free, unfettered & equal access. Do not be swayed by the monied interests no matter what they whisper in your ear or promise you. Thanks for listening to 'we the people'.

—Barbara Keating, Blue Lake, CA

Net neutrality reprints one of the last vestiges of democracy left to the average citizen. Creating a two tier system of internet service only benefits a handful of mega companies at the expense of the majority of Americans. There is no demonstrable need for a tiered system other than profits for the very few.

—Dean Reiman, Sisters, OR

The growth in the USA's economy has been, and will continue to be largely based around innovative small companies. Do you really want to destroy that to protect a handful of large corporate interests? That's just unamerican. You should be ashamed.

—Christopher McBride, Kirkland, WA

Net neutrality is important because the internet allows for equal access to worldwide information 24/7.

—Julia Bittleston, Elgin, OK

Net neutrality preserves the free flow of information which is what the internet is all about. Neutrality should be preserved and no corporate ISPs should ever be granted this unfettered access and control over it.

—Ron Sutter, GUYS MILLS, PA

Network neutrality drives economic innovation, democratic participation, and free speech online. Many of today's most successful applications were able to develop because a neutral playing field allowed them to develop alongside other more dominant, pre-existing players. Without some basic protection for net neutrality, an oligopoly of phone and cable companies will be in a position to control the information that travels over the Internet, possibly cutting restrictive deals with the highest bidding companies and shunting aside innovators, small businesses and entrepreneurs. In this situation, the network operators will be able to choose winners and losers. In a neutral network, it is the users who have the power to choose which applications will be successful. The big losers will be small and medium-sized businesses, entrepreneurs, start-ups, independent media, and content producers. These groups, the very people who have made the Internet the success it is today, will find themselves at a huge disadvantage vis-à-vis those companies who have the financial resources to purchase faster access to Internet users.

—Jamie Raisbeck, Melbourne,

The United States should be able to enjoy the same net neutrality and high speed broadband as Japan and European nations. The FCC would be doing a disservice to the American public by scrapping net neutrality.

—James DeAngelis, Brooklyn, NY

An open and fair internet is key to the lives and future successes of so many people. I am a struggling musician with little backing, so to be able to access and get my music on the internet is critical to my goals as an artist. Please do not succumb to the wants of a couple of corporations when The People do not want Net Neutrality to be a thing of the past.

—Todd Harris, Murfreesboro, TN

I lived before the internet so I know I can live without it again. Eliminating Net Neutrality with this proposed rule will spell the death of internet for most people. It will have an extreme economic impact on all retailers and other businesses who rely on internet customers. I have just recently eliminated my cable T.V. service because the cost of it exceeded its perceived value to me. If good internet service becomes too expensive, I will do the same with internet. I think the Post Office could use our business, not to mention the phone companies. I don't say I am an example of what others will do, but I know that you are imposing a rule that surely will devalue the internet for most people. People have to choose carefully what matters to them in our expensive world. The internet may be something we are addicted to, but remember what happened to smoking. We stopped. Be forewarned.

—Linda Ballew, Sammamish, WA

it should be available regardless of income

—Susan Armour Seidman, Shorewood, WI

The United States of America was founded on freedom. Our rights as American Citizens are being taken away day by day. We can not afford to have our right to free information on the internet be impeded in any way. We all have the same rights, rich or poor. Do not discriminate!

—Mark Weimer, Gowanda, NY

No new rules reclassify ISPs as common carriers! Protect net neutrality It's what is fair!!!!

—Deb Cusa, Louisville, CO

The internet is the ultimate freedom of speech and needs to just as important as your private phone calls. Please keep the internet free of Tierney....

—Robert Fields, Washington, MO

The internet was developed with public money and has been a launching pad for a really wide range of interesting ideas, companies, platforms for political, social, and aesthetic engagement. I think that a two tiered system will create barriers for new services and companies to gain users leaving the playing field permanently tilted in favor of those who have already gained a foothold. It isn't fair, it isn't American, and the proposed classification particularly isn't really even logical. Please reconsider.

—Gerard Lynn, New York, NY

Dear FCC: The internet was developed for the people. Corporate control would destroy the idea of Net Neutrality. Please keep the internet in the hands of the majority not the vested interest of corporate few who throw their weight around like it was their rights. We live in a democracy.

—Vincent Murphy, Smithtown, NY

For the sake of our democracy, to improve the ability of The People to have a say in how our government operates, net neutrality must remain. For the sake of small business owners to have a chance of competing against huge multi-national corporations, net neutrality must remain.

—Diana Sanderson, Lincolnville, ME

Net Neutrality is probably the only reason I have even been able to survive over the last five years. As the real world jobs went away, online was the only refuge I had for small jobs and a renewed shot at my education. To destroy that is to destroy everything that has helped many, many Americans besides myself get through the worst of the worst.

—Johnathon Keith Haney, Athens, TN

The internet is the most important tool for the human race EVER!! Do not allow private interests to control the internet for their own gain. Allow the internet to be used equally and fairly by everyone on the planet.

—Steven Cheal, Logan, UT

It's really important that people are not discriminated against online. Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Niki Taylor Wezensky, Livonia, MI

Internet service is a utility, and should be classified as such. To allow ISP's to create internet "fast lanes" will destroy this valuable tool. Do the right thing. Do right by the PEOPLE, not by those few with the most money.

—Jake Forrester, Washington, DC

Please do what the majority of our country expects you to do; reclassify internet service providers as common carriers.

—Beverly Henry, Huntersville, NC

Net neutrality is essential to keeping our society moving towards a just and democratic one. Please make it so! Rick Casey Lafayette, CO

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Dear FCC, Please throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Please protect real Net Neutrality for all. Thank you very much.

—Cecile Laflamme, Pine Beach, NJ

The effort by large service provider corporations to charge content providers for faster service, will serve to drive up their profits at the expense of everyone else. It is flatly against the interest of the american people. net neutrality allows small entrepreneurs like myself to start business on an equal playing field with big corporations, this supports the middle class and allows greater innovation and all around productivity. In an era of rapidly expanding in equality this would be one more giant step in the wrong direction. The FCC needs to step up for the american people on this one and fight back.

—Rafe R. Kelley, Seattle, WA

There is something so un-American to have an elitist net. Please don't allow this to happen.

—Jeanne DiLeo, Sunnyvale, CA

Internet access should be regulated like gas, electricity or any other utility

—Nicholas Klein, Somerville, MA

We THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA..... the people..... your garbage collectors, restaurant waiters and bus boys, school teachers, auto workers, office mechanics, street sweepers and housewives, your neighbors, your friends.... who work HARD for their living.... insist, INSIST.... the NET REMAIN OPEN AND FREE. Long live net neutrality. Down with obscene corporate profits and greed!! THANK YOU FOR DOING RIGHT BY US... us, the people, the hard working people of America.

—Joan Elena Goldberg, Laredo, TX

You are infringing on the privacy of all Americans. We are sure that you wouldn't like to be tracked, taped and monitored 24/7/365 in what is supposed to be a free Republic, well we don't either and we will not tolerate your snooping into our private lives as if we were terrorists. The government has secured that title through it's action and they do everything they can to make sure they are related to it. Get out of our lives and take pictures of your family instead and track them-after all you can, they are your loved ones-so carry on and do what's moral, not a command from the gestapo leader.

—George Mandell, West Haven, CT

Leave the internet be. Stop trying to monopolize the internet.

—Adrian, Bakersfield, CA

This is a country founded on equality. A tiered system is essentially setting up inequality. Companies like Comcast can continue to throttle data when it feels like it while we consumers continue to pay their exorbitant fees. PROVIDE REAL NET NEUTRALITY.

—Jeremiah Josen, Bakersfield, CA

The only way to preserve true Net Neutrality is to reclassify Internet Service Providers as common carriers!

—Jordan, Bloomington, MN

It's outrageous that the FCC would even consider allowing already greedy monopolies that already overcharge for internet service to pick and chose the type of speed and who they provide fast speeds to based on who can afford to pay extra. Please FCC let's move forward and not backwards. The internet should remain an efficient means of providing information, shopping and entertainment to us all not just who can afford to pay extra! I'm a small business owner, considering providing online shopping....I know that the expense of providing online purchases for my customers would be unobtainable if this law passed.

—Shari V Andrews, Chicago, IL

I believe the FCC embrace Net Neutrality and stop its plans to move forward with a two-tiered Internet. This misguided proposal would create a fast lane for companies that can afford the steep tolls while pushing the rest of us to a slower tier of service. This is the worst thing imaginable for the Internet. The only way to protect free speech online is to reclassify Internet service providers as common carriers and regulate them accordingly. Consumers already pay plenty for Internet access - the FCC needs to stop giving them more. The US already lags behind the rest of the developed world in terms of universal Internet access and speed; the FCC needs to address those issues instead of perpetuating a system of Internet haves and have-nots.

—Dean Theodosakis, Yorktown, VA

In my opinion capitalism is ruining humanity and our planet. MONEY IS THE ROOT OF ALL EVIL!

—Benjamin Dylan Prescott, CHICHESTER, NH

Say NO to a two tier strucutre it's time these big companies stopped getting their way.

—Kevin Cabral, New Bedford, MA

I'm not a geek by any means, just a 58 year old guy, who has seen this country go down the drain in many areas. My greatest concern is wealth and income disparity, which on the surface seem to have nothing to do with net neutrality, but it seems to me you are ruling in favor of corporate interests, rather than "WE THE PEOPLE". If this is the case then you are corrupted as a regulatory agency. If it is not then please explain why all these people are so upset about your proposed plan.

—William King, elgin, IL

Dear Chairman Tom Wheeler, Please reconsider your decision and classify Internet Service Providers as common carriers. If you go through with your plan, this will destroy opportunities for small businesses to flourish and will not allow small companies to compete against larger businesses. Again, please reconsider your decision. Thank you.

—Brett Smith, Perth Amboy, NJ

Providers pushing for the two-tiered internet want to make big bucks providing high-paying customers with uninterrupted entertainment media, while leaving those of us using the internet for communications, business, news, research, and other essential activities plodding along in the slow lane. Basically, it's the high profits for a few major companies against the public good.

—Billie D Mundorff, Los Lunas, NM

As we feared, FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler is pushing a plan that would allow rampant discrimination online. If approved, these rules would mean the end of Net Neutrality. You can not do this!

—Flo Haeckh, Berlin,

Please tell the FCC to throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. I believe this is vitally important to the future of the internet and those who use/depend on it. Thank you.

—Daina Wilburn, Everett, WA

Net neutrality is a MUST. Please do NOT implement any kind of tiered system for the internet. Make blocking or speed alternations illegal. Please do not sacrifice the openness of the Internet for any kind of business profiteering.

—Scott Foust, Phoenix, AZ

Is this true, Mr. Wheeler? "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." If so, why are you allowing this to happen. There is great innovation in a free and open Internet. The cable companies already get plenty in service fees to bring the Internet to my home. It seems un-American to me to limit competition as you plan to do.

—J Stephen Cleghorn, Reynoldsville, PA

I want the FCC to abandon its proposed rules to create a two tiered internet and reclassify ISPs as common carriers. 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. NO THANKS!

—Richard Bledsoe, San Diego, CA

Getting rid of net neutrality is network racism

—Yeonoh Jung, champaign, IL

You should resign. Leave the internet alone.

—Michael Akuma, Chicago, IL

This can't be happening here in the US of A... I served in the US Army 1966-1968 I worked many years to reach retirement, don't make the internet another toy for the wealthy only!

—George McAnanama, Binghamton, NY

What is the justification for the proposed two-tiered Internet? I have relatives in rural Indiana and only dial-up connections are available where they live. They are painfully slow and nearly impossible to use to send graphics. My cousin said it once took 18 hours to download a picture sent to her. After a while she decided just to let it run, time it and see how long it really took. There is already a great divide economically in our country and corporations have a dangerously high impact on legislatures. Please do not increase this inequality by approving the FCC's proposed Internet rules. Net Neutrality is fair to everyone. Please do not destroy it.

—Louise Hodges, Portland, OR

Dear FCC, Despite your chairman's repeated reassurances, ISP's need to be reclassified as common carriers. I like the Internet better the way it currently is than with your proposed changes. "World War III?" I don't think so. Also, please do what you can to prevent the merger between Comcast and Time Warner. Please, Mr. Wheeler, don't cater to corporate lobbyists (even though you once were one yourself). Demonstrate that democracy is not for sale.

—Paul Flansburg, Lima, NY

This is a decision to allow a flat playing field for all, or, to give the big companies the right to hold us hostage as was the case with Bell Telephone and the monopoly it once held. We can't allow companies to give advantage to whomever they wish.

—Dave Reed, Broussard, LA

I'm writing to you to request that you reclassify ISPs as common carriers and establish a level playing field for everyone using the Internet. Use of the Internet is central to modern life, and we must preserve equality for everyone, regardless of how much money each person or entity can pay. Thank you for considering my comments.

—Diana Gillis, Tracy, CA

Protect free speech and business growth online: reclassify Internet service providers as common carriers.

—Joseph McCallister, Greeley, NE

Net Neutrality is extremely important to the public and anything different would set a horrible precedent that cannot happen. Allowing broadband carriers to control what people see and do online would fundamentally undermine the principles that have made the Internet such a success. This simply cannot happen and would also violate freedoms given by the Constitution. We must keep the complete freedom of the internet intact and never put it in the hands of the government or any major corporations.

—Eric Finley, Charlotte, NC

When the decision on what information will be available is controlled to the highest bidder freedom as we know it will be lost forever. My freedom and right to know is not for sale.

—Ronald Capone, Boynton Beach, FL

Net Neutrality is important to me. Please stop allowing big business to ruin America

—John Galdo, Augusta, GA

We want the internet to be truly free. We won't take this discrimination and demand you reclassify.

—V, NV, NY

A free and open internet is imperative for the continued thriving of culture in our democracy! Anything less would be devastating to the creation of art and originality of thought in our society!! Don't asphyxiate the common person's access to information, culture and expression of self to satisfy the monopolistic, parochial interests of corporate entities. The forthcoming FCC decision on this issue shall reveal the true physiognomy of our government and society as a whole.

—Brian Carrigan, Norman, OK

Internet providers need to be common carriers - they can't mutually agree to not compete in a free market to arbitrarily drive up prices. The internet speeds of households in America pales in comparison to internet speeds in china. Beyond that everyone has the right to access content equally, create content equally, and the chance to be heard equally. Free press means nothing when six organizations own all the television, news publications, radio stations and magazines. Isn't that enough for the FCC to deal with or does the internet need to be owned by the few and the wealthy as well? The internet is the only place left for true freedom of expression and humanities best shot at overcoming differences and organizing in the event of emergencies - no company or organization federal or private has the right to that platform over the free people.

—Kirsten Allen, Tallahassee, FL

Hello, net neutrality is extremely important. It gives every one, every company, small all large an equal playing field. The users are already paying for accessing the net the whole net not only a net where only some players can afford to be present. No net neutrality is like a toll road that you first have to pay for using and then finding out that you will only be allowed to drive in full speed if you have a certain car brand that is also striped with ads for another brand. It's the opposite of freedom

—Daniel Bruce, Stockholm,

It is not right that our corporations profit off controlling our internet. Please do what is right and save our Net Neutrality. Thank you.

—Biagio Cacciatore, Novato, CA

I would like to say that you people are completely mistaken in thinking what you are doing is right. In fact you probably realize it is wrong, but are too busy lining your pockets with Verizon, Comcast, and AT&T's dirty money to realize that this is a problem. This proposal sucks and you people suck if you pass it. You will cause riots if this goes through.

—Tim Sheehan, Columbia, MO

Dear FCC: The Internet has been grandfathered in as a communication tool for the indigenous world. Please dont mess with it!

—Rose Davis, San Diego, CA

The internet is for everyone, not just those that can afford to pay extra for faster service. The internet is our press and must be kept free and equal!

—Mr. Larry A White, Clinton, CT

The ISP's should be classified as common carriers.

—Taylor Clauson, Overland Park, KS

Create true Net Neutrality on the Internet. Do not let network providers such as AT&T, Comcast and Verizon dictate the terms of the Internet.

—Brian Lauer, Lexington, KY

Tom Wheeler, you are a minion of evil, and are representative of everything wrong with the world today. Resign, and give your job to someone who cares about people, instead of their own greedy self-interests.

—Brian M Knox, Columbus, IN

Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Brian York, gatlinburg, TN

Net Neutrality is integral to being able to run my small business. I've already seen the effects of ISP monopolies and the erosion of Net Neutrality. I'm terrified that the incoming policies will make small businesses fail, will erode my access to news and communication, and will compromise my civil rights. Unfortunately, the more I learn, the more I believe these fears are founded.

—Melissa Goldman, Brooklyn, NY

NO ONE HAS THE RIGHT TO OWN FREE SPEECH AND FREE SHARING OF INFORMATION!!! NO MONOPOLY OF CORPORATIONS HAS THE RIGHT TO CHARGE US FOR ACCESS TO OUR FREEDOM OF SPEECH AND SHARING OF INFORMATION SO THAT THEY CAN PROFIT FROM IT!!!!

—Trae Smaron, WOODBURY, NJ

Catering to business and wealth has caused our great to become a shadow of its former self. Do not lead us further down the wrong path, Tom.

—Brian Allen, portland, OR

The free Internet is essential to allow small businesses and startups to be competitive with large, existing companies. Please do not cave to the avarice of the big companies! Protect the public!

—Lee Collins, Wellesley, MA

FCC throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—John Jeayes, port macquarie,

Net Neutrality is essential to keep Oligopolies from withholding speeds to certain websites or customers. Everyone deserves to have the same access, not just the lucky few in the "fast lane". The internet needs to stay neutral.

—Lynn Peculis, North Olmsted, OH

Adding the NET to the list of Human Achievements usurped by The Wealthy and Powerful as another tool to Mine the rest of us is not in the best interest of anyone but the RIch Businesspeople who will profit.

—James J Stone, Hayward, CA

Without net neutrality, the access to the internet will become more expensive and even more importantly monopolies will control what we see. How can that help our society become more inclusive? To save our democracy we need more openness, not less.

—Nancy Dennett, Sonoma, CA

I have been an internet advocate since the 90's when we had dial-up. As technology advances it should be shared with the entire population...not restricting high-speed access to the highest bidder!

—Seth Haynie, Phoenix, AZ

Mr. Wheeler - Please set your ego aside & do the RIGHT thing; give us true 'net neutrality'! A real public servant has the courage & self confidence to realize when he's wrong, & then changes his mind! What are you going to do?

—Mr. Tom Simons, Denver, CO

Reclassify the ISP's as common carriers now.

—Jeremy Bryant-Berg, Eugene, OR

“Those who surrender freedom for security will not have, nor do they deserve, either one.” - Benjamin Franklin

—Gabriele T, -,

Give us real internet neutrality. The two tier system you have proposed is ignorant and unworkable. Your plan will kill innovation and make it even more difficult to start a new online business. Give us REAL internet neutrality.

—Jeremy Granger, Mandeville, LA

As a retiree on a fixed income, I would like to avoid any possible increases in Internet fees as a result of ending net neutrality. I am scarcely able to afford Netflix streaming video as it is, and this is one of the few things I do for entertainment. If my AT&T DSL service fees for fast internet increase, I'll have to abandon streaming altogether. Let's keep the status quo and not forget that some of us aren't rolling in cash.

—Ron Ellis, San Francisco, CA

The internet was designed to be a medium for the open sharing of information. By ending Net Neutrality, you are perpetuating the monopolistic cronyism that tears away at society's patience these days. When you allow large companies to dictate what people see and when they see it, you are no better than the other overbearing, corrupt countries you publicly badmouth continuously. Please don't ruin the internet....we have enough things going horribly in this country. Do something right for a change; the people WANT NET NEUTRALITY!

—Chris Scott, Phoenix, AZ

In this day and age, almost everyone in America uses the internet. Whether it be for browsing the web, playing video games, watching videos etc. We already don't have spectacular internet speeds for the prices we pay now. Passing this will only exacerbate things and make force people to pay EVEN more to get something that will probably be the same as what they pay now. This can't be allowed to go through or it will probably kill almost all internet business.

—Matt Dobe, Epsom, NH

The FCC's proposed Internet rules are terrible. Chairman Tom Wheeler's plan would let Internet service providers 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. This "fast lane" nonsense is abhorrent. These companies would have the power to pick winners and losers online and discriminate against online content and applications. And the consumers won't be able to do anything about it. ISPs must be reclassified as common carriers. This is the only way to protect real Net Neutrality.

—Tricia Ee Van Molbert, Minneapolis, MN

As someone who has been working on and with the internet for close to 30 years, it need to be protected from corporate domination. It is simple one of the greatest technological implementations ever and it needs to remain equally accessible for all. The US and the world economies depend on it.

—Mark Maguire, Groton, MA

A tiered internet gives cable companies even less of a reason to upgrade their networks. Consumers will lose if this happens. ISP already have an unfair advantage in the market lets not give them more of one.

—Brian Alvarez, nashville, TN

The Internet makes certain commercial activities easier--shopping, banking, investing. But it also a source of educational materials and social interaction for many people who are otherwise unable to learn or interact with others because they live in rural areas with few opportunities for social interaction and little access to public libraries. It is unfair and unreasonable to make their access to the Internet harder and more expensive. Please don't hand another piece of America to corporate greed.

—Morgan Smith, Trumansburg, NY

As an Internet user who believes strongly in the importance of a free and open Internet, I urge the FCC to reclassify broadband Internet access as a telecommunications service, and save Net Neutrality. In addition, the FCC should reject the proposed rules that would allow Internet service providers to divide the Internet into fast lanes for wealthy corporations and slow lanes for the rest of us.

—Scott Rogers, Annville, PA

America needs the fastest internet possible
—George Bourlotos, Belleville, NJ

WE NEED INTERNET NEUTRALITY, NOT MORE RESTRICTIONS THAT COULD RAISE PRICES FOR CUSTOMERS. THIS MONOPOLY IS NOT FAIR, AND MUST BE SPLIT UP LIKE THE BELL SYSTEM WAS. STOP ALLOWING COMCAST TO FORCE ITS PAYING CUSTOMERS TO PAY THEM TO SPY AND COLLECT ALL PHONE, VIDEO MESSAGING, VOICEMAIL, ALL INTERNET ACTIVITY, ALL CABLE TV ACTIVITY. THEY ARE THE MONOPOLY IN MANY AREAS AND WE HAVE TO HAND OUR RIGHT TO PRIVACY AWAY IN ORDER TO RECEIVE BASIC CHANNELS ON TELEVISION, EVEN IF NOT A COMCAST CUSTOMER!

—F L Jones, Seattle, WA

Information is power. By requiring a "fast lane" on the internet, you are restricting information to those that can pay for it - You are giving power to those that can pay for it. That is not freedom. That is not America.

—Steve Miller, Mesa, AZ

The Internet should remain neutral without preferential fast lanes. Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Michael Pierce, North Stonington, CT

The current 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. Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Michael Wilson, Brooklyn, NY

Allowing these Huge Corporations to join forces is a perfect recipe for coercion. A huge monopoly like this would put every customer at a disadvantage when it comes to expected price hikes also. These companys are big enough to be profitable on their own without joining forces.

—Daniel Vaughan, Torrington, CT

Net neutrality is of supreme importance to the preservation of individual freedom and democracy in the United States. There is no doubt of this assertion now that the free press is rapidly descending into irrelevance because of its own self-induced servitude to higher powers. We ask that you awaken to the dangers of censorship and profit. Preserve net neutrality and help preserve our free way of life.

—Ralph I Sato, Honolulu, HI

Every other technologically advanced country recognizes the importance of net neutrality, so it would be rather nice to not fall behind in that respect.

—Will Pelletier, Chapel Hill, NC

Net neutrality is the foundation of its current greatness. It must be preserved!

—Phillip Davies, Lafayette Hill, PA

FEC Throw out your rules and re-classify ISP's as Common Carriers! NO to continued online discrimination! Do NOT let internet service providers like AT&T, Comcast & Verizon create a two-tiered Internet, keeping US in the Slow Lane - we are already slower than Japan & France and over-fee'd by the above companies MONOPOLY - we DO NOT want any FURTHER discrimination against content & applications. FREE US INTERNET for everyone!

—Therese Cartwright, Klamath Falls, OR

I demand Net Neutrality as a citizen of this country. It is unjust for the American people to create a two-tier system. This is non-negotiable. In no way will a two-tiered Internet benefit American citizens. In fact it will inherently weaken our First Amendment Right to free speech. Mr. Wheeler, it is upon you to vote on the right side of history and strike down the FCC's proposed internet rules ending Net Neutrality. Thank you.

—Steven Kent, windsor, CA

this is my last remaining form of freedom. take this away, and you've betrayed our country.

—nickolas Massey, Gleneden Beach, OR

The control of information is the first and most insidious step in tyranny. Information MUST remain free.

—Kinjou Okumura-Ten, Stockbridge, GA

I'm an internet content creator. If there is no net neutrality, there is not way my content can fairly get to everyone.

—John Pham, Chicago, IL

Dear FCC, Net Neutrality is essential for a democratic Internet. PLEASE don't kowtow to corporations who want to profit through economic disparity. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers! Thank you, Mia D'Avanza

—Ms. Mia D'Avanza, New Haven, CT

The internet should be available to all on an equal basis.

—Jonathan Blackmore, Wells,

Tom Wheeler, please put your personal interests and corporatism to the side, and classify ISP's as common carriers. The interests of the people of America are far more important than yours or the corporations. Take a few notes from our friends across the pond, they had no problem enacting REAL net neutrality. Don't destroy the Internet, please. And anything other than classifying ISP's as common carriers is destroying the Internet.

—Mitch Stehlin, Cincinnati, OH

Make all ISP's common carriers

—Mark Davis, Crescent City, CA

A free and open internet is crucial to further economic and technological development, both at home in the U.S. and around the globe. Regulation that creates inequality on the Internet will stagnate innovation and development, ultimately rendering this wonderful technology useless. Please do not destroy our Internet.

—Joshua Johnson, Atoka, TN

The loss of net neutrality is an enormous loss to freedom. Corporations have too far much power and influence already - they are not elected and yet they are controlling so much of what happens to all Americans. This puts the power in the hands of the rich corporations, making America less and less of a democracy, making equality a thing of the past. Net neutrality is imperative - the alternative is terrifying. Service providers will do what's best for them, not the people. And this country is here to support and nurture PEOPLE. NOT CORPORATIONS.

—Sue Redman, Los Angeles, CA

The internet should be a free space for expression, and we need Net Neutrality for that.

—Nate Lowe, Houston, TX

I am a digital entrepreneur-- one of the tens of thousands who make a living by making, innovating, and helping others online. While you're lining your pockets lobbying for ISPs and big corporations, you're destroying tens of thousands of families futures for a better life. Is that something you want on your conscience?

—Dustin W. Stout, Canyon Country, CA

Dear FCC Members, I write to call on you to be mindful that our 21st century society requires a free, open and equally accessible Internet for all citizens in order for our democracy to survive and hopefully to thrive. And, given that fact, I call on you to reverse your decision to end net neutrality. Instead, you should immediately declare all Internet Service Providers to be common carriers. In this, as in all policy matters, you must act for the public good, and against the profiteering interests of corrupt corporations.

—Michael Delia, Brooklyn, NY

America was founded on Equality. Each citizen has a voice, and each voice carries equal weight. The voices of our citizens proclaim public opinion, both positive, and negative. Our Democracy dictates our paths of action are determined by the majority of public opinion.. Another tenet of our Democracy is the outlawing of monopolies because monopolies do not serve the good of the majority of the people. Monopolies allow for minorities with money to govern and override the wishes, and perhaps, the welfare of the majority. The internet should remain a Public Utility as it serves the mass majority of the people, not only in the U.S., but throughout the whole world.

—Gael McCarthy, Beverly Hills, FL

Let the internet be free. Let it be a place of free expression, no discrimination and a place of no restrictions. Let the internet be less political and be more free. Let the internet be governed by the people not the greedy companies who want to restrict the internet for their gain, by charging money for what should be free. Let it be free of restrictions.

—Manjeet Singh, Elk Grove, CA

The internet is more a medium than a broadcast system. It should be accessible to all equally. Limiting speed for those who cannot afford to pay special fees is a way of limiting speech. As things are, this highly democratic medium allows all viewpoints and all enterprises a chance to reach the entire world. Creating a double standard will entrench those currently in power—who already have a leg up through search engines and the money to make their web sites easier to find etc. Don't take away the last bastion of totally free interaction. We need it. Desperately.

—Virginia DeMers, Bradenton, FL

The people will not tolerate a further seperation of classes! What you think is good for businesses, is not, and will not support the growth of our economy! Throw out these discriminating ideas and classify ISP'S as "COMMON CARRIERS".

—Kieve, maple heights, OH

A two-tiered internet will only exacerbate the growing problem of an increasingly two-tiered society. The internet has grown and flourished because of the radical egalitarianism it has always presupposed. Granting a pay-for-play fast lane will destroy exactly what has made the internet great. Bad legislation like this reveals a fundamental misunderstanding of the nature of the internet, and I suspect the backlash from its passage would be real. Please reconsider.

—Timothy Hayes, Austin, TX

FCC reclassify ISPs as common carriers and give us real net neutrality.

—Andrew D Betts, Muskegon, MI

Dear FCC, Net Neutrality is one of the corner-stones of the Internet. Please ensure that the Internet stays accessible and fast regardless of content and corporate interests. All data should be treated equally. And only then can free speech be guaranteed. Please classify the Internet as common carrier. Thank you for your consideration.

—Florian Höch, Stuttgart,

You know what the right thing is to do! Protect Net Neutrality!

—Michael Gaio, Oakland, CA

Dear Mr Wheeler, Throw out your unjust rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Thank you.

—Jesse Douglas, Montrose, NY

Net neutrality aligns with the tenets of a democratic and capitalist society, and with the principle of equal access to information.

—Hannah Thomason, Clovis, CA

Net neutrality is a critical part of our modern democracy and the continuing growth of entrepreneurial opportunity. Reclassifying ISPs as common carriers is a critical step in maintaining that neutrality. The last thing America needs is a federally-backed plutocracy on the Web.

—Bruno Joseph Povejsil, Arden Hills, MN

I am on fixed-income. We should all be able to access the internet at a reasonable cost and receive the same level of service equally.

—Thomas Walls, Glendale, CA

Net Neutrality is the reason why the Internet is the way it is today. If Americans can't get to their Internet the global economy will collapse and 20 years of progress will be cancelled out.

—Miles Krohn, Alpharetta, GA

the internet is for the people. not the corporations.

—Stuart Quang, Croydon,

Please protect Net Neutrality by reclassifying broadband as a telecommunications service. Doing so will give the FCC the power to reinstate the Net Neutrality protections taken away by Verizon. It's absolutely necessary to do this because net neutrality is the basis for what has made the Internet a place where what you know is more valuable than whom you know. Net Neutrality allows the free flow of ideas to shape our education. An open Internet provides one of the purest forms of democracy today, allowing everyone to access a limitless supply of information, for relatively low cost and with great ease. When those invaluable avenues for education and social interaction are threatened by entrenched corporations acting as gatekeepers in pursuit of profit, we all lose. We can't stand idly by while the Internet is sold to the highest bidder. Again, please reclassify broadband as a telecommunications service. Thank you.

—JA McSwain, Belmont, MA

Net Neutrality is what kept the internet the way it currently is, a great hub for information and for entertainment; with the new FCC internet rules, that Information and entertainment will be harder to get and will make less money for these companies in the long run by making people choose other providers who will not discriminate against websites and might even put the ISP's out of business altogether!

—Sean Mcelholm, Anonymous City,

Last I checked, we were the land of the free and the home of the brave, where the American dream is for everyone. This plan is wrong. It's discrimination against the average Joe. And a plan simply to help the rich get richer will never end well.

—Michaela, Newtown, CT

You will ruin the experience of the information highway. No doubt you will take no notice of peoples concerns. Anyhow no doubt there will always be a way around whatever you do.

—Rachel Edwards, Wirral,

ISP should be classified as a common carrier. This is the only way to protect the freedom that a readily accessible internet provides. Having a two-tiered system not only hurts the poor, but working and middle-class Americans as well. The social value of a low-cost broadly accessible internet far outweighs any right or monetary value that benefits only a few. Just Say No! It is that simple!

—Betsy Cunningham, Roseburg, OR

I am a Vet Nam Veteran I fought for this country, and I think these rules and/or bill is ridiculous/unconstitutional and un-american. Therefore stuff these rules and regulations, and keep our country free. I believe thats what I fought for...FREEDOM!!!!

—Paul Wooton, Danville, VA

Tom Wheeler's plan is a farce. He knows it like all of us know it. His brains are located in his wallet like so many in government these days. We will not let our internet be sold out by a corrupted FCC. The ISP's should be classified as common carriers.

—Timothy Estes, New Smyrna Beach, FL

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Jeff Shenk, Battle Ground, WA

The choice of service I chose should be mine to make based on the service itself. Internet Access should be unmodified, unfiltered, and untampered with by the wire providers. Competition is good for consumers, but when that competition is manipulated by a 3rd party, the competition is unfair, and the ones that suffer for it are the end customers (us). Keep the Internet NEUTRAL. Don't succumb to cable lobbyists.. Do what's right for EVERYONE, not just them.

—David Petrie, Livonia, MI

Without a neutral net, small independent content providers have 0% chance of getting off the ground when their traffic can be prevented from being delivered equally. Imagine if I had a great idea for the next big site like ebay or facebook. With a neutral net, I could host my content and compete fairly with anyone by providing a better product. Now if I was stuck in an internet slow lane, or my ISP decided my product was something they didn't want people to see, or that they could release a competing product, or would take business from one of their services. I could never have a chance without major financial backing. Please classify ISP's as common carriers and allow anyone with content they want to deliver, an equal chance to deliver it.

—Tim Sanderson, Portland, OR

Common Carrier Rules Work! Telecom's are extremely profitable, at the expense of the American customer. Common Carrier ensures we get what we pay for! Two tiered systems are fundamentally unfair.

—Mark Perino, San Diego, CA

Because it is in my right to remain anonymous and have my personal information protected.

—Maja Nordstrand, Karlstad,

It's the only free press left.

—Jilda Deline, New York, NY

Net neutrality is vitally important to our basic freedoms. Do not allow the internet, largely in existence due to taxpayer funded early research, to become another tool affordable only by large corporations. Ted Wheeler has his head up his ass along with lots of money from the sorry likes of Comcast, AT&T and Verizon all of whom are utterly untrustworthy, provide globally inferior service and have shown their indifference time and again to their customer. This type of corporate behavior only occurs because you have already allowed these companies to become monopolies. Net neutrality is critical. Protect the consumer for once.

—Pam Raby, Albany, OR

As a small business woman, I depend on the internet to promote my business. I want to be able to play on the same field as everyone else, not be relegated to an internet where those who are bigger than me have the advantage. The internet is one of the few bastions of unfettered communication and to implement the proposed two-tier system is completely wrong-headed and frankly will stifle the free exchange of information and ideas. Large corporations, once again, will prevail and those that have great things to offer but are without the financial wherewithal to pay to play in the same amount will be choked out of the marketplace. Internet Service Providers charge for their services, and I get that, but giving preferential treatment can only hurt everyone in the long run. Classify internet service providers as common carriers now and dump the flawed plan for a segregated internet!

—Lisa Bloom, Applegate, CA

Because I'm poor.

—Bobbie Knight, Denver, CO

The current proposed internet rules by FCC Chairmen Tom Wheeler are completely absurd and unacceptable. This current plan would allow service providers to create a two-tier system of internet with a fast lane for those that can afford it. These companies would also be able to pick winner and loser websites and block out certain content they don't approve of. This plan is a violation of our Constitutional rights, and must be stopped.

—Michael Khalifeh, Mclean, VA

The Internet is an amazing thing. Nobody knew how much it changed our society into what it is today and not just here in America. It's brought together ways of interacting with friends and family who are so far away from each other like military members fighting for our country overseas. It also gave way to opening up new websites providing new information and content. It also presented new job opportunities in an expedited fashion. The Internet under Net Neutrality created the Information Age where knowledge became abundant. Pushing this plan would stunt the growth of the Internet as well as hurting new job opportunities when a rising competitor has to pay top dollar for the best possible service for his website. It would bring the end of the Information Age as well since ISPs would have the ability to discriminate against online content and applications. Isn't the idea of a Free Internet supposed to be just that? Free to speak your mind a lot like what the First Amendment states in the Declaration of Independence that many good men paid in blood to defend?

—Kevin Jacoby, Sugar Land, TX

you need to read atlas shrugged its a prophecy that if you and your politicians do not stop you will watch rome fall just as history always repeats itself learn from the mistakes of our ancestors

—Jay, placent, CA

I believe that the internet should remain open and the entire world should have access to the same internet without restrictions as everyone else. In many countries this is not the case and I believe that America should be the bastion of light that all other countries should try to model their ways after. And with a truly free internet for all the American citizens would be a definite step in the right direction. So please let us keep Net Neutrality.

—James Cranston, Bussey, IA

Please keep the internet as a single-tier service for all websites. A multi-tiered approach will kill entrepreneurship for smaller websites and destroy the way ecommerce works. I strongly urge the FCC to factor in free speech or risk being known as the entity who destroyed free speech on the internet.

—Bharat Nain, Sayreville, NJ

With all other media outlets controlled by big money and big corporations, internet is the only way to preserve our democracy from the influence of money. So Net Neutrality is our last hope to counter the influence of money in politics. KEEP it that way!!!!

—Tara Tabatabaie, Oklahoma City, OK

So much of our democracy has been co-opted by for profit interests. The internet is such a valuable free resource for the people of our country and it would be inappropriate for the FCC to end the Net Neutrality we have come to recognize and expect as a right or our democracy. No government should manipulate or sell in any way special access or rights on this people's information highway! We the people call upon the FCC to stand aside and proudly announce the end of any threat to the free and unfettered access and rights for net neutrality.

—Jon Mann, New York, NY

The amount of Internet and information I am able to access should not be dependant on the stretches of my pocketbook. These ISP companies have continued to raise their rates and prices of this basic 'essential' service and I find myself shelling out more and more each month for the same services. I remember when Internet cost \$10/month instead of \$50; and I'm only in my mid twenties. When will this madness end? Please keep the Net Neutral and allow access for everyone at equal and even speeds...these companies are monoliths that control the market already--please don't allow them to wield any additional power over such things.

—Michelle Belasco, Rocky River, OH

Net neutrality is essential in keeping the Internet as the infrastructure for access to information and communication. Please do what is best for our society - keep the Internet FREE! The ISPs should not be allowed to soak the public and corporations for every penny they can wring out of us.

—Diane Post, FAIRFAX STATION, VA

It impedes our ability to get information if we're required to pay for faster service. It's the equivalent of having long lines or high entry charges to get into a public library.

—Olivia King, Atlanta, GA

Stop trying to impose your awful ideas onto the internet...

—Angela Reyburn, Mira Loma, CA

Please protect net neutrality by reclassifying ISPs as common carriers.

—Crystal Lemire, Los Altos, CA

I suppose this comment won't matter. You've probably already decided to once again sell we the people out. We need Net Neutrality.

—Michael Fegan, Pomona, NY

Broadband access needs to be treated as a utility. It's 2014 and I don't even have access to basic DSL or cable Internet due to the local monopoly of Time Warner (who ironically provides us with cable TV but refuses to supply Internet access because it would require them to upgrade the local lines). I work in IT and will be forced to give up my inherited family home in order to relocate so I can have remote dial-in access required by many employers. Tom Wheeler, stop being a corporate servant and do your job and protect the rights of real Americans.

—Seth Day, Lancaster, OH

Net Neutrality is important to me and everyone around me. Internet access is being declared a basic human right all over the world. The internet is like cars now, they are no longer a convenience, they are a necessity, and to be forced to pay so much for such a necessary thing is simply a means of control and extortion. If we are to truly be free, then forcing more money out of people is not the way to go, there is no reason for it, and nobody will support this. I rely on my entire schooling through the internet, and to have to pay so much extra in order to access sites I need would put a strain on the financial budget in my home, since we already struggle to pay the bills and buy food on a weekly basis. If there is any sort of humanity in they who are reading this, know that Net Neutrality is important not just to me, but to millions of Americans who use the internet every day, and need to use the internet.

—Dudley Davis, abbotstown, PA

True net neutrality is important for the growth of society.

—Todd Herbert, Tauranga,

Hello, FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler, I currently went to collage for computer upgrade and repair and networking. I am working as a cook at a restaurant just to get by and I am a tax paying American Citizen. so for the FCC to push a bill like this is unreasonable. Now as an appointed official I understand that it is your God given right to take advantage of hard working american citizens and that you need to put the extra cash in your wallet that will only come from the working class. I get that so by all means continue what you are doing that will drive all of the small and local businesses under the table and make the economy worse for everyone except yourself. I think that would definitely be in the best interest for you, and no one else, so please continue what your are doing. You my friend are a outstanding american.

—Carl Fernstrom-Wooton, Danville, VA

Please review your organization's mission statement: 'To promote robust competition and innovation in the telecommunications marketplace...'

—Debra Barringer, Santa Barbara, CA

Without the net neutrality the internet, as we know it, would not exist. The internet is a major (I'd even say the biggest) vehicle for global trade and communication. It is because there has been no distinction in access and affordability for content delivery between players big and small alike that it was able to evolve to such degree that it changed the world in the past decade. I work for a cellular provider and I know that the speed with which network capacity is evolving warrants no such thing as dedicated lines of content delivery but rather mere upgrades to delivery infrastructure available currently to both wireless and cable providers.

—Andre Kozlovsky, Spokane, WA

Please pay attention. Future generations are counting on you and on us to make the world a better place. There has never been a tool so powerful as the internet to change the world. It must remain open and public (neutral), so all users are on equal footing to research and share information and to communicate. We need you to protect Net Neutrality now, so that the internet remains free of price gouging and discrimination by profiteers and large controlling companies. Thanks for doing what's right for the world and the future!

—Seabrook Leaf, Big Bend, CA

Net neutrality provides the opportunity of equality in the USA. Tiering only creates class divides, which continues under capitalism until a radical change occurs. South Korea and Great Britain already have demonstrated the availability of open access.

—Richard Pope, Amherst, NY

Dear FCC I do not believe Chairman Wheeler's plan for a two-tiered internet would be fair to me or other individuals. Just the fact that Comcast is in favor of it is almost enough to fight it. My experience is only with Comcast, since they have me over a barrel - my only other alternative would be to go back to dial-up service for access to the internet and there is no alternative for television. I pay an exorbitant amount for Comcast's "package," more than I pay for electricity and water combined. And, of course, were I to decline parts of the "bundle" I would pay twice as much for any single service. It's true that the cable accessed internet is fast but only a little faster than DSL, which I can't get since I am more than the the required distance from a "station." I haven't tried satellite since I was discouraged from even trying to install a dish by the installer (my horizon is limited by trees which will continue to grow) So Comcast has me at any price they want to charge - now they want to create a two tiered internet which will allow them to set prices even more while deciding which sites I can access at what speeds. The FCC should simply reclassify ISPs as common carriers and force them to be neutral content providers. When hasn't industry warned of dire consequences if they don't get their way? And why is their way always towards monopoly capitalism which stifles competition? Elise Sokolay
P.O. Box 403 Monte Rio, CA 95462

—Elise Sokolay, Occidental, CA

Look let's just get to it. You know what the right thing is to do. If you don't do the right thing then.....you're just another bought and paid for lackey.....a corporate whore. I hope you're not. But I have a lot of doubts.

—Brian R Wingrove, Streetsboro, OH

Please leave the internet alone. We need to have one free form of communication. An entire generation has grown up knowing no other way, and it would be anti American to end Net Neutrality. Thank you in advance for your careful consideration of this matter!! Its important to the American citizen.

—Catharine Tringali, ROCKWALL, TX

I cannot believe we are still talking about potentially putting the needs of greedy corporate entities ahead of common americans. This proposal is a travesty and makes me ashamed as a citizen. Lets pinish the working tax paying people further by slowing down thier entainment and productivity so that theycan waste more time being subjected to cable tv ads. TOTAL GARBAGE!

—My Info, grosse Ile, MI

Stopping net neutrality is a horrible idea. I am against it. I feel that this would diminish the internet as it is today, one of the last open and free channels of communication. It would allow giant companies that already operate in a monopolistic state a huge advantage. Companies like Comcast have already shown they're not above unfair treatment to large companies (netflix, data speeds), I can only imagine the small growing companies that would die without net neutrality. This is a bad idea and needs to be stopped

—Thom Hudelson, Discovery Bay, CA

ISPs must be classified as common carriers. Your current internet proposal will destroy essential fair use of the internet.

—David L. Gustner, Grayling, MI

Net neutrality allows anyone to discover new ideas from all corners of the earth. If we discriminate against these ideas then we risk becoming arrogant. When our fore fathers of this nation came to north America they sought after freedom. Even MLK Jr. Sought after it. The belief that everyone is created equal should apply to their ideas being expressed for everyone to see. Discrimination of data is the same as racism in color. Just because data can be located in hard to reach places, it should not mean that it should be treated differently. It should not be copied, or forced to be located somewhere else. It creates an imbalance, and a conflict of intrrest. Mistreatment of data is the same as the mistreatment of individuals. All voices should be heard instead of silencing them because of their location, and what avenues they have to choose from.

—Nick D Sisneros, Albuquerque, NM

I work for a small company and depend on a neutral internet. I also depend on the internet for social contact, news, and research. I don't need another shopping channel in my life. Leave the internet alone!

—Marlys Thoreen, Bend, OR

Dear FCC, Please 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. 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 reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Thank You, Mitch Mattson

—Mitch Mattson, New York, NY

Why are you destroying something that everyone has an equal opportunity to enjoy? Just so the most powerful corporations can take more money from the every day Joe!

—Hunter Wilmoth, North Fork, CA

Net Neutrality is important to me because, in the United States, we should be able to support up-and-coming business trying to get their start without having to pay companies like Verizon or Comcast large amounts of money to get traffic to their site. This is completely wrong, and I don't understand how Comcast can even exist in the United States legally anymore. It is the closest thing to a monopoly as you can get, especially considering the merger with Time Warner.

—Calvin Tuttle, Ypsilanti, MI

If you people at the FCC believe that you can steal away our right to free speech and a free internet then you are sadly mistaken. If you bow to the will of the evil banking elite then we will hunt you down and remove you from office. EXPECT US!

—Mr. Brad jskfjdhk, austin, TX

The United States is about opportunity for all. Net neutrality continues to provide opportunity for all at the same price, without channeling more profits to our largest corporations. Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Thank you, Tom

—Thomas Hamel, Medford, MA

As I recall, but please correct me if I am wrong, this is a government of the people, by the people and for the PEOPLE. Our founding documents do not afford corporations, or money, or power the same opportunity when it comes to government policy. Something completely lost on Congress and see how far that has got them? So sorry but it is the simplest of truths. The people have clearly spoken. I urge you to find 1 person who is in favor of what the cable companies are proposing who is not connected or related to said companies. I might also remind you, though this is more a loose affiliation, that our Country is founded on freedom of speech AND press. I wonder how what the cable companies are pushing would erode or otherwise affect that basic founding right as well? Please throw out the rules and instead reclassify ISP's as common carriers. In fact take it a step further and require all ISP's to provide bandwidth of 5MBPS at a fixed price of \$15 per month for every American who wants it (or allow local Governments to provide said service, have access to cables and poles etc., at that price or lower) to make a point. Wouldn't it be amazing if your agency broke through the lobbying noise, said "enough!" and stood FOR the people. You would be heroes! Thank you

—Tobin Meyer, Bellingham, WA

The internet is the single biggest advancement in the last 50 years of human ingenuity and a massive driver for the American economy. Please do not destroy it by making it an un-level playing field.

—Mr. Justin Schmidt, St. Louis, MO

I would like the internet to become a public utility so the cable companies have some competition unlike my area with only one choice that is a monopolies.

—William miller, exeter, NH

Ending Net Neutrality would just be another example of how Big Business is helping one of the greatest nations of the world decline. Please do not end Net Neutrality.

—Lector Sullivan, San Bernardino, CA

I absolutely demand net neutrality. Our government created the net! It belongs to the people and it is OURS. Corporations are welcome to use it but it MUST be a level playing field! NO DEBATE!!!

—Joseph M Diana, Fort Collins, CO

Net Neutrality is the democratic way, where wealth and power have no special privilege, i.e. we are all entitled to equal speed and access through the various ISPs, until the final delivery.

—Richard S Fay, San Diego, CA

I do a great deal of online research as part of my job. Many of the sites I visit are very obscure and would not be part of the proposed "fast lane". Without net neutrality, my job would be next to impossible. Thanks for your consideration.

—Patricia Elaine Mason, Mill Valley, CA

I am a research computer scientist, which means that Net Neutrality is critical to me for two reasons. First, the internet is a critical tool for computer science research. It always has been, since the internet grew out of the original ARPA net. It is vital that researchers be able to efficiently share data and results over the internet, rather than having it be taken over to be nothing more than a new television broadcast medium. Second, the net neutral internet has been essential to the development of countless spinoff technologies. Forcing innovators to raise funds to pay off rent-collecting ISPs would choke off this flood of innovation, potentially driving it to other countries, our economic competitors. Worse, this would be a net flow of resources away from innovation and to rent-collectors, who if anything tend to stifle economic innovation and expansion.

—Robert P Goldman, Minneapolis, MN

The Internet is America's greatest resource, and competitive advantage, but only if free and neutral. Not everything in life is to be bought and sold. Some things belong to everyone, inalienable, like history, peace and quiet, the names of places, or access to water. The Internet has become one of these. It is time to treat it as a common carrier.

—Malcolm McCullough, Ann Arbor, MI

All free first world countries have net neutrality. It is very important to me that we have it too here in the USA. This is a very important issue to consumers. It is about time that government do something for consumers, and stop cowering to rich corporate interests.

—Diana Cavanaugh, Lafayette, CA

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Protect real Net Neutrality.

—Abby Vizslay, Healdsburg, CA

Because it is a basic right to freedom, This idea will allow abuse of fair play to become possible.

—John Nash, maroochy river,

Your version of "net neutrality" is typical of how money rules this country (and you Mr. Wheeler). Shame on you!

—Charles A Ellwood, Bay Point, CA

Net Neutrality is important to me, because smaller websites deserve to have the same speed connectivity as larger, more expensive websites. It is a "free Internet", after all.

—Alkaya Massaly, Staten Island, NY

Net neutrality is important to me because it is now a huge part of millions upon millions of people's lives. To charge for a "fast lane" type of arrangement is discrimination against the vast majority of internet users. Imagine the millions of school children, college and university students, and small business unable to work efficiently because they are not "privileged" enough to afford extortionate fees for what was designed to be a service to bring people together. The fact that this plan is still being considered despite the massive public outcry is just a sign of how big corporations and their owners are more concerned with their own profit margins than the good of people. I find it disgusting that a few men can put their bank balances before the needs of billions of people.

—Anthony Maycock, Sheffield,

Please reconsider this 2 tiered system. I live in a rural area of SWMO Ozarks and am already suffering from 2nd class status as I can't get WIFI or cell service at my home YET. I see myself and my neighbors falling farther behind with this new proposal that jeopardizes full my access to the internet.

—Marlyss Simmons, Aurora, MO

Please realize the internet is one of human kind's greatest inventions, and will literally propel our development as a species into something neither you or I could possibly imagine. There was the agricultural revolution, the printing revolution, and the industrial revolution. We now right at the beginning of a new revolution, the information revolution. We have invented the Internet, human kind's greatest invention thus far. We have the capability to send large quantities of information/data around the world, to nearly every person, at the speed of light. We need to be treating the exchange, or transfer, of this information/data as a universal service, where people pay for whatever amount of data they are transferring using the infrastructure, with no discrimination of where the data is being sent to, or from. How the Internet is regulated, shaped, and perceived, through issues like net neutrality, will effect the future progress and potential of all human kind. All I ask is, when you make your decision, you will consider how this ruling on net neutrality will effect the future of human kind, and that you will choose the best decision for everyone. The best decision is clear to me, classify ISPs as common carriers and protect net neutrality for the good of human kind. If you can agree with me, I thank you for protecting our greatest invention. invention!

—Matt Sloper, Burlington,

Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Net Neutrality is necessary and the internet shouldn't be something that is censored or regulated by who has the most money.

—Jesse See Tai, louisville, KY

The internet has been a primary resource for obtaining scholarly journals, news articles, videos, and other sources of education for my current college career path. Outside of the academic setting, the internet provides a means of communication with anyone globally, and as a recreational tool. I have concerns that your two-tiered system might not only jeopardize my academic career by forcing schools to pay even higher fees for a reasonable internet speed, but might pave the way for the companies who can afford to buy into your system to dictate what websites are deemed acceptable and to create paywalls for the average american citizen to obtain the "privilege" of internet speeds that were previously considered universal. I hope that you will reconsider and strongly urge you to take a second look at your proposal and contemplate the potential implications this would have on a national, if not global level. Respectfully yours, Philip Michael Raychstock, CCV Undergrad.

—Philip Michael Raychstock, St. Albans, VT

The web is driven by people for people, there is no justification for your actions

—Isaac Thompson, Veedersburg, IN

Net neutrality is important to me because it's one of the few equalizers in our world today. Please don't take it away. We need it.
—Nicole Jordan, Irondale, AL

Throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Mary Ellen Sullivan, NewCastle, UT

Net neutrality is an important role in American innovation because the majority of American businesses depend on the internet. Innovation is the chief driver of American economic growth, which means that all Americans lose if the opportunity to innovate is curbed with the creation of two-tiered internet.
—Daniele Dohring, Los Angeles, CA

I don't think ISPs should be allowed to restrict my access to the internet. I pay for my internet access not so they can charge the sites I want to visit a premium for me to access them. Reclassify ISPs with common carrier status so that we can have a more open and friendly internet and better options and pricing. The status quo needs to shift!
—Jason Rivera, PONCA CITY, OK

Net Neutrality is very important to me! Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Alexandra Hoover, Sherman Oaks, CA

Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers. In today's society, internet is relied upon by basically every person, every day.
—Boris Semenok, Overland Park, KS

We shouldn't even need any internet service providers to connect up to a worldwide, open-structured network that is today's internet. However, since this is now a fact of life, please keep the internet open and neutral for all by retracting Tom Wheeler's new plan and keeping things the way they are now---and forever!
—Hubert Camargo Jr., Pasadena, CA

True freedom of speech depends on Net Neutrality
—Sergey Shevchuk, Staten Island, NY

The internet has always been neutral when it comes to how it is delivered. DO NOT ALLOW companies such as, AT&T, Comcast and Verizon, that line your pockets to get this passed. Stop thinking of greed and start acting for the people which is what you swore to do in the 1st place. It is in no way fair to charge 2 fees for 1 service.
—Jan G Dumont, Spokane Valley, WA

Please don't let Internet service providers like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon create a two-tiered Internet. These companies would have the power to discriminate against online content. Is this really the America we want. I certainly do not.
—Shawn Greenleaf, Seattle, WA

Net Nutrality is important to me because I believe everyone should be equal in everything including the speed of the internet that we can access.
—Alex Buckley, Preston,

Net neutrality is necessary for this communication infrastructure to serve the people instead of big buisness. It will produce more central control of information.
—Daniel Sandin, Chicago, IL

Net neutrality is not just important for me. It is to everyone who ever go online. Without net neutrality you might as well censor the news media or take away the freedom to speak your mind. We wont be fooled. This is all about money. Money for the big companies be they net providers or companies who would like to ban certain content from the net like independent reviewers.

—Magne Johannsen, Oslo,

Dear Tom Wheeler.. I'm not sure who is lining your pockets, but the outcry for net neutrality is huge and you are acting against the wishes of the populace with your two tier plan. The internet highway must remain free and equal..not another avenue for big business to push their agenda on the American people. Two-tiered is censorship of the little guy. Two-tiered is discriminatory. Please throw out this plan and reclassify ISP's as common carriers. Keep the internet , knowledge and information accessible to all.

—Deborah Tutnauer, Crested Butte, CO

Freedom. period. for you and us. for the people. freedom. this is the new war. Whose side are you on?

—Patricia Wolter, Boulder, CO

I can't afford to buy the more expensive fast lane on the internet. Other countries have faster and completely free internet provided to all their citizens. It's time to quit gouging the American People. The internet is for the best interest of all and should be open to all, not just those who can afford it.

—Virjeana Brown, Belgrade, MT

Well, it has finally arrived - the plan to ruin the internet. We've seen it on the horizon for a while - the big, monopolistic cable providers have decided that it is time to charge more and deliver worse service by creating "fast" and "slow" lane internet access for content providers. Of course, the "fast" lane access that the major providers describe is only what other nations around the world enjoy as part of a public platform, but that is scarcely the worst of it. No, these content provider charges would place a brand-new barrier in the way of small businesses and start-ups everywhere by way of fees for access to the "fast" (see: normal) lane of internet access. The plain fact is that if the big ISPs get their way and start charging fees on both ends (and the fees they charge to customers are beginning to resemble mortgage payments) the United States will fall behind every other nation with internet access in commerce and content. You simply cannot beat a free and open internet - can't do it - and by introducing discrimination into the system we are guaranteed to lose. Can we afford this right now? Shouldn't we be doing everything to keep the U.S. competitive in the marketplace of innovation? Imagine what the internet would look like if the ISPs pulled this scheme in the early 90s. The U.S. presence would be a wasteland of failing forgotten retailers like Sears and the net would otherwise a foreign affair ruled by Korean, Japanese and German retailers and content providers. No Google. No Amazon. The ISPs are common carriers and should be classified as such. This is a no-brainer that any Federal administration should recognize, even in this cynical era.

—Charles Alan Logsdon, Duluth, MN

Please support freedom of speech with net neutrality by classifying ISP 's as common carriers

—Brien Zimmermann, Dover Plains, NY

The internet should remain and be a level playing field for all!

—Francis Molinary, Saint Paul,, VA

Because the internet is supposed to be a place that you can freely voice your opinion.

—Nick K., Corfu,

I have been a professional web engineer for the 10 years for small start up companies. The reason this industry is so vibrant is that anyone can rise up and challenge established corporations in the same playing field. Establishing fast and slow lanes creates a class system on the internet and makes it even harder for those with good idea's and ambition to succeed. Please don't kill the American Dream. Isaac Sloan

—Isaac Sloan, SAINT GEORGE, UT

Equal access for content providers, equal access for content users. Two-tiered internet service is an engine of discrimination and class warfare. It has no place in a democracy. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers now, and protect present and future generations from corporate control of the flow of information. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers now, to protect and promote technical and commercial innovation, and democracy for all.

—Deborah Brody Chen, Cheshire, CT

All men are created equal (and that includes corporations, if you define them as people), and if we're all equal, then we all ought to have the same access to the internet. We all deserve the same rights to use it. Please preserve equal access. This is supposed to be a democracy, right? Thank you!

—Katherine Cote, Milford, MA

Net Neutrality is integral to the growth and development of the internet as information technology, as a tool for business and commerce, and as a community.

—Elaine Betts, Muskegon, MI

Dear FCC, I am opposed to the current proposed revision of net neutrality rules. Consider this a vote for reclassifying ISPs as common carriers. The internet should be regulated as a utility, open to all and accessible to all. All data should be treated uniformly and no data should be "privileged" with faster speed or handling for monetary reasons. The proposal before the Commission would inevitably lead to system of "have" and "have not" as far as free speech is concerned. The current "haves" are benefitting just fine from the current system and so are the "have nots" who have internet access. This new proposal would muffle the voices of the "have nots" and amplify the voices of the "haves." That is not the American way. Please do the right thing and cancel this proposal. -- Mike Catron, Marysville, Washington

—Mike Catron, Marysville, WA

This country has been based of equality for over 200 years. We should NOT allow the discrimination to start now with allowing different 'levels' on the internet based on what you are willing to pay. The internet is an area where EVERYONE should be on the same level playing field, not with the few 'rich' being allowed to wear stilts.

—Diane Lyon, Ames, IA

A burden on the middle class, more jewelry for the rich, tomfoolery for the poor, provided by the fast-lane in a woefully weakened world wide web, spun by the wiles of Wheeler, woven with bullshit, pure manure. No Thanks!!! Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—John Horner, Mansfield, OH

ISPs must be reclassified as common carriers. Don't change the best thing America has done in the last 50 years

—Gregory Hall, WRENTHAM, MA

All our lives are hard enough, just now, without having our primary medium for interpersonal communication disrupted by such self-interested moves as this. PLEASE do not allow this to happen.

—William Simmons, healdsburg, CA

I oppose the plan by FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler. We need to keep the internet neutral and not allow ISPs to create tiered priority to data lines. This would be detrimental to the internet and would change the world not for the better. Allowing this type of practice should be outlawed. Please please throw out the FCC proposal and keep Net Neutrality alive.

—Justin Izmirlan, Raleigh, NC

Net Neutrality ensures small online business owners are not ground into dust by wealthy corporations. Any attempt to take this away would be class-based discrimination.

—Alex Hill, Whitby,

Please protect real net neutrality!

—Nicole Hill, Portland, ME

The internet is the most powerful tool we have to help shrink the ever-widening gap between the haves and have-nots in our country. Entrepreneurs and small businesses can leverage the internet to learn, grow and bring about new industries to compete with large corporations, which is good for everyone (except maybe large corporations). Who is the FCC really here to protect after all? The two-tiered plan will have a stifling effect on small business creation and be a terrible blow to those who are fighting against a system that already favors the rich and powerful at the expense of the little guy.

—Nancy DeLugan, Seattle, WA

Net neutrality is not an option, a luxury or a matter of no importance. It has become a basic weapon in the fight against repressive political regimes and environmental and human rights abuses across the entire world. A two tiered system is a sure way of destroying all this.

—John Burke, Marmora,

The internet should be no different to any other communication method/medium. Why is the internet different to the telephone system?

—Christopher P Venner, Wrexham,

Giant corporations, especially COMCAST who is actually a monopoly at this point, already make it nearly impossible to afford Internet service ALONE. They should not have additional control over how fast our Internet service is and force us all to pay EVEN MORE than we already do. Please keep Net Neutrality intact! Please do not give these manipulative giants even more power! We, the people, implore you to see how terrible this would be for most of the population.

—Alicia McGehee, Seattle, WA

Please reclassify ISP's as common carriers. Net neutrality is important to me.

—Kenny Scipione, Sandown, NH

The only way to ensure that democracy will continue to exist in America is to reclassify ISP's as common carriers. In today's connected society, people are no longer turning to newspapers, radio, or television for their news. Instead, citizens are obtaining their news through the internet. This both gives them a voice in public discussion, as well as keeps them informed. If ISP's are not classified as common carriers, then ISP's will effectively turn into gatekeepers to the internet for their customers. They will be able to give unequal priority to some news and information, for a price. This will present end users with unequal access to information, and undermine the common citizens ability to participate effectively as an informed citizen in the great U.S. democratic process.

—John Page, Cary, NC

It seems once again in this dying republic ~Government (you fcc) tend to be ready to sell out the American people to big buisness. So if you have children and believe in the future then we must keep net neautrality.

—Ryan Lowe, Houston, TX

I am in strong opposition to Tom Wheeler's attempt to initiate a two tiered system on the internet. I am FOR Net Neutrality.

—Tom Bepler, felton, CA

Our American internet has changed the way we live, the ways we get news, network, have fun and participate in our democracy. Equal access to everything the internet offers has been a vital part of our renewed democratic way of life. In some countries like China the internet is censored; their citizens do not have access to important information. Large corporations such as the internet providers must not be able to choose for us what we should have access to or at what speed we should be able to receive information. Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers, so we might continue our equal access to all that the internet provides.

—Kristin Corinne Masri, san rafael, CA