

Dear FCC Chairman Wheeler, I have been following the Net Neutrality debate closely since you shared your two-tiered proposal. I'm afraid I just can't share the same optimism you espouse when you speak to the equitable practices service providers have said they will follow if your proposal becomes reality. Millions of Americans disagree with your proposal, corporate interests have expressed concern, and elected leaders have urged you to recant your proposal. The voice is overwhelming, and you must listen. The possibility of service providers throttling would-be companies is too great a threat to the economy and too great a threat to the freedom of information to change an already acceptable (though improvable) arrangement. Please withdraw your proposal, and leave the internet neutral. Thank You, Alejandro Pena
—Alejandro Pena, Bainbridge Island, WA

As an unemployed professional currently living way below the poverty line while job-hunting, I cannot even afford to be online at home; like millions of people, I must go to the library or a public place with free Wi-Fi just to use my laptop. Without net neutrality, many many people - especially those with lower incomes - be at a huge disadvantage as far as being able to access all of the internet. Creating a two tier systems whereby only those with a certain income level will be able to access the entire internet is a slap in the face to American ideals of equality for ALL.

—Rachel Bernhardt, Silver Spring, MD

Give back the net to the open market the people of earth!

—Trevor Rump, Ortonville, MI

The Net is a Wild Wild West, a purveyor of beauty and of creativity. Changing, masking, or even making the internet less accessible will have astounding affects on the beauty and freedom of the Net. We should keep the Net how it is - available to anyone and everyone, open, and free from boundaries, for our future depends on it.

—Kate, Austin, TX

It is important because it makes me feel like a child, an innocent child exploring everything at my disposal to the infinite. I you, the FCC, disturb this child and add obstacles to make me go slower than usual, I will call mom and dad. Mom and dad have been specialized into threatening anyone who dares to stop me, they are called, the hackers. We need an innocent child to grow and learn more, but not a crippled child to learn nothing before hitting the adult stage. The internet is currently a fair place and you do not need to disturb it. Adding another lane beside the current one will only search for more problems because of the unfairness of having obstacles in the first lane. What I really need is the fastest lane for everyone! No hyper lane, fast lane, but the FASTEST lane. Yes, the ONLY FASTEST LANE! Long live equality. We have the power to change, we will get what we want. It is our decision and you must respect it. We, as innocent children, do not need any wheelchair now. We are not crippled, and we will never be. Leave us alone and we will not disturb anyone.

—Johnny Lin, Montreal,

discrimination of freedom of speech on the highest level

—Heidi Hilliard, Madison, WI

Keep the internet neutral and preserve our right to freely communicate on-line.

—Ms. Regina Simpson, Chico, CA

We need Net Neutrality for a truly democratic society. Hello, how can you not get this?

—Kevin Coleman, San Francisco, CA

Please reclassify ISP's as common carriers, and force them to keep the net neutral. We're all already paying them for service, they need to keep their end of the bargain and give us the service they are billing us for.

—Mike Whitney, Austin, TX

Dear FCC- Absolute neutrality NOW. No fast lanes, no preferential treatment. TOTAL NEUTRALITY.

—Joseph A Crawford, Medford, OR

In the past, we've faced SOPA, PIPA, TPP, and now they're passing laws for people to pay high prices for high internet speed? My answer: fuck to the no. There are various internet companies with a lot of customers that would be willing to purchase high-speed internet at a very reasonable price. We don't need a third-party to ruin that for all of us using crazy-high prices that people would not afford to pay.

—Ariel Kelly, York, PA

Internet speed should be the same for everyone. stop capitalizing and serve the people. you should be ashamed of yourself, Tom Wheeler

—Taylor, st paul,

Internet access should be made into a public utility !!!

—Paul Kulick, Portage, PA

To Mr Wheeler and the FCC: I strongly urge you to reconsider pushing your current plan to allow a "fast lane" for companies that can afford the extra fees and what can only be described as a pothole-pocked dirt road for start-ups and the rest. Our country has flourished using a capitalist system. Rules such as the ones proposed violate the rights of the individual to the freedom of the open internet and, by extension, small businesses trying to foster healthy competition. Please consider reclassifying ISPs as common carriers in order to protect Net Neutrality.

—Helen Franck, Blacksburg, VA

Hi, Please don't push forward with your proposed rules that would allow internet providers to create two-tiered internet. Internet prices are absurd here in the United States, and competition that usually benefits consumers is slim. We only receive two internet providers in a major city like Atlanta, and now your going to further restrict service to free people by allowing companies like AT&T and Comcast to further restrict access? Your efforts are going to further diminish access to the internet by allowing the large businesses who can offer more money to access faster internet connections than those who can't afford it. Thanks for reading.

—David Campbell, Tucker, GA

Dear FCC, The plans to make a two-tiered internet is essentially creating a monopoly for three companies, which is illegal for most of America. The rest of the world is watching this, and trust me, many of them are very prepared to take action against the FCC, to which I have seen that it is not prepared to counter. Do NOT make them mad and attack us. Discrimination is also against the law. This act will only seriously aggravate real-life discrimination, and cause people to come marching up to YOUR door, and I highly doubt you'd like to be woken up to very angry protesters outside your home, fully armed and ready to go nuts. They already know where you live, and the outcry I've seen is only the tip of the iceberg. I've foreseen this, and urge you to kill this plan you're pushing. Throw out the rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Lacey Clark, West Melbourne, FL

What the heck is going on in this. "The land of the free", etc., etc. Corporations are people ??? . . . Meaning money from multi-billion dollar corps can pay to swing our government in directions counter to the welfare of the vast majority. Now vested interests of big corporations will be awarded advantages unavailable to the rest of us. Net Neutrality must not be sacrificed to a two level internet that gives special privilege to those already empowered because of their huge access to money, money, money. When is too much too much!

—Perry Ragouzis, Fort Collins, CO

Monopolistic internet providers such Verizon and Comcast are common carriers and need to be reclassified as such. Has the FCC no shame?

—Ed Cowardin`, Richmond, VA

The internet needs to remain a neutral and balanced communication system to maintain innovation on the community level, to keep small business's in business and to avoid corporate monopolies. Please uphold the United States's core value of equality.

—Aaron, Sacramento, CA

The time is now, to keep Net Neutrality. If you changes it now, it will never be reversed, and that's a crime in of itself. We need to keep the Net Neutral. Freedom of speech should be world wide. Not just in the USA. Companies should not be given any means to throttle the capacity of any users speed or content. Schools are even using the internet more and more. Do we discontinue that use also, for the sake of Comcast's bottom line?

—Tad Wahlen, Lakewood, WA

This is completely unpatriotic and takes away the rights of citizens in SO MANY ways. I am trying to run a non profit started from the ground meant to help the public gain awareness on homelessness and ultimately have them be responsible for homelessness. This law kills my chances at getting this seen and limits the way people all over the world communicate. Though that may be the point of this law, we cannot keep catering to large corporations and ignore the rights of the people. The people are becoming angry and this limitation will only add to the fire. Please do not allow large corporations (or anyone) to have quicker access to their sites.

—Althea Johnston, new york, NY

The internet is my library. Please do not destroy this.

—Paul Archer, Garden Valley, CA

I don't want Big Biz to take over the internet and make it unaffordable to the average person!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

—Anita Cartwright, New Castle, PA

Creating a two-tiered Internet would totally defeat the whole point of having the Internet in the first place! If such a thing did get implemented, I might as well just stop going online altogether and just watch TV. The thing that makes the whole Internet so awesome is that it serves as a great equalizer for humanity. In other words, some nobody Joe Schmoe has just as much say as, say, somebody who is a multi-billionaire corporate CEO. Please stop your drive to create a two-tiered Internet! Tell the FCC to throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers!

—Lester E. Rees, Mott, ND

I am a network engineer by trade and I CANNOT support the current administration's view of Net Neutrality. In my professional opinion a "two-tiered Internet" would have a negative impact on Americana economy and on the Internet as a whole. The only true "Net Neutrality" would be to reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Christopher James Collins, Lexington, SC

True net neutrality is essential to advancing the united states economy and the quality of life Americans enjoy in general. Setting up fast lanes and slow lanes for the internet is not the way to do this in fact this may very well cripple the internet in America for generations to come as others nations such as South Korea continue to advance and utilize a neutral net to the fullest. As things are we pay almost 5 times as much for our internet than our European counterparts and our internet quality is worse. Implementing this plan will only make this old issue worse in America.

—Sterling Beauchamp, Rancho Cucamonga, CA

The world and America are at a tipping point. Any further action by the government to limit our freedom and ability to communicate through the Internet will be met with retaliation. It's time to make way for a new generation who cares about the planet we live on and the people we share it with.

—Mike Simson, San Diego, CA

Net Neutrality is very important. Internet should be available to everyone at the same speeds and same prices. People shouldn't need to pay a fee to gain faster access they should already have fast access to. Please for the love of sanity see reason and don't go through with this.

—James Nicoll, Wellington,

ISPs 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. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Lorita A Leighton, Ketchikan, AK

Keep the internet open and free; not controlled by corporations !!!

—Kathy Rock, Santa Cruz, CA

One of the questions on the children's intelligence tests I give is: Why do we need a free press in a democracy? In the 21st century, access to different websites through our internet providers are the free press. If the FCC does not follow-through and categorize the internet service providers as common carriers or essentially broadcast media, then we will be taking steps away from a democratic government in the United States. It really does not require significant intelligence, I ask you Mr. Wheeler, follow through with what is right - reclassify ISP's as common carriers. Sincerely, Dr. Keyes.

—James Keyes, Shoreline, WA

The internet empowers entrepreneurs, students, disabled people, stay at home moms, job seekers, artists, journalists, political activists, etc. etc. we all need equal access!

—Edward LoBello, Blacksburg, VA

The internet is a public entity, and should remain a level playing field for everyone who uses it. Removing net neutrality would give a very small number of private companies a death grip on access to the internet. Private companies historically don't have the best interests of users in mind. What motivates them? Money. Faster lanes will not be created as they have no interest or incentive for doing so as they can instead charge extra for existing lanes. Competition won't change this as the few ISPs have practically a monopoly on the internet infrastructure. There's no way for a small startup company to try and compete with the bigger companies. If net neutrality ends, the internet as we know it today will be dead. I hope you will do what's right for the people of the United States and save net neutrality. Prove that the United States government still has the guts to do what's right for its people.

—Kip Nicol, Cupertino, CA

Dear FCC, we need real net neutrality. Protect internet users from monopolistic ISPs and don't let companies censor, slow down, or block websites while requiring other sites to pay for fasterservice. Please stand up for all Internet users and our right to communicate.

—Eric Matamoros, Merrick, NY

Commit to REAL net neutrality. Stop ignoring the American People. Stop obeying the companies that line your pockets with money. A two tier system will not work, stop trying to force it on us!

—Mike Michael Chaney, Acton, MA

Because freedom is every thing,...

—Thomas R Duff, PORT ORANGE, FL

We need real and true net neutrality. The major ISPs, CLECs, ILECs, and other communication providers should not be allowed to double dip by creating fictitious fast lanes. If they are capable of providing better and faster lanes, they should be doing this to earn my business. Communication providers have a poor track record of providing access to state of the art communications, have not expanded their networks as they once said they would, and are not incentivized to do so. Real competition and innovation will happen with real net neutrality protection.

—John Beatrice, Holland, OH

Leaving the internet free for all to enjoy, no one has the rite to stop it, slow it down or limit the way in which we use it. I demand that you leave it the way it is for all to enjoy.

—Dennis M Knapp, Poughkeepsie, NY

Please reclassify ISP's as common carriers this can't become another monopolized privately controlled discriminated service that is important to all people the way a phone service is.

—Richard Dungan, Valparaiso, IN

Please throw out your proposed rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Nothing less is acceptable!

—Shawn Peters, New Braunfels, TX

With Internet access being a household standard now, the ISP companies needed to be subjected to the same restrictions as utility companies, especially since there are few companies operating in the industry and share the infrastructure that is in place. Maintaining Net Neutrality reinforces American values as it provides an equal system that all people can use.

—Wesley Shall, CLARKSTON, MI

Without the freedom to express OUR needs to any and all no manner of free speech should or shall be infringed.

—Reginald Zenkewich, Tuolumne, CA

Reclassify internet service providers as common carriers... this is the only solution!

—T Truthe, Calgary,

One of those situations where "hands off" works a whole lot better. There's no charge for the air we breathe - same for the internet. Not everything is established as a profit center.

—Maury Siegel, Stamford, CT

The internet is my window to the world. I cannot afford to make rich people richer. I am barely hanging on, and the internet is my lifeline.

—Nancy Standley, Billings, MT

The FCC is captured by the cable industry. How is a former Cable Lobbyist allowed to run the FCC. Is this the change we were promised. Its disgusting. We demand net neutrality NOW!

—Keith Jakober, Centerville, MN

I think it is absurd that abolishing Net neutrality is even being considered in our nation.

—Chris Postma, Blaine, MN

I know that this is the last day for public comment. I want to add that you have within your hands a moment that could reshape the future or destroy it. Corporate America only thinks about one thing - money. They think about the year end bonus instead of the long term goals. In contrast, people of the Internet have done considerable things with it that have reshaped our future for the better. The future may not matter to you as some believe that it is better to live like a king now because we will all be the same when we die. But the future matters to many of us even though we won't live to see it. Allow me to explain why I feel net neutrality is important. Net neutrality is the First Amendment of the Internet, the principle that Internet service providers (ISPs) treat all data equally. As an Internet user, net neutrality is vitally important to me. The FCC should use its Title II authority to protect it. Net Neutrality is a promise to all who log onto the Internet. That promise is that whoever you are it'll be up to you and to you alone to decide how you should use the Internet. No one will tell you differently. If you give corporate america any power or any say in this matter then you will take away that promise, and you will allow corporate america to decide how the Internet should be used. Most Americans have only one choice for truly high speed Internet: their local cable company. This is a political failure, and it is an embarrassment. America deserves competition and choice. Allowing corporate america to run the Internet will destroy competition as no one will want to spend money to go up against any corporate giant. Without net neutrality, a bad situation gets even worse. These ISPs will now be able to manipulate our Internet experience by speeding up some services and slowing down others. That kills choice, diversity, and quality. Again, this goes back to what I had said earlier. By allowing them to manipulate our Internet services they will dictate how we as individuals will use the Internet. They not us will have the power to shape the Internet and that is something that goes against the core principles of the Internet itself. It also causes tremendous economic harm. If ISPs can speed up favored services and slow others, new businesses will no longer be able to rely on a level playing field. When ISPs can slow your site and destroy your business at will, how can any startup attract investors? History has shown how disastrous monopolies or gate keepers can be. It is bad for the company and it is bad for the economy. My friends, family, and I use the Internet for conversation and fun, but also for work and business. When you let ISPs mess with our Internet experience, you are attacking our social lives, our entertainment, and our economic well being. We won't stand for it. ISPs are opposing Title II so that they can destroy the FCC's net neutrality rules in court. This is the same trick they pulled last time. Please, let's not be fooled again. Title II is the strong, legally sound way to enforce net neutrality. Use it. Sincerely, Lonard Tilford

—Lonard Tilford, Seymour, IN

Allowing companies like Verizon and Comcast to charge websites for faster speeds will kill innovation and creativity on the Internet, and it will lead to worse overall service from them. It would effectively reward the huge telecoms for providing terrible service and allow them to make money by extorting websites instead of by actually upgrading their infrastructure. This in turn would prevent new web start-ups from taking hold in the market because they would be unable to afford the new fees being charged by Verizon/Comcast for high speed. Please uphold Net Neutrality.

—Daniel Lamoureux, PITTSBURGH, PA

A two tier system won't work... Net Neutrality and reclassification are the only way to protect free speech and freedom of information.

—R Litke, Hanna,

Don't mess with our internet. The American people are fed up with corporations bullying the people and buying the politicians. The internet is our only free speech and unedited source of news left. Take that away and the can of worms that will be opened will not be able to have a lid put back on it.

—Tabitha, morganfield, KY

The FCC has a former cable employee working them. Whose interest does he really have? Not ours please,please,please keep the internet free so we continue thrive.

—John diaz, Bronx, NY

I thought monopolies were bad. Who runs this country...? It's of the people, by the people, for the people, right? CORPORATIONS ARE NOT PEOPLE. And stuff like this is why America is no longer a democracy. Oh, no. It's an oligarchy and a plutocracy and it needs to stop.

—Heather Curtiss, Elyria, OH

Dear FCC, Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers and do not allow rules that would favor parties who already have an extreme advantage over everyone else. At some point in this unending growth of power on the part of some, it feels that we are heading for a tipping point when those without power will be virtually extinguished. This may sound funny, but just today I saw an example of this trend (for lack of a better word). I was in a restaurant and the self-serve soda dispenser was a small machine with one dispenser. You chose the type of soda you wanted from an array of electronic 'buttons' with different soda logos on them. This means that the company (which happened to be Coca Cola) used their vast resources and access to cutting edge technology to acquire this lean machine which eliminated the usual multitude of dispensers and altogether used much less plastic and other materials in its construction. They did this, of course, to spend less on self-serve soda machines and thereby increase profits. In the course of doing so, they eliminated manufacturing jobs. I am not suggesting that jobs should be kept solely for the sake of keeping them, as a sort of 'make work' program. But, I am asserting that we live in a system where a very few players make decisions based on what is best for them with no consideration to the larger group, all of whom are participating in the system, actively and in good faith. This desperately needs to change. Please don't do anything that would increase the power of the most powerful. Thank you so much for your thoughtful consideration of this note. ~ Mona Kool-Harrington

—Mona Kool-Harrington, Phoenix, OR

There is no meaningful competition in this industry. Regulatory capture is killing the internet economy and must be stopped. Reclassify it as a title II common carrier. Thank you.

—Jonathan Mills, Charleston, SC

The net was developed by DARPA using American tax dollars. Therefore, we the people already own it, and it should not be controlled by a few corporations for their own benefits. It belongs to us all, and should be classified a public utility.

—A Cherier, Kelseyville, CA

To lose net neutrality would be a horrifying precedent to set for the future, completely unethical. Please please please act in the interest of humanity instead of money on this one.

—Rose, lone rock, WI

It is important that ISPs be reclassified as common carriers, which they are, to protect the freedom of speech and information, on the internet.

—Brandon MacDonald, Friendswood, TX

Do not impose rules...reclassify ISPs as common carriers.. we want net neutrality.

—Hector Hernandez, granite city, IL

Please keep the internet truly neutral... Reclassify! Jobs like mine rely on the neutral internet.

—Nicholas Woodbury, San Francisco, CA

We have seen what these companies do when they have a monopoly. Now you want to give them another monopoly. How can you seriously even consider this?

—Susan Davis, Burlington, NC

This is one of the most ridiculous things I've heard in a very long time. Wheeler needs to be taken out of the FCC for biased actions!

—Matthew Gunnison, Harvard, IL

I'm a small business owner that sells exclusively on the internet. My profits are small and a huge part of my expenditures to make my business run are my web services. With these new rules in place I can expect my outlay for internet to double or more. Eventually this will put me out of business.

—Lin A. Hendrix, Austin, TX

The internet is our opportunity to embody democracy. We must protect it from the power-hungry, monied interests.

—Jane Harlan-Simmons, Bloomington, IN

An open and free internet is essential to the maintenance of our democracy. Our government is already under assault by the Super-Rich and extremely powerful. This would be another nail in the coffin. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Terry Grace, Oak Park, IL

Please do not end Net Neutrality and reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Protect the average citizen from higher fees by not allowing the Internet providers to create a two tiered Internet. Thank you. Judith L. Goldsmith Charleston, SC

—Judith Goldsmith, Charleston, SC

The internet should be neutral to all individuals. People without a lot of money should have the same access as those who have plenty. No preferential treatment should ever be allowed.

—P Paulson, San Marcos, CA

Net Neutrality is important to me is because it protects my privacy and provides myself and others fair and objective access to the internet.

—Don Remy, Miami, FL

All of us use the 'Net on a daily basis, and at the end of the day WE, the citizens and taxpayers, fund the backbone that providers tap into. The Internet is part of our infrastructure, and not a commodity to be industrially controlled. 'Net neutrality' is key to our national values!

—Paul Drowns, Saco, ME

All I ask is that you do not follow in the footsteps of the corrupt ones in control of our country. Please, do what's right in your heart.

—Kenton Owen III, Indianapolis, IN

Don't let AT&T, Comcast, Verizon, and other service providers create a 2 tiered Internet, with more wealthy groups and individuals able to afford faster loading time while those groups and individuals who could change the world be punted aside to slow speeds. Not everyone has interests mainstream enough the providers could afford it. Accommodate for everyone.

—David Vaughn, Wallingford, CT

Please preserve the level playing field that has always been the main distinguishing aspect of the internet. Without net neutrality, much of the positive impact of this technology will be lost.

—Harold Flusche, Midlothian, TX

Net Neutrality is important to me because it is the essence of what the internet is and should be. With ISPs taking advantage of situations and loop holes like this to take advantage of the consumer. Net neutrality is important to me because it shows that you, the FCC are actually doing your job. If this does get enacted I dearly hope that the general public will wake up and destroy this rampant corruption, and hopefully the FCC as well because they clearly don't have their priorities straight.

—Joseph Merusi, Sanford, ME

What you are considering is not only unfair it is un-American this will result in discrimination at it's finest

—Jerry Steele, Apopka, FL

Real net neutrality is crucial for the future of our country. Allowing big companies to pay for a faster pipe would stifle competition and be extremely detrimental to innovation and competition. ISPs should probably be reclassified as common carriers, but at the least we need strong net neutrality policies. Thank you.

—David Ragsdale, Wilmington, MA

If we don't keep Net Neutrality, it will be the end of the internet as we know it. It will give Corporate America just one more huge monopoly so they can flex their corporate greed muscle and once again screw over the American consumer! This will make the internet a rich mans tool, and the Hell with the rest of us! Mr. Wheeler, do you want us to be the next North Korea?

—Thomas White, Spokane Valley, WA

I am disabled and poor. The internet is my primary (often only) social connection, source of information, and means of entertainment.

—Jordan P Bassett, Kennewick, WA

Net neutrality is important for not only continued online growth in all sectors of business. But also for the common person the people who are paying for this service. Your proposal hinders all of these in the hopes of stopping something impossible. I DEMAND a free net. One where I can make my choices of speech and information unhindered the way it was meant to be. The way our second ammendment calls for.

—Austin Russum, Kaukauna, WI

you suck

—Warner R Heston III, Winston Salem, NC

If I'm paying for Internet access I should get whatever I want at full bandwidth. It shouldn't be tiered based on another arrangement between the ISP and my content provider.

—Belphanior Zardo, Washington, DC

Don't sell us out for corporate interests.

—Carolyn Anderson, Boxford, MA

Net neutrality is critical to keeping a free flow of information that isn't tiered on the basis of money. The airwaves belong to the PUBLIC not to the highest bidder.

—Thomas E. Tracy, Houston, TX

In this day and age the internet has become a necessity. There are countless statics that show that countries with internet do better economically and have access to more information. Much like the electricity which not needed for survival, the internet has become a standard of life. This "fast lane" system is solving a problem that does not exists. The internet has grown to what it is now because everyone is on and equal playing field. Please do not change that now.

—Navon, Deerfield Beach, FL

The internet needs to be left alone. Equal for all. Without power struggles because money always wins. Net Neutrality is extremely important!

—Ben Benjamin Powell, Leadville, CO

Net Neutrality is important because the internet makes information boundary-less and without time limits. People need information to make decisions and improve their lives. Americans in the middle and lower economic classes are already at a disadvantage to their more financially comfortable peers. With the internet, they have equal access to information needed for school and work. People need this information to work with and make a better life for themselves and their children.

—Emily Galas, Omaha, NE

Creativity, free thinking and group collaboration are the forerunners of positive Internet happenings. Another is the sharing of information in fast time vs slow yesteryear. Social media has made the world a smaller place...hence Twitter's blockbuster tweeting record with yesterday's Brazil v Germany soccer match. To let big business and the wealthy overtake better bandwidth and all the other negatives associated with it, is not allowing the underdog or the little guy dabble with the big boys...we might as well be China or the Middle East, where expression by the masses is squelched and forbidden.

—John Keiser, Buena Park, CA

WE NEED NET NEUTRALITY. Without it everything we know about the internet will go down the drain.

—Scott Jones, Sicklerville, NJ

Please keep free speech on the internet. Preserve net neutrality. Thank you.

—Regina Galat-Skey, Winchendon, MA

Don't be a dingo! Net Neutrality is essential for encouraging entrepreneurialism. An open Internet is essential for free speech and free commerce.

—Dan Lybarger, Overland Park, KS

Corporation should not be able to control the internet. The internet should be accessible for all at the same fast quality. It is not fair to have a two tiered system or let corporations control what we want to see, research and access. I live in a rural community and have enough trouble already accessing the internet for my work and personal use.

—Amy Levin, North Bend, OR

Aren't they making enough already?!?! No, no, no! I pay \$175 per month for cable and internet already, and that is with only two cable boxes for four TVs... All I see is back door deals and bribery. They caused this... Expensive cable bills have people going to the internet to get obtain cheaper media, causing their "issue" with bandwidth. I make good money and am now considering other alternatives (hdhomerunprime to reduce my per cable box fee in the house). The real problem is that they will be able to arbitrarily discriminate/throttle your content, and in turn determine what/who is deemed as "pay for"? Come on now. Only bad can come from this. Aren't they a CASH COW already???

CORPORATE GREED at its best.

—Gavin Scott, Tampa, FL

Data PACKETS do not know how much they cost !

—Frank Krentzman, Venice, CA

Please continue the net neutrality rules. The internet is meant to be equal!

—Tiara blue, Milburn, OK

To protect free speech online reclassify Internet service providers as common carriers. Please keep the Internet equal for all, the rich and the poor.

—Don Lafond, Jacksonville, FL

As a small software company we won't be able to compete in a tiered internet. We provide audio and web conferencing and our customers require a competitive internet connection. In a tiered system, there's no doubt that the "big" competitors (Cisco) will eat our lunch. Please reconsider!

—Carl Goodale, Reading, MA

The internet is the leveling ground for businesses. Businesses should succeed on the merit of their products and services, not by laws meant to give them a monopoly.

—Bob Shelline, Provo, UT

Stop the madness and Greed.

—George, Wellington,

what improvements have internet co made for consumers, in the last 15 years, price s are going up for the same services 1 Net Neutrality keeps things fair for all providers 2 Net Neutrality promotes freedom of choice 3 Net Neutrality has worked for the good of the internet this should not be decided for by big money big power

—Brennan J Baranska, TAMPA, FL

The Internet is a resource for all Americans. Not Corporations, not the wealthy. All Americans. J. Ritchie, Lincoln, MA.

—James Ritchie, Lincoln, MA

I can't see how this two tiered system will benefit anyone except the companies who already enjoy a monopoly for providing internet services. Now you want to give them more power to censor speech on the internet according to the ability to pay? The internet has provided a wonderful leveling against mainstream media, who bow down to the highest bidder, and it is important to prevent the same thing from happening with the internet.

—Janey Campbell, Las Cruces, NM

Keep our internet away from the corporate mobsters. Keep it free for the people. Free for our children.

—Nicholas Demakas, Windsor, CA

The free, open exchange of ideas is what keeps our democracy. No single entity or group should have control.

—Joey Hachtman, Point Pleasant Beach, NJ

Chairman Wheeler, The two tiered plan is ignoring the wishes of most of the people who use the internet. It is undemocratic and puts the corporations in control of our speedy and free access to information. It is of utmost importance that you reclassify internet service providers as common carriers.

—Sandy Neumann, Corte Madera, CA

I run a small web development startup and rely on having access to the same "internet" as those big tech companies whose services I am working on challenging. The loss of net neutrality would stifle new tech entrepreneurs' ability to compete. Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Don't destroy the internet.

—Balz Kaufmann, Brooklyn, NY

Be a man, Wheeler, and do what you know is right. Reclassify the internet as a utility so we can remain culturally relevant.

—Brandon Green, Houston, TX

Bruh, y u do dis?

—Alex Pricola, Gay, NJ

"Net neutrality" ought to be a given and never be monitorized so that its flow of information can be influenced by any bartering or controlling source of any kind, private or governmental, using any justification. It's very simple: there is no and can be no justification of any sort at all.

—George C. O'Connor, Revere, MA

Everyone should be able to have the same access to information, without impediment based on socio-economic structures. Real net neutrality allows this.

—Jenna Belding, Birch Hills,

Private industry and its owners have already benefitted with inordinate profits from technological developments that have been primarily funded by the public whether directly (NSF, NIH, DOD, DOE, etc) or indirectly (publicly educated scientists, infrastructure, etc.). It's time that we rebalance the heavily socialized risk taken by the US tax payers and give US citizens more of the profits. By having real net neutrality, we pay back the citizens for years of risky investments---with potentially society-changing outcomes---that cowardly and short sighted private interest never could have realized. And, how do they pay us back? Send jobs over seas. Seek off-shore tax shelters. Billion dollar companies with fewer than 50 employees?---as if that value came from a few measly people. Wake up. These companies are putting the keystone (if that much) on society's great technological constructions and trying to claim that they built it! Bologna.

—Jarrett Barber, Mesa, AZ

Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers. As a consumer, I want equal access to all content.

—Vanessa Wang, San Francisco, CA

The Internet is a commons for the people of the USA! The people can and will handle the Internet in what is a true and fair voice of choice. We DO NOT want any government agency acting upon it. It has been doing just fine without your intervention / interference and will continue to.

—Renee Doyle, Riverside, CA

My Life is "saturated with an overabundance of "OLIGARCHY"

—Kenneth Fincher, Spring Valley, NY

I am in complete agreement with Tim Berners-Lee the 'Father of the Internet' who said as well as anyone as concerns Net Neutrality: 'Freedom of connection with any application to any party is the fundamental social basis of the Internet. And now, is the basis of the society built on the Internet.' To tamper with the Internet by the methods suggested is to remove the freedom that was the intent in creating the Internet. Can you imagine an Internet without freedom of connection? I can and it's Orwellian to say the least. Please do not destroy this freedom!

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—Deborah D'Amico, Reno, NV

The internet, should be kept open and free for all, regardless of ability to pay. We should all be allowe to travel at the same. This is a great equalizer, it allows us all to have the find the same information and the service should be available to all. Our country is falling behind other European countries regarding speed and price as it is. There are two few large companies offering us this service as it is.

—Eve botelho, Rochester, NY

Don't let money take over the internet.

—Katharine, Brooklyn, NY

We must have Network neutrality so all data on the internet is treated equally by the cellular, cable, or phone internet access service providers. Treat all websites and access to Internet services the same. I know that the big companies like AT&T, Verizon, and Comcast want to treat them differently so they can charge me more depending on what (content) I use. What these ISP are proposing would regulate who has access to what! This would be a slap in the face of American free enterprise and will impede innovation. We have to be skeptical of large businesses having this type of control, which could potentially censor our free speech rights. The key to American society is that we are not afraid of public enlightenment, and the internet has taken the information and given it to the masses for the cost of access at a single rate. Age, race, socioeconomic status — it does not matter, the internet is my gateway to information. It is more than just a world of data; it is a completely new universe at my fingertips. Site discrimination will result if a provider disagrees with a site's overall message, like supporting gun rights, or women's rights or promoting gay marriage, the provider could theoretically cut it off. This may mean blocking the site or slowing access down to the point that the consumer just gets frustrated and quits. As the FCC debates legislation to define limits for internet service providers (ISPs) you must keep the internet open and prevent these ISPs/providers from putting in place a monopolistic system that plays favorites under their control allowing them to discriminate against certain pages/web sites/content/information & data.

—N Wasserman, New Milford, NJ

Money shouldn't be the deciding factor to information access.

—H Case, Spring water, NY

I use to live on a dirt road. It wasn't nice at all. With a two-tiered internet, I would be moving back to that dirt road. The FCC needs to throw out it's rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This would be the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality

—Chad Benoit, Iowa, LA

Dear FCC Chairman Wheeler and committee, I am an Australian and you do not have a mandate to make far-reaching decisions which threaten my freedom of access to the Internet or any part thereof, and I think I speak on behalf of the majority of the free world here. Your efforts to control my freedom are misguided in the extreme, and I ask you to please stop pushing this highly discriminatory "plan".

—Roma Guerin, Alexandra,

Chairman Wheeler, Please DO NOT implement a two-tiered (or multi-tiered) internet. Allow the free market to prevail and refrain from laying down for the telecom providers. As much as "we the people" are fed up with the aristocracy that the government has become, this issue will incite the masses to rise up should you rule in favor of a pay-per class of service. Going to a two-tiered system will stifle innovation and set a horrible example by showing the rest of the world that corporations can buy ANY government official or policy in the United States.

Although Judge Greene is no longer with us, there are plenty of judges happy to fill his shoes to overrule any ruling against net-neutrality.

—Tom Stumpf, Plano, TX

Please reclassify ISP's as common carriers; it's critical to keeping the internet open and democratic.

—Kim Soskin, alameda, CA

The FCC's proposal will completely change the internet for the worse. The creation of internet fast lanes will only help internet companies make more money without providing benefits to the user. The new rules will result in paying for direct access which will create a fast and a slow internet, not "one internet" as we have now. It is unrealistic to think the FCC's proposal will keep providers from slowing down content from non-paying internet companies. The FCC's proposal gives an unfair advantage to companies that can afford to pay-for-priority and makes it a lot harder for startup or smaller internet content companies. The internet should be classified under Title II, which would treat the internet as a utility, keeping the internet open and neutral. Rules should be put in place that stop broadband providers from trying to limit Internet openness.

—Cullen Mumley, Orlando, FL

Please do not allow the proposed "fast lane" to be approved. All this will do is raise the barrier of entry for new technologies and make for less choice for the consumers. True net neutrality is the only way to ensure an open market and allow for consumers to have the most choice.

—Bryan Beeley, PIONEER, CA

My team and I have been trying for years to develop a scalable online business and we've finally built a product that our customers love. If this passes, our hard work, and that of many other entrepreneurs across the nation would have been for nothing. We would not be able to compete with big giants and would never be able to successfully stand next to does same giants...let's not forget about the revenue that would have been collected by the government.

—Adalberto Contreras, New York, NY

The internet needs to remain neutral and not taken over by big corporations.

—Josephine Fassari, Brooklyn, NY

Countries around the world have managed to develop or at least encourage broadband internet without relying on multiple tiers. In the free market, multiple tiers would only guarantee that the lower tiers will get lesser service, FOREVER. Please do not do this. Reclassify internet providers as Common Carriers and correct the errors made in the early years of the internet in North America! Please!

—Daniel Bragg, Armstrong,

What the hell is wrong with you, FCC? Stop being such dicks about personal freedom and our internet. If you think we as a people won't fight you, on our laptops on our your doorstep. We are not going to stand for this.

—Tamara Cherewan, Winnipeg,

It is important that Americans stop putting corporations in charge of everything in our lives. Internet was intended to be available to all.

—Victoria McGrady, San Antonio, TX

All views should be allowed to exist on the internet. This is so important if we are to safeguard the truth. We need to be strong enough to handle so called hate speech and simply remind those who are offended not to go to a website that is considered hateful, people do have a choice. This is common sense.

—David Hall, Brookfield, IL

The Internet must be reclassified as a utility rather than as a service. Huge Internet Service Providers (ISPs) have done very little to increase bandwidth which would improve American internet service and increase internet speed to put our country on parity with other mature economies. If they are allowed to differentiate between two different "speeds" (or "lanes") they will have no incentive to improve. This will have a negative effect on American competitiveness worldwide.

—Keith Said, New York, NY

If you think the internet needs more corporate interference, you've got it dead wrong. You need to go back to the drawing board, reclassify ISPs as common carriers, and keep the internet neutral and accessible for all citizens instead of creating an internet caste system like we have in so many other areas of our lives (based on money, of course--always the have's and have-nots).

—Ellen A Patterson, Calistoga, CA

Please don't approve rules that spell the end of net neutrality. I don't like big business get a faster internet tier for higher pay. A vote against net neutrality is a vote against the common man. It is a vote against healthy competition. Net Neutrality FOREVER. Down with the two tier Internet.

—Pete Myers, Memphis, TN

We want the internet to remain the same and not be turned into a money machine for YOUR friends.

—Bill Scoggins, Augusta, GA

We have only a few major cable providers in this country. There is very little competition to keep down cost. This will allow the few cable companies we only have in the USA to price out many businesses who need the internet to stay alive in this age of the internet. What we need is a public utilities commission to set the prices fairly, equitable, and affordable for faster access to Internet users and prevent major internet providers from price gouging all of the American businesses. So as not to price out the many businesses that are surviving, thanks to easy access to the internet. Just like here in California that we have an PUC that set electrical and natural gas prices, so as not to put our public and businesses in jeopardy, as well as an insurance commission that open up a lot more auto insurance companies that has keep auto insurance rates at affordable rates for all Californians. Do this for the American public and the major internet providers and it will protect our economy from an inflationary disaster.

—Robert Maldonado, South San Francisco, CA

Every individual deserves equal access to knowledge and information.

—Francine Joy Allen, Northville, MI

Don't you hate waiting for downloads? Well you shouldn't have to wait frustrating amounts of time to watch films, and download files from small and moderate websites. You see, the lack of centralization on the web allows average people to make great things. Amazing websites like YouTube and Flickr would have never formed if there was a pay for speed rule in place, as they wouldn't have the funds to pay it. These rules will destroy websites before they have even formed; websites that need speed but don't have enough money to pay for it It will destroy countless educational, not for profit podcasts and educational resources that require speed The internet is our only utopia. Don't destroy all these wonderful things on the internet. Do what You know is right.

—Luke, Adelaide,

To the FCC, ISP's need to be designated as Common Carriers, licensed as such and required to serve, and prove service in the public interest... not just profiteering. The internet is not a liuxury it is a necessity in todays world, a vital communication highway. A multi-tierd internet that allows discriminatory access is certainly not in the public interest. A non-discriminatory internet is an absolute must. Support real Net Neutrality...

—Richard E Smith Sr., Palmdale, CA

The future of business and entrepreneurship in our country requires equal access to everyone. Relate it, for a second, to roads. Could you imagine a country where the freeways were all toll roads and in pristine condition, but all other surface streets went unattended? The roads on the surface streets would become unusable. The only stipulation on ISPs right now in the current proposal means that they never have to touch or upgrade the existing speeds. A far more accurate description would be if you allowed power and utility companies to deliver less power or resources to a home unless they were using specific high priced light bulbs that they manufactured. If a home draws more power than someone else, the power company makes sure to upgrade their own equipment to handle the load on the grid. The ISPs now reduce the power to those that draw more than others and they want to charge other businesses to do the same now. It's very akin to a protection racket, except that the people that will end up footing the bill are the customers. My ISP may not charge me more, but all the services I use online will charge me more to offset the cost that the ISP has placed on them. If you truly want to change the classification of ISPs, classify them as not-for-profit utility companies. Please enforce true net neutrality.

—J Alexander Kahoun, Gilbert, AZ

In the current INTERNET business environment, anything SHORT of REAL NET NEUTRALITY is simply PAY TO PLAY for the MEGA-INTERNET powerhouses and the equivalent of 3rd world nation entities which cannot afford to compete at the levels of COMCAST, GOOGLE, MICROSOFT, etc. such that entrepreneurial innovation from "startups" (the innovators) will be suppressed (prevented) from "sinking or swimming" on an EQUAL playing field. Furthermore, MEGA-ISPs such as COMCAST can further escalate end-user service fees due to a "near monopoly" on high-speed internet access in "captured markets" such that no real price/performance competition exist in COMCAST's marketplace. Thus, the performance/cost ratio of COMCAST high-speed internet services deteriorate even further relative to SUPERIOR high-speed internet services available in other Western European countries and even highly competitive Asian countries (e.g.: Korea, China, Japan, etc.). Any significant changes to the current "net neutrality" of the US government regarding the internet will result in the FURTHER DEGRADATION of COMPETITIVE HIGH-SPEED INTERNET services/access in the USA and the preservation of "equal access" of alternative information sources and dissemination of ideas.

—George R. Frank, Tomball, TX

I am against a two-tiered internet. I am appalled our FCC would consider this. I can't believe someone like Tom Wheeler can be paid with taxpayer money and support something that I believe will take away so much of what is valuable about the internet and gives America its best shot at a good future. People can make this country great, not economics. We are capable of so much, like making the internet as innovative as it is, don't hamstring us and our future.

—Karen Dahmer, Royal Oak, MI

The FCC's plan will stifle innovation. It will also add to the expenses of everyday people who have come to depend on the Internet for day to day tasks.

—Gord Tomlin, Scarborough,

I'd prefer you not put small businesses to a slowed connection speed because they can't afford to serve customers and you at the same time.

—Matthew Reynolds, Brighton, NY

Quit selling out to corporate control of public airways! Save yourselves from a date with Mr. Guillotine! The public has had enough of this oligarchy.

—Miles C Kara, Grand Junction, CO

I believe that multi-tiered internet access is counter to the neutrality of the internet. I believe that the best solution is to reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Matthew E. Brandt, Stafford, VA

I don't have a lot of extra money to go out to dinner or dancing or movies. My only enjoyment I can count on is the sites I visit on the internet. If the Internet service providers create a two-tiered internet, I will most likely lose my only entertainment.

—Elizabeth Jones, Roanoke, VA

Net Neutrality is the only way forward. Chairman Wheeler's proposal is a self-serving decision aimed at appeasing his previous industry bosses and, most probably, paving his way back into a cushy industry job. Let's stop pretending that his proposal in any way favors the American people. All the benefits will go to a handful of large corporations that will use it to make additional money that they won't pay taxes on. Enough is enough.

—Evan J Caliento, Chicago, IL

Economic discrimination online is as bad as 'in the real world' so don't let corporate greed get in the way of public access & innovation.

—D Z, Arcosanti, AZ

Net neutrality is incredibly important! If smaller businesses / organisations are unable to compete with big corporate entities then a lot of the information that makes this world a better place will be compromised. We will also see a reduction in innovation as smaller innovators will just not be able to compete. Please keep a free and open internet by reclassifying the big telcos!!

—David Gardner, Benteigh East,

The internet should be even across the board. It has become a way of life to most and it should be a public service in my opinion.

—Daniel Schmitter, Las Vegas, NV

The internet is becoming a necessary part of every day life. Please don't allow profit minded corporations to once again make differences in service by pricing out people who need the access. Please put the needs of people first.

—Stacy Harris, Norman, OK

Dear FCC, I ask that you reject Tom Wheeler's plan. The freedom of the internet is integral to our ability as citizens to access information. Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Sincerely, Alexander Weinstein

—Alexander Weinstein, Ann Arbor, MI

We the people demand net neutrality!

—Meade McElroy, Muskogee, OK

FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler, Please protect us. Disney has Porn in childrens shows! Subliminal Messages of KILL flash on our TV's & (see youtube)! We the People Paid the Gov & Military for Internet & they gave it to Corporate Cronies & sell it back to us!?! Corporate Grabs NOT Tolerated! Enough threats to citizens! Full Net Neutrality! Threatening Americans w Corporate Censorship Games! Keep the Corporate Grabbers away! This is OUR INTERNET, we already paid for its development. The Citizens Internet.. NOT Corporate internet. It is ours. We paid for it & keep paying for it. THANK YOU!

—Marilyn Fournet, New Orleans, LA

True Net Neutrality ensures an even playing field in a world built to keep you beaten and down. It gives voice to those without, and is the one place not yet raped by corporate greed. Leave behind a legacy your children will be proud of. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers, and keep the internet truly neutral.

—Stephen Loyola Junior, Delano, CA

STOP MESSING WITH EVERYONE'S INTERNET!!! This is not a two tier system! Stop wheeling and dealing with something that belongs to the people, Wheeler!

—Glenn Andoos, Oceanside, NY

I want small startup companies to have the same access to a fast internet as big companies.

—Elizabeth Hill, Decatur, GA

Paid preferential treatment creates a class system. It kills innovation and gives an unfair advantage to the established industry. Further, this is an econ killing policy. If people can't get to customers or run at an optimal speed, they can't keep the tech sector relevant in the world.

—Chris Larson, Provo, UT

Because being able to start your own business is the American Dream, a dream that anyone would be allowed to have no matter how much money they have. Please don't take this away from us when business as we know it thrives on the internet.

—Alexandria Perel, Memphis, TN

Net neutrality is important for the average working person who cannot afford to pay as much as large corporations such as AT&T. Consider people who must work from home because they can't afford daycare or how about college students who can hardly afford groceries much less higher internet fees. Fast service is equally important to the average working class citizen as it is to the more prominent. Thank you.

—Latonya Jones, memphis, TN

We as all individuals, should want Net Neutrality for the most obvious of reasons. Especially, I would think, congress people. As you are just a person, and in the end will still be that when your term is up! Be on the RIGHT side of history, be our hero.

—Sasha Breitag, Vancouver, WA

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers. I mean anything else is just RIDICULOUS. PERIOD.

—Mr. Mark Latronica, North Olmsted, OH

Don't dictate what we see on the internet. This is a free country that should not be run by the industry companies with deep pockets. Everyone has a voice- don't take that away from us.

—Joy Walsh, Blue Island, IL

We must have free flow of information and equality from this important utility in order to have a free society and equal playing field in all areas of on line interaction. Don't let this world move ever more toward the slave and master society. Technology can enslave us or set us free.

—Sherri Edeen, Mount Ida, AR

In a democracy it is important all are treated equally and fairly. The Internet must be classified as a common carrier. No fast lane, no two-tiered system, no discrimination will work for all citizens.

—Corrine Cole, Markleeville, CA

Please reclassify Internet service providers as common carriers. Having a two tiered internet with a "fast" lane would be detrimental to the future of our country.

—Brian Tracy, San Marcos, TX

Please reclassify isp's as common carrier's.

—Jeremy, oshkosh, WI

As a user who already suffers slow internet due to geography and income, I say that keeping the internet an equal opportunity environment is essential to the proliferation of the thing itself. If some users benefit from a change that causes many to suffer then it is a step in the wrong direction. It would be easy to say that this proposal is a shameless grab for wealth and power, but I choose to say what is difficult: there is a critical moment coming; one that will be of vital importance to the human race for all time to come, and there are individuals in a position to raise up humanity to a height inconceivable. However, those individuals are also in a position to drive a wedge between themselves and the remainder of humanity permanently, not unlike the morlocks of Wells' dystopia. Choose the righteous path. Choose the path that leads to a strong, unified humankind. Thank you.

—TC Ferrell, Banks, AL

The internet has been a place of real "democracy" for most of the world. To now make it into a capitalistic preference system would be to turn the whole world into an inhumane oligarchy. Civilized free speech for all should be the guiding principle of the world wide web. Thank You !

—Hollis B Toal, Tucson, AZ

It's clear that in order to guarantee continued evolution of the Internet and businesses using the Internet that Internet providers need to be classified as providing a basic telecommunications service. Please reclassify Internet providers the same as phone companies so that we can be sure we'll have and keep Net Neutrality.

—John Lemon, Santa Clara, CA

Because it violates free market.

—Isabella Pedreira Souza, Salvador,

Net Neutrality is a necessity for today's rapidly growing tech world. Enabling a two-tiered system is far from a viable solution, and opens the door for Verizon, Comcast, and Time Warner to charge more money for less service. I implore you to reconsider your plan of action, and implement real net neutrality rules which will preserve an open, free internet.

—James Ficareta, Bowie, MD

it underlies the creative power of the internet

—Etann Markus, west hartford, CT

The world has bigger problems.
—Quentin Moore, Orangeburg, SC

If you can't stay away from messing up the T.V. watching experience and getting news and other things freely, then stay off the internet. That's what I use it for - to get the truth instead of being hand-fed all the info-tainment you allow to air.
—Leticia Callela-Austin, Los Angeles, CA

We want to keep our constitution, Our legal rights to our privacy keep the internet private!!
—Tracy Swenson, nibley, UT

At a time when it seem as though so many of our freedoms are being sold to the highest bidder, you have a chance to do something differently. You have a chance to keep the internet open and free to all, not controlled by the deepest pockets. You know what the right thing is. Please do it.
—Kathy DeWispelare, Omaha, NE

the internet, without regulation, has flourished. the internet, with regulation, will suffer.
—Rnbrewer Brewer, greenville, TX

.....Dear Mr. Wheeler, everyone needs Net Neutrality...reclassify.....
—Benson McCloud, boulder, CO

Dear FCC, I would like the internet to be have as much freedom as possible from ISP's
—Ben Bode, Smithtown, NY

Equality for all is the fairest way.
—Rich Guillen, Poughkeepsie, NY

Net neutrality is important for our democracy. It is important for our economy and it matters because it is simply the right thing to do to keep the internet open. Do the right thing and end the deception. Do the right thing and keep the net wide open. Do the right thing. People, not corporations! Kari Allen-Hammer
—Kari Allen-Hammer, West Sacramento, CA

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers; keep the NET free and neutral
—Barbara Walls, Bothell, WA

The internet should be classified and protected as a public utility.
—Bill Kingston, New castle, NH

Those who can pay should not be provided faster service than those who do not have this wealth. This trend of giving a "fast lane" on public projects to the "haves" is undemocratic.
—Julie Duncan, Athens, GA

Information should be free and available to all. With the corporate takeover of most mainstream media by just a few corporations, unbiased access to information is limited. In addition, the potential for education and enlightenment is more freely accessible with an open and free internet. We need this to maintain our constitutional rights as people in the USA.
—Terri McKinnon, Jackson, MI

The internet has become critical infrastructure for our whole society and the ability of some to buy better access to information or faster processing would give them an unfair advantage. Money is already giving too much power to entrenched interests and stifling innovation.
—Diana Smith, Denver, CO

The free and equitably restricted information network of the internet is possibly the greatest achievement of modern societies of the world. Through it, almost anyone can have access to the single largest resource to upward mobility, positive behavior change, and self-empowerment; information. Please uphold your duty to the citizens of our nation and protect the beneficent nature of this resource. Keep the internet free of discrimination to content and application.
—Rob Mahoney, Cincinnati, OH

According to FCC's enabling act as it relates to broadband, the FCC's "Regulatory policies must promote technological neutrality, competition, investment, and innovation to ensure that broadband service providers have sufficient incentives to develop and offer such products and services" (Wikipedia). The act doesn't say anything about keeping Tom Wheeler as chairman. The committee can either keep Wheeler or do its job.
—Hugh McGivern, Aldgate,

As a small business owners, my husband and I rely on the Net to run our business. A two tiered Internet would be like a two tiered electrical grid. This would be an unfair burden and result in a further blow to our economy as many businesses would fail due to being only able to afford the bottom tier fees, to say nothing of the increase of the so called digital divide among consumers. However, if your aim is to create a second class internet, then by all means continue with the current plan.
—Ceredwyn Alexander, Ripton, VT

Having Network Neutrality makes certain that companies are not able to 'favor' others that pay extra for the additional speed to reach customers. It also makes certain they cannot stop you from going to competitors. If we want faster speeds...add more bandwidth. Competition is the basis of our economy, and while having an edge is one thing, tilting entirely into the favor of those with a massive amount of monetary power is another. I do not want a tiered system. I want to go anywhere online without being unnecessarily slowed down, or forced to pay more as a business in order to reach customers. They can and they already ARE doing this, forcing businesses to pay more in order to get better access to their customers. You would be fooling yourself to believe otherwise. The internet is no longer a luxury, it is a necessity. In my job, without access to the internet, we would not be able to do business. It needs to be treated as a utility. As time goes on, balanced access to the internet is going to become even more important.
—Jared Brokaw, Moline, IL

The only way — and we mean the only way — to protect free speech online is to reclassify Internet service providers as common carriers.
—Sarah Bakal, Maple Grove, MN

Preserve access to the Internet - Net Neutrality is important to those who are middle class and cannot afford the cost of high monthly cost Internet services to receive decent speeds
—Christine BredenKoetter, Florissant, MO

I believe that the Internet is a common good and therefore should be equally accessible to everyone, without any paywalls or taxes. Its development was funded and performed by governmental organizations, and it's governed by noncommercial ones, which in my opinion is the right way to manage it. On the other hand, commercial organizations already extract profit by using the Internet in a user-neutral way, and no additional financial incentives should be necessary.
—Dmitry Erastov, College Park, MD

Reclassify internet providers so that net neutrality can be actually enforced. It is a logical step to protect American consumers. Verizon already gets enough of my monthly income..
—Allen, Petersburg, VA

Mr. Wheeler, (or more likely those who shift through the various comments); Please consider how important an unrestricted, and equal internet is to the development of our future. This medium has the potential to positively shape the entire world into something that benefits the everyday man as well as the business of the future. I urge you, do not sacrifice this future for temporary profit. It is not good for either of us.
—Spencer Littlejohn, Mulvane, KS

Net neutrality is the core, the heart and soul - - - the guts - - - of an Internet that serves as the peoples' medium. Without it, the Internet loses its capacity to serve as a tool to enhance human potential, creativity and freedom. PRESERVE NET NEUTRALITY BY RECLASSIFYING INTERNET SERVICE PROVIDERS AS COMMON CARRIERS.

—Kofi Opatiri, Los Angeles, CA

It is critical that the net remain neutral. It is difficult enough for small online businesses to compete and this 2 tier approach will result in many small companies being driven to the brink and/ or losing their businesses all together. Please support small business - keep the web neutral. Thank you!

—Debra McMillan, Columbia, SC

I'll use Tom Wheeler's own words: "I believe one of the reasons the Internet is so essential is because of all the diverse voices. It's not the media of the 20th century," he said "All we have to do is look at all the voices on the Internet today. That's why we're moving forward with open Internet."

—Mary Jane Gage, Albuquerque, NM

Net neutrality is key to keeping communication and access to information democratic. We can't have a healthy democracy without the free and open flow of ideas and knowledge. And we can't have a free and open flow of ideas and knowledge without true net neutrality. Allowing giant corporations to discriminate amongst online content and users on a financial basis would destroy net neutrality. Protect net neutrality: reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Karen Newman, San Luis Obispo, CA

Discrimination among Internet users is not needed or desired by us, the end users. Myself, I am for reclassification of the ISPs as common carriers.

—Romeo Lungu, Sallanches,

Net neutrality allows for start-up companies to get a foot in the door. Without it only larger established company are reasonably available. That is not good for America's economy, nor is it good for it's citizens.

—Ruth Prohaska, Shoreline, WA

FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler's proposal to create a two-tiered Internet is discriminatory and misguided. I stand with other concerned citizens to demand you protect Net Neutrality. Throw out your rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Laura Babbitt, Redwood City, CA

I support Net Neutrality because I believe it is important for innovation to thrive among small makers and creators, and it seems that classifying ISP as common carriers may be the only way to ensure the internet is free and equally accessible.

—Jim Lesch, Saint Paul, MN

Please do NOT create paid "fast lanes" for the internet. This will stifle innovation over the internet and choke the free flow of information that is so very important in our society. The internet was the greatest invention of my lifetime and you're going to ruin it for the sake of corporations' bottom lines.

—Jay Thierauf, CHICAGO, IL

This is preposterous, must we charge extra money for something that is fine the way it is?

—Matthew James, Mastic Shirley, NY

Because the internet is a free place, and all should be allowed to have their opinions, ideas, and communities shared on equal footing.

—Elizabeth Bajjalieh, Palatine, IL

Mr. Wheeler, I am asking you to stand by your words. This is what you emailed me on May 16 this year. "I'm a strong supporter of the Open Internet, and I will fight to keep the internet open. Thanks again for sharing your views with me. Tom Wheeler Chairman Federal Communications Commission" or are you just another bought off liar? ...like any other lying politician?

—Jason Hayes, Creswell, OR

I prefer to know that when I search for what I want online that I have access to any and all information I choose.

—Danielle Harrity, Bensenville, IL

I most certainly am against any intrusion by the federal government into discrimination on the internet. The internet must remain as now with Net Neutrality and ISPs need to be reclassified as common carriers

—Bruce E. Staffeld, Michigan City, IN

Mr. Wheeler. Look, it's become obvious to everyone that you are Verizon's Butmonkey. But it doesn't have to be that way. You don't have to be Verizon's Butmonkey. Prove to everyone that you aren't Verizon's Butmonkey. Show us all that you have America's interests at heart. And not some shill passing off "fast & hyperfast" PR B.S thought up by industry lie junkies. You can do it. For your reputation. For the future. For your fellow Americans!

—Patrick Mastrobuono, New Haven, CT

Dear FCC, I support net neutrality.

—Karen, Tulsa, OK

Please honor your duty to the citizens of this county and promote fair access to information through the best medium we have-- the internet. We must all share the burden of this pursuit equally. Speedier access for some vs others would impede such an ideal. Please take this plea to heart. Thank you.

—Nigel Philip, Springfield Gdns, NY

Dear FCC, The internet is for the people. It should be for everyone equally. It is too powerful. Please support net neutrality. You will never be able to un-due this.

—Ms. Claire Burns, St. Petersburg, FL

Please do not try to regulate the internet. It is fine the way it is!

—Trevor King, Lakewood, CA

To prevent online discrimination. Last bastion of free speech being sold to the highest bidder!

—Mehrzaad Maghsoudlou, Sacramento, CA

Australia is still one of the worlds fastest adopters of new communications technology even though the roll out of that new technology is inhibited by geography. The Australian government has understood this for 150 years, and to this very day, no one in Australia shall be out of reach of the communications network. This very basic regulatory requirement is etched into every Australian. The Australian Government is right now rolling out a National Broadband Network - fiber optics. We don't let corporations control the basic needs of our citizens nor should you. Two tiered internet is not for the citizens benefit but the wholesalers profits. By allowing a 2 tiered internet, you damage the world, and endorse hidden internet spying on network traffic to designate which "lane" to traffic data along. Americans fought against the 2 tier British rule, 2 tier racial class slavery and now you're ignoring all that history to implement a 2 tier communications network???

—Dean Goddard, Winmalee,

Stand up for the people, not the mega corporations. Stand up for the ideals which inspired Tim Berners-Lee when he created the world-wide web. Stand up for the citizens of the world. Enshrine net neutrality into inviolable law!

—Nancy Belmore, Victoria, BC

The internet belongs to everyone. If you start to allow these big corporations to create a two-tiered Internet, we may as well go back to slow dial-up. Because the winners would get the higher speeds and that would be controlled by who has the most dollars to spend. Corporations would dictate the speed of our internet, the content and applications. This CANNOT be allowed. Be a government agency that does right for the people. DO not rule for the big corporations. Throw out the rules (they are made to be broken and changed anyway) and reclassify ISP's as Common Carriers. Protect real Net Neutrality - we don't want a two-tiered super highway.

—Lisa Kelley, Wyoming, MN

Friends, we live at a beautiful time. With the widespread implementation of networks and the creative minds that utilize them, we have seen incredible advancements in the education of curious minds. The requirements of education have been lifted as students of all ages migrate to the Internet to quench their thirst for knowledge. Money no longer throttles the speed at which the people are exposed to ideas. It is because of this incredible innovation in how we discover information that we can provide services to almost anyone, anywhere. I write this letter because I love this community of debates and agreements, controversies and pastimes. We have created this network not with the intention of undermining the poor, but to include them in discussions they may otherwise not be involved in. It is because anyone can use the Internet freely and unhindered that I ask we move forward with an open community in mind, and not the financial margins of well-off companies. We ought to be concerned with how we can hear each other's voice, rather than ignoring citizens less fortunate. The Internet is beautiful now, and to forfeit this great community now is to take steps back of progress. Thank you,

—Kyle Sandstrom, Marysville, OH

Net neutrality must be preserved at all cost. The internet has thrived based on the fact that anyone with a good idea can put up a website and get the attention of anyone. It's the ultimate free market and needs to stay that way. I'm disgusted by the way the FCC has catered to the interest of telecommunications companies instead of making decisions in the best interest of consumers and maintaining a healthy economy. Please make it clear to telecom companies that the internet must maintain content and source neutral.

—James Hood, Renton, WA

Throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Everyone should be treated equally on the internet. By imposing tiers, you will change the quality (speed) of the internet. This will create a huge competitive advantage to companies that can afford the better internet connectivity. It will significantly increase the start up costs of anybody that wants to conduct business on the internet. There is no benefit to the public. The only ones who benefit are established companies and those wealthy enough to afford the better internet. Please don't mess this up for everybody else.

—Eric Chmielewski, Rochester Hills, MI

Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—David Brill, Los Angeles, CA

Dear FCC You must find a way to disallow broadband providers from blocking lawful content or discriminating against lawful content. You had it right the first time. Please do not allow these providers to monetise freedom. Regards Stephen Wilkinson

—Stephen Wilkinson, Concord West,

Internet providers are already bending over the American public and screwing them. When was the last time an internet bill went down? Oh wait, never! now the companies and services that are free or we already pay for will now go up. thus decreasing the populations discretionary income. internet providers should be considered as common service as these days it is practically a need for a household. especially for those of us who work from home for a living. Where would it stop, would my company be charged when I VPN in and then my salary will decrease?

—Scott Waxman, Hillsboro, OR

The Internet was created to be free for a reason. The prosperity, the exchange of information, the betterment of peoples lives via the internet has occurred because of Net Neutrality, and I, along with millions of other Americans, continue to support Net Neutrality and ask that the FCC reclassify ISPs as common carriers. To FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler, I know you won't understand any of this. As you are someone who is a former lobbyist for cable companies, I don't expect you to realize the fundamental rightness of protecting net neutrality. I don't expect you to turn over a new leaf and care about Doing the Right Thing for millions of Americans. But I do expect you to care about the majority opinion because that's how this country works--by democracy--and I'm not the only one sending comments your way. You are obligated and bound by the constructs of our democracy to not only listen, but take our opinion into consideration and listen to the majority opinion on this issue, which I am confident in saying rests firmly on the side of Net Neutrality. Without listening to and following the wishes of millions of Americans, you are nothing more than a tyrant. To the FCC employee obligated to read my comment: Never doubt that you can make a difference, never doubt that you can be the one to save net neutrality, who can stand up and push for a difference (in this case to reclassify ISPs and common carriers). Change comes from outside (people like me), and inside (people like you). I'm not saying it won't be easy, and sure, it'll take time, effort, and support from others in your office (and some savvy maneuvering), but as a fellow American citizen, the kind of citizen you're supposed to be helping, I'm asking you to try. Be a leader, especially if you think you're not. Help save net neutrality. Thanks.

—Leeann Sinpatanasakul, Arlington, VA

Please do what is good for the many and not the few large internet service providers, like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon, which is Net Neutrality. Our cost for Internet access continues to rise as consumers. Teaser rates that quickly escalate in price after they reel you in. If you have a limit on the amount of internet traffic you can generate in a month then it only makes sense when you use less than you are paying for that you be allowed to bank the difference but in most cases if you don't use it you lose it and you will start fresh the next month. It does not work that way when you go to the grocery store. If you pay you can consume at your leisure. No refund or credit in site from the ISPs when you don't consumer what you are paying for. Maybe we should be able to sell our leftover usage back to the ISPs. I wonder how they would like having to credit us back each month for our under usage instead of just charging others for their over usage. Seems to be a little hypocritical don't you think. Seems to me if you are limited on your use at a given price you should not be capped the next month if you go over. Seems you pay for the privilege of internet whether you consume your allotment or not. Now if a two-tiered system is implemented you not only lose if you don't use but your actual internet access can be degraded without your consent even though you are paying for equal access. ISPs should be common carriers for the good of the many and not allowed to discriminate on who gets better service and who does not. Just makes common sense with the importance of the internet that everyone has an even playing field. After all we consumers are the ones paying for the so called new innovations that the ISPs provide us access to each month. Regulators should be protecting the end consumer and not give in to the pressure of the ISPs. Big does not mean RIGHT. Enough said.

—James Burney, Saltillo, MS

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Kevin Ibarra, Cathedral City, CA

An essential component of our democracy is freedom of the press. Sadly, neutral media sources are increasingly hard to find. For example, major TV stations would not air shows that honored our war dead (by reading each name aloud) during the Bush administration because their conservative owners feared it would help liberals. The Internet has always been a place where all voices could be heard. Don't let a few wealthy corporations control what the rest of us can see on the Internet.

—Nita Graham, Fairview Heights, IL

The Internet is no longer a university-based experiment. It's a utility. And the worst thing for it would be to allow telecoms, already having proven they're happy to overcharge for service, to determine what content is served faster or more reliably. Please don't allow that.

—Sara Flemming, Seattle, WA

Dear Mr. Wheeler Please do not allow a multi tier Internet. The public needs the Internet for a vast number of reasons education and acceptance for each being chief among them. It's time to stop doing your previous job of cable lobbyist and start working for the public. Also try not to be such a fuck head while you're at it.

—Sam Coulter, Evansville, IN

Mr. Wheeler doesn't seem to understand the importance of Net Neutrality. Net Neutrality allows all data to be treated equally without "expedited" traffic or "slowed down" traffic. If you allow this to pass, startups will cease to exist as we know them. People will only want to go to sites that are fast, since large corporations will probably cave and pay for their customers to get to their site faster. This is detrimental to future jobs, which startups create. I believe this will have affects that Mr. Wheeler did not expect.

—Ryan Satterfield, Camarillo, CA

The internet was meant to be free and open. What you propose is a pay to play scheme that will stifle innovation and in the end free speech. Please keep the internet free and equal for all.

—Matthew Padgett, Pittsfield, MA

Not only do I deeply resent facing back-of-the-bus status for choosing to use the internet for anything other than mainstream pablum but can you blockheads not see that two tiered structure will mean your economy will be driving with the brakes on. Open and neutral internet is the most important economic driver vis a vis asian and european economies and their higher standard of education and innovation. If currying favour to corporate interests and their desire for short term profits means keeping many small websites out of the fast lane you had better understand that you are shooting yourself in the foot.

—Richard Fahlman, Gillies Bay,

This is in particular response to the new proposals in FCC 14-61, which does not have an ECFS page. "Net Neutrality" or "Open Internet" means that all data and communications traveling on the Internet backbone are treated equally. There is to be no discrimination by user, content, site, platform, application, type of attached equipment, and modes of communication. Packets must be transmitted on the Internet in the order received, and there are to be no closed broadband networks, and no tiered pricing for priority transmission, and no blocking. The Internet's backbone must not be privatized. The Internet was developed at the public's expense, and it should serve the public, allowing start-up businesses, education, government services, and personal communication to flourish. The first step in protecting the public is to revert to the original classification of broadband as "telecommunication". The current classification of broadband as "information service" allows for private networks, precludes regulation, and allows for a few predatory monopolies to control pricing and content. The classification of broadband as "information service" was the basis for the DC Appeals Court ruling (Verizon vs. FCC) that struck down the FCC's Open Internet Order, FCC 10-201. In the broadband era, "information" and "telecommunication" are one and the same. Phones, computers, cable TVs, all use the Internet. The crux of the matter lies in Paragraph 149 in the proposed new rules, FCC 14-61, whether the Commission should revisit its 2002 decision that "classified broadband Internet access service offered over cable modem, DSL and other wireline facilities, wireless facilities, and power lines as an information service, which is not subject to Title II and cannot be regulated as common carrier service." Absolutely yes! These services send packets down the same Internet as "commercial mobile services," which are classified as "telecommunication" and are regulated as common carriers. Reclassifying all ISP as telecommunications is the only way to preserve an Open Internet. All of the other proposals – for example, Par. 96, 97, 101, could be struck down in rulings like the 2014 DC Appeals Court ruling. Similarly in Par. 147, the FCC has no legal authority to regulate all broadband Internet Service Providers (ISPs). The FCC must change the Federal codes so that all broadband – mobile and stationary end users – is classified as a telecommunications service.

—Antonie K Churg, Torrance, CA

Net neutrality is a basic requirement if we are to remain a democratic society. By abolishing net neutrality, you are essentially causing class distinctions between "haves" and "have nots" based on whether people can afford the faster lane of service. Say NO to Cox, AT&T, Verizon, Time Warner, and Comcast's demands, and make Internet Service Providers into common carriers.

—Judy Frankel, Rancho Palos Verdes, CA

If you and your cronies refuse to reclassify ISPs as common carriers, so help me god, you and all of us will suffer in the long run from the strangulation of every new and innovative idea that comes out of someone's garage-- innovation that may become vital in the years ahead. Basically, you'd be screwing yourself out of a future.

—Maryann I Rogers, KENT, WA

The reason many people come to America is many freedoms other counties don't have. Why would you start changing things people ran away from?

—Eddy Flores, Everett, MA

The Open and unhindered internet is as common and ubiquitous as the telephones lines have always been. I support equal access to internet and ISP services for all and am PROUD to support Net Neutrality. Not even the biggest army can stop an idea whose time has come.

—Kevin, Memphis, TN

pls. protect net neutrality thank you very much

—Felipe O Torre, Litchfield Park, AZ

Everyone should have access to affordable internet connectivity. A two-tiered system of fast vs slow speeds would only make the internet divide greater and grant monopolistic ISPs more power. Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers and keep the internet neutral!

—Leslie Riibe, SEATTLE, WA

If our government still represents the people, then you must support net neutrality.

—Julie DonCarlos, Denver, CO

Without it, my website would be on the 'slow lane'. How can I provide service to my clients, at the speed I paid for, if my content is on the slow lane? The internet is a Utility. This is basically you talking heads for corporations trying to make it look like you're trying to hear both sides but if you rule in favor of the Carriers you're nothing but puppets. Puppets that are a cancer to our country and everything we originally held dear when this country was founded.

—Mr. Chris Hulford, Napa, CA

Compromising net neutrality would be disastrous for anyone that's not a cable company, which I'm sure you already know, but it'd be great if you started acting like it.

—Doug Schrashun, Brooklyn, NY

I guess it really doesn't matter, with the likes of the NSA, there is no freedom anymore. Planet just got too small.

—Rich Shanahan, Carmichael, CA

I use the internet constantly, to keep in touch with family, network with friends and stay on top of current events. Explain to me why would anyone, especially my government, want to limit my access?

—Pat Sarotte, Berkley, MI

Because this country is being dragged down by companies who, though they may be legal persons, do not act as people could or should. Let all users be given the same access at the same speed to the vital lifeline that is the internet.

—Susan Conforti, Irvine, CA

Dear FCC Chairman, Net Neutrality is important to me because the internet is essential to everyday life in this modern age and should therefore be treated as a public utility. As a disabled individual, I use the internet for everything from paying my bills to buying clothes to watching podcast of services from my church to accessing free unbiased news sources. I know that even in the current conditions my slower internet connection gets pushed out of the way by those with faster connections. In addition, being on a very low fixed income, I'll never be able to afford a decent internet speed if this "fast lane" plan happens, and neither will the multitudes of small press organizations and church's out there --like the ones I get unbiased news from, or get my church podcast from. So, basically what I'm saying is that the internet is an essential utility in our technological society, and you need to treat it that way; doing otherwise is intrinsically discriminatory and highly detrimental to a large segment of our society. In great hope, I thank you in advance for protecting the Internet's neutrality and usability for all.

Sincerely, Janet Gehlhausen

—Janet Gehlhausen, Houston, TX