

Your new rules threaten Net Neutrality, a very important feature of the internet. Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers!

—Cydney Shapiro, Saugerties, NY

It is important for everyone to have access whether your business is big or small, or you're a student or even a retired person. We ALL are entitled to it.

—Miss Aysha Zouain, Hialeah, FL

I support net neutrality. ISPs should be reclassified as common carriers.

—Megan Kanagy, WASHINGTON, DC

Net Neutrality is important because a two-tier system creates possibilities for ISPs to exploit that system and charge their customers more than the service is worth while continuously reducing the quality of services for "slow lane" users. ISPs in the United States already charge their customers much more than Service Providers in other countries. Especially, with new technology as for instance proposed by Globalstar costs for Internet connectivity would generally fall. Don't take away our digital democracy!

—Julia Benson, Washington, DC

Throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality.

—Karen Ketelaar, Helenaveen,

The internet is not something that is to be faster and more accessible for people with more money. The internet is for everyone, equally divided among us all!

—Robin Strand, Stockholm,

Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Thank you!

—Linda DePalma, Baltimore, MD

Net Neutrality is vital to our society and country if we want to grow, prosper, and uphold the freedoms the country was founded on. Wheeler's plan is NOT in the best interest of the American public.

—Nicholas Cowling, Baltimore, MD

What we have here is a corporate power grab. Wish our government had our best interests in mind instead of being complicit with whomever bought them.

—Lucano Suarez, Durham, NC

Please don't destroy the internet - there's enough homogeneity already - can't we just pretend to live in a unique and interesting environment that's produced by real people not just any old fuckwit who happens to have a bit of money and too many penchants for crap. Enough is enough. Take your pre-packaged meals, your bad commercials, foul legislation, corrupt politicians wal-mart and all of that other revolting stuff and turn it into enemas.

—Cathy Martin, Sydney,

Dear FCC, I'm looking forward to the day when real Democratic action will take place and Net Neutrality will be defended instead of constantly being threatened. As such, I sincerely hope to hear the FCC will be reclassifying ISPs as common carriers. Here's to hoping! Happy Friday! Gabriela A.

—Gabriela Aguilar, Montreal,

The companies and politicians pushing to end net neutrality are not thinking how this will affect us and our civilization long term. If we allow companies to arbitrarily slow down services then we limit free speech and competition. ISP's can use this to censor ideas that conflict with their business model. You can say this is not the intent of ending net neutrality but once they have the power to do so why would they not. We need to think long term about this issue. Do we want to be a country that allows corporations to make decisions about what we can access on the internet? That sounds like a terrible idea to me considering the majority of the ISPs like comcast and ATT already have a terrible reputation for abusing their customer base because most areas don't even have competition between these broadband services anyway. By ending net neutrality you will be stifling the newest innovations that will change the US and the world for the better for a small set of companies that are finding new ways to charge more money out of their customers without providing any new services.

—Josh Summitt, Memphis, TN

As a school librarian, I believe information should be accessible to everyone, without discrimination. By allowing ISP's to impose fees to access Internet sites, at their discretion, we are creating an information-elite class. Libraries and schools would no longer be able to provide open access to their patrons and students. Free speech, and open ideas and debate, would be stilted if a large portion of our population is allowed access only to those ideas or sites that our ISP deems suitable for us.

—Jill Mills, Chatham, NJ

Net neutrality is extremely important to me. I'm tired of the wealthy only succeeding. We need choices and want everyone on the same playing field. Please. ... it's time for those who make decisions to LISTEN to what the people WANT!!

—Kelly Kukovich, Gilbert, AZ

Please keep the internet the way it is: accessible to all. Higher fees for fast lanes and not allowing communities, cities, states to build their own fiber optic networks is insulting and not the American way.

—Paul Rudolph, Astoria, NY

Dear FCC Millions have signed agreements and petitions to stop this. Why in the world would you want to do this and go against the people? If this goes through truly this has to show America that our government is in the pocket of corporations. But hoping you will listen to reason. Please stop the madness and reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Derek King, Fairfield, OH

Net Neutrality is important to me because, it gives me freedom from the world! I can have a lot of fun on it, and it helps me keep in touch with my buddies far away from me, and that is very special to me! So don't ban Net Neutrality! Let us have freedom!

—Makota Hagane, Elizabeth City, NC

As I rely more and more on the internet for communication and financial transactions, my income remains static. Should you allow online discrimination, it would be a serious blow to my ability to function in the modern world.

—Kathleen B Turnbull, Arvada, CO

We must preserve Net Neutrality. I implore you to take the path that serves all the people not just those wealthy enough to buy their way to preferential treatment.

—Robin Eichleay, Bloomfield Hills, MI

As someone that believes the internet is vital to humanity's development, Net Neutrality is vital to me.

—Earl Gay, Charlotte, NC

Internet is freedom, don't mess with freedom!

—Lars Hagren, Malmö,

Tim Berners Lee, the man behind the technology, argues for Net Neutrality, as does the W3 Consortium. I am appalled that a regulatory body claim to know better than its creator or its governing body.

—Kenneth E Syharath, Apex, NC

We see what corporations have done to everything in our lives. Please stop them from destroying the internet!

—Judith Zola, Phoenix, AZ

The internet is my life. It's my job, my relationship and my life. I do not want things changed. A bit is a bit and it should not be categorized!

—Kyle McDermott, new windsor, NY

HEY! How's about looking out for the everyday person, and not these money-based constructs hell bent on milking us for every penny they can!?! Just keep in mind, outside of your job w/ the FCC, YOU are just like us everyday folk.

—Paul Nieh, Glden, CO

Are you crazy? Net Neutrality for all!

—Mr. Brent Lund, PASADENA, CA

Net neutrality is important for consumer freedom. Creating multiple lanes of internet will separate some people from others and this is a terrible move.

—Oleg Kleyman, Brooklyn, NY

reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Jim Summers, Arlington, MA

I'm retired. I already spend a lot on keeping my connections working at a reasonable speed. I'm afraid net neutrality will shove me down as big providers try to charge me too much to handle. If that happens, this could hurt all of us. There is the potential for a backlash as people need to drop down in services available.

—Woody Dahlberg, Shoreview, MN

I don't want a tiered internet. Do you understand?

—Quinn Hanratty, Oceanside, NY

Hello, The internet needs to be equal to everyone, and this just violates humans' right to equality. Please stop bullshitting around.

—Joni Välipakka, Jyväskylä,

Keep net neutrality! Don't punish the users and small entrepreneurs for the benefit of people who are already making more money than they deserve.

—Katherine w, Albuquerque, NM

Instead of regurgitating the same thoughts everyone else has posted before me, I'll keep this simple. Can you folks just imagine the riots you'll all be on the wrong end of if you make the Internet a corporate playground for profit-making purposes? Mull that over a bit.

—Philip Gorski, Hollidaysburg, PA

Please don't approve the new two-tiered Internet plan! Protect the neutrality of the internet! Thank you. :D

—Weien Wang, Lemont, IL

Do not allow corporations to blackmail consumers for their high speed internet. and do not squash competition by allowing for paid high speed highways that exclude small businesses.

—Bradley Clopton, Essex Junction, VT

The Net is a great tool for innovation and exploration. Should Net Neutrality fail that will be hampered and it will be at the cost of education and new businesses. We need Net Neutrality to freely express ourselves. So please, do not allow this to fail and the Net to become a place where Big Business charges people for "faster lanes" because that is only designed to help them.

—Heather O'Malley, Murfreesboro, TN

Listen to the people, Chairman Wheeler. We demand Net Neutrality and we are not deceived by your scheme. Throw out your rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Anything short of this is unacceptable.

—Norman McElvy, Asheville, NC

I am strongly against any net neutrality bill that does not classify internet as a utility. The internet is important, it is NOT simply for entertainment, it is how I make a living.

—Michael Dimore, whitehouse station, NJ

bring back net neutrality

—Oliver B Smith, renton, WA

The net has always been a equal opportunity space, self-regulated by its members. There are no "haves" and "have nots". Keep it that way.

—Jim Osenberg, Anoka, MN

Do not stand in the way of freedom - Freedom leads to innovation, with entrepreneurs at the vanguard. Removing net neutrality will hinder the freedom and ability of the disruptors to find space to innovate. Do not remove net neutrality!

—Josh Redlus, Raleigh, NC

The Internet must be open and accessible to everybody with a legal connection and not denied or altered by Internet providers

—Mark Bailey, Haddonfield, NJ

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Jason Caldwell, Loganville, GA

The internet should remain open, doing this Net Neutrality allows corporations to fix and mess with our right to a free internet.

—Patrick Shaw, North Chili, NY

An internet fast lane is not the answer. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Erica George, Estero, FL

Please remove the horrible plan to make the internet a two-tiered place. don't fix the internet if it isn't broken. The world would hate the FCC for it. Please reconsider your position. Thank you.

—Hunter Hubers, Whitehall, MI

The FCC is failing at it's job to protect the public.

—Michele Peterson, Burbank, CA

The only way to protect free speech online is to reclassify Internet service providers as common carriers.

—Robert Moreno, SAN JUAN, TX

The internet should be reclassified as a common carrier. The internet has become one of the most valuable tools for political engagement and social interaction. As such, allowing traffic to be controlled based on monetary concerns of a small number of companies is a serious threat to the public and their voices. The tendency of internet service to be available through only one or maybe Two carriers complicates this more. The possibility of regionalization and lack of market forces on a providers behavior is a serious concern. The FCC has fought to avoid media monopolies in the past. Don't go back against your mission now by empowering an extant oligopoly. Let smaller companies grow, let technologies be disrupted, let the people speak freely. If I want a faster connection I already pay for a faster internet connection, charging a information provider and also charging a consumer is a weird corporate double jeopardy, and it serves only the large ISPs

—Patrick Hanners, Brighton, MA

It's NOT BROKEN. Real capitalism does not need to be propped up by allowing them to trod on freedom of speech. Freedom of speech is NOT only for people who can afford to pay extra. Stop this now.

—Cathy Harris, Glennville, GA

The internet should be enjoyed by all.

—Ricardo Castro, Sacramento, CA

Please save the internet. Do the right thing.

—Brian Sheehan, West Roxbury, MA

This plan flies in the face of wisdom. phone companies aren't allowed to give preferential treatment nor are other utilities. With something as necessary to life as internet I'd these days slowing accesses isn't only wrong it is intolerable to all freethinking American's.

—David, Indianapolis, IN

The lack of net neutrality DOESNT MAKE SENSE. It's illogical!

—Vipul Tripathi, Washington, DC

They should be classified as utilities if we want to keep the internet free

—Eric Kwok, Baltimore, MD

I like the internet, don't mess it up

—Alex Gambini, Houston, TX

I am sick and tired of the people that are supposed to be representing our best interests instead representing the interests of big business. I'm tired of being treated like a 2nd class citizen. I don't know how we can make it any more clear, WE WANT NET NEUTRALITY, WE DO NOT WANT BIG BUSINESS TO BE ALLOWED TO CREATE A MULTI-TIERED INTERNET!!!!

—Mr. Jonathan Gatarz, Hayward, CA

Without it, the prosperity brought about by the Internet will vanish.

—Jordan Pelovitz, Cambridge, MA

I support the internet as a Title II telecommunications service. I absolutely do NOT want ISPs to have the ability to alter connections based on traffic habits or give preferential treatment to any group. The internet needs to remain accessible to everyone at the same level. The proposed rules, drafted by Mr. Wheeler and his staff, will have dangerous consequences to our economy and should NOT be considered.

—Michael O'Neill, Columbia, SC

The land of equal opportunity should be just that.

—KEReynolds E. PhD Phd, Mendocino, CA

Net neutrality is crucial for our future. Discrimination already exists in the real world, and all their consequences can be easily seen. Don't let it happen in the Internet too!

—Pablo Nunes, Bh,

Please Reclassify ISP's as Common Carriers, a free and open internet should be available for all, it is like the free enterprise of the digital world.

—Ross Sickora, West Des Moines, IA

Please act to keep the internet fair and ballanced for everyone. Verizon and Comcast have enough money.

—Tyler Lambert-Perkins, Boston, MA

Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers, don't make a high speed lane and a slow lane. Large companies already have the options of co-location and pulling their own fibers, they don't need a fast lane over the backbone of the internet.

—Mikkel Hagen, Austin, TX

Protect our Net Neutrality instead of protecting discrimination. Tom Wheeler's plan needs to be thrown out. The people are speaking. Will you listen?

—Tom Wright, Austin, TX

I don't want my freedom of speech and access to information sold to the highest bidder.

—Taylor Bragg, Silver Spring, MD

Please consider that the internet is a place where small businesses start up, free speech is exercised, family communicates, and so much more. if there is a way to pick and choose speed at all then groups WILL corrupt that system and the masses will suffer for it.

—Christopher Dixson, spokane, WA

As a historian, teacher, and scholar, the advances in research that the Internet has made in the last 20 years have been enormous. Much of the value of the web is being able to locate the most obscure materials posted by ordinary people-information that will be pushed to the background in this new plan, in favor of allowing our service providers to have control over what we see, how fast we see it, and the like. It is bad enough that we need to pay these companies for access to the web, they should not, EVER, control what we see when we search. It's downright unAmerican!

—CathyHajo, Mahwah, NJ

Please do not create a separate fast lane for network traffic. Keep the Net neutral. Do the right thing!

—Jennifer Dolan, New York, NY

The Internet is the viable communication tool it is because of Net Neutrality. Open and free communication only exists when the delivery method is also open and shares the information in a fair and equal manner. Allowing service providers to create a tiered-level would be allowing them to dictate what our society should value and what we should deem less important. Their opinions should not dictate our access to information and our choices of what sites we visit and the speed and accessibility of those sites. An Internet Service Provider should be a common carrier and treat all sites the same way.

—Brittania Morey, Cedar Rapids, IA

The internet is the broadest platform for innovation man has ever created. Do not allow this bastion of human ingenuity to fall under the yoke of corporate greed. When start up companies have to compete against established firms, we all lose...

—Garret Youker, INDIANOLA, IA

Discrimination is wrong in every way! Stop what you're doing!!

—Elyssa Johnson, Mabank, TX

Do not break the internets. Nobody stands to gain from the destruction of net neutrality--not even the companies who are lobbying to undo it. If you stifle the internet you will be destroying the one part of our economy that has freedom and EQUALITY OF ACCESS. Do not be on the evil supervillain side of history.

—Chance Garton, Springfield, MO

ISPs should be classified as common carriers!

—Josh J Williams, West Monroe, LA

Corporations should NEVER have the ability to control what information I have access to. Giving them the freedom to limit my internet access amounts to giving them the ability to censor it.

—Kathy Vary, Baltimore, MD

Net Neutrality keeps every American internet user on an even footing, and protects liberty of access to information. Please do not obstruct the way Americans access a whole world of information and connections, the only advantages to be found in such courses of action would be the sole benefit of a select few, and not the vast Many More. DO THE RIGHT THING. LEAVE THE INTERNET AS THE PEOPLE WHO CREATED SUCH A THING OF GREATNESS INTENDED IT TO BE. OPEN. NEUTRAL. EQUALLY ACCESSABLE. It's bad enough the government doesn't provide free internet to every household!

—Olivia, Lawrence, KS

With the hundreds of thousands of people saying NO to this plan, why is it still being pushed and even considered for that matter?

—Dimitri Pavlovic, Astoria, NY

Please do not support this proposal. I am deaf and I use a video phone and video relay service to make my phone calls. My video phones rely on Internet speed and slower speed will result in poor videos or poor connection. Please object this proposal!

—Robert Bedrosian, Wakefield, MA

Dear FCC, If you want to completely annihilate our countries ability to be innovative online thus reducing our competitiveness in the world market and ruining the lives of our children than I suggest you continue doing what you are planning on doing.

—Michael Steenbeke, Syracuse, NY

Please support net neutrality and disallow online discrimination. Your job is to support all the people and it's time to do the right thing. Thank you.

—Mallary Tytel, Sioux Falls, SD

I require my government to watch out for the consumer of these services. Please support real net neutrality and protect innovation and consumers from big business greed!

—Corbin Hoenes, South Jordan, UT

Internet access has become a utility for our modern world, it is no longer a luxury. It should be regulated as such. Please classify ISPs such as Comcast and Verizon as common carriers so that internet access is universally available to both consumers and creators without having to pay extra for special service.

—Johnny Furman, Elmwood Park, IL

I don't think large corporations should be able to get better Internet service than I do. I'm just an individual consumer. I'm tired of large corporations trying to run this contry.

—Francis Hensler, Slippery Rock, PA

Killing net neutrality is destroying democracy. It's unethical. Based on our founding principals and based on what you know deep within you, you know it is unethical to kill net neutrality. You have an obligation--a charge--to work toward preservation of our democracy.

—Lindy Anderson, Madison, WI

As a small business owner who relies on the internet for my business, I dread the day that bigger players in my field can basically squeeze me out of reaching my target audience. I feel like the old hardware stores who were pushed out of existence by Home Depot. But this is even worse, because my customers won't be leaving me for price or convenience or more products...I won't be getting new customers because they won't even know I exist. Talk about discouraging entrepreneurs and business. I can't image either side of the aisle wants to do this.

—Heather Goss, Needham, MA

It would be supremely unfair to allow major Internet service providers to turn the Internet into the same type of system that we have with cable television. The Internet is a way for people to communicate around the world and what made it explode is that the free world has equal access to everything available. If that gets changed to where the service providers can charge extra fees for reasonable access to certain websites, then we as Americans lose out. The big winners are the ISPs that will see their profits soar to new heights. Despite what has been said, ISPs are nearly a monopoly with just a handful of providers controlling nearly the entire market. I began with a small local provider that got gobbled up by a larger local provider, then a regional provider and then got squeezed out by the biggest providers. Please reclassify the Internet as telecommunications so that the American people are fairly served.

—Michael Messing, Knoxville, TN

The internet is one of the last bastions of free speech, and letting it become a pay to play system is anathema. Please put the good of the people over that of corporate interests.

—Kevin Queen, Souderton, PA

Net Neutrality does NOT mean allowing the big ISPs to leverage their monopolies to their own financial advantage. The integrity of the Internet depends on fair use of bandwidth without discrimination based on payments to ISPs. We need the FCC to stand up to its responsibility and reclassify ISPs as common carriers to protect the public.

—Marshall Fisher, Black Mountain, NC

I'm sick and tired of big corporations getting their way. I'm sick of oaying more for what I already have. AND IM SICK OF THE FCC BEING DEEP INSIDE BIG CORPORATE POCKETS. Please grow a set of balls and protect the people.

—Jeremy Day, Greenville, MI

As a high tech entrepreneur access to a fair Internet is critical in the creation and development of start-up companies. Without a fair and equal Internet there would not have been a Yahoo, Google, Facebook or Netflix.

—Eric Westerkamp, Colorado Springs, CO

Net neutrality is essential for a democratic way of life!

—Lawrence Schwartz, Maplewood, NJ

I am the owner of a small business that does most of its commerce via the Internet. Slowing down my customer's access to my site and my product in favor of access to one of my big competitors will have an intolerably negative impact on my ability to do business, my bottom line, and my ability to create jobs. Please keep the playing field level for us small business owners. Thank you.

—Lynn Vannucci, Ukiah, CA

The internet cannot truly be free if you cannot use it to go where you want - without an ISP telling you where you can go.

—Joseph Houk, Merrill, WI

Without Net Neutrality, the variety and richness of the web is in great danger. Not only will this impact the rise of internet start-ups but it is also a disastrous regulatory move that will have negative impact on freedom of speech and the access to information and therefore against fundamental principles of democracy. Please do everything in your power to save Net Neutrality! Reclassify ISPs as common carriers!

—Justus Bogner, Stuttgart,

We demand Net Neutrality. It is imperative in a free society.

—Leonor Brown, Fort Lauderdale, FL

Net neutrality creates an even playing field for all internet user, both consumers and providers of content and internet. It's fairness and freedom allow it to be the great tool of the digital world that it is today!

—Axuan Vrolijk, Brooklyn, NY

with liberty and Justice for all

—L. Kass, Morgantown, WV

Net neutrality ensures that innovators are made or broken by the quality of their tech, not the amount of money they have to throw at ISPs for peering deals. The FCC's proposal can only serve to make the service provider monopolies bigger and hurt consumers and tech innovators.

—Chris Frisz, Brookline, MA

The internet has become a form of communication. By slowing it down you would be making it so that people who wanted to communicate would have to go through corporations in order to communicate in a timmley manner. I work for a company with a big web presence who will be cut off at the knees if this goes any further.

—Matthew Weyer, Interlochen, MI

Please honor our freedom to access information. We need to be able to research things not just stream reality tv on the Internet. Thanks Rick

—Richard Schettler, Reno, NV

The topic of Net Neutrality is important to everyone I know. Keep the internet fair for all.

—Lori, Eudora, KS

The internet is a vital part to today's economic development! It fuels countless micro businesses like mine! Please do not allow the end of net neutrality. It would have dire consequences to everyone but large corporations.

—Hannah Eisenberg, Highland Park, NJ

I am an engineer and live by, if its not broke, don't fix it. Its not broke and works (and is fair) for everyone. Allowing extra fees for special access is going to crush the little guy. It will eventually make things to costly for the average person to afford simple home acces

—Chad R Bladow, elbert, CO

Please uphold net neutrality. I moved here for freedom. This would be a grave mistake.

—Jeanjoel Spatafora, saint louis, MO

Our democratic society is based on the principle that we are all created equally. This decision would upset that balance and give a handful of companies the power to pick winners and losers online and to discriminate against online content. This ain't the American way, and would represent a grave attack on freedom of speech.

—Krisi Jimroglou, Washington, DC

Large incumbent companies should not be able to have an unfair advantage over emerging companies. This is not the American way.

—Gerard Platerink, Hillsborough, CA

Facebook has remove our free choice and our ability to see the groups and people we have followed with their horrible change in algorithms. Now this? The internet, just like everything else in this country is going to be a sea of the highest bidders. This is wrong. Google already sells ads and placement, and ranks according to popularity. Isn't that enough?

—Miki Wright, Lexington, KY

The Internet is a wonderful place of ideas. Ideas that are currently equal. The moment Net Neutrality is taken away, is when the ideas of the wealthy will outweigh everyone else's. This is unjust. Please do not take away what is wonderful about the Internet.

—Kelli Bland, Austin, TX

The internet was built by government, for the public good, and should not be privatized by corporations.

—Michael Rashkovsky, Millburn, NJ

The consolidation of Internet service providers puts us at even greater risk of being discriminated against because we don't have enough money to buy their higher priced, faster service. Our taxes paid to develop the internet and we own the airwaves. Why should we let privately owned corporations charge such exorbitant prices when citizens of other countries get their internet service at much lower costs?

—Wendell Sprigg, Seattle, WA

ISP's and cable companies already enjoy lucrative monopolies over most areas of this country. Most Americans have no choice in who provides them with internet access. In a society of liberty and democracy we cherish our access to information with the understanding that all information, businesses and content is equal and it is up to the user to determine what is important and what is not. Allowing ISP's and cable companies to control what is and isn't important simply through the idea of who can pay more is an infringement on the liberty and rights of citizens in order to advance the already lucrative profits of monopolistic corporations. The customer service of these organizations is already abysmal, the services provided are ancient and prone to failure. Simply allowing them to charge more money to offer services would only filter down to the consumer via subscription fees to websites and restrictions on content access. This will do nothing but serve to undermine the free exchange of information and education that is available on the internet. Please, reclassify the ISPs as common carriers and prevent them from infringing on the liberties of citizens in the pursuit of higher profits with less service. Don't allow greed to undermine the values of a free nation and deregulate as we did once in allowing banks free reign of our economy with disastrous consequences.

—Christopher Payne, Tinton Falls, NJ

The internet is one of the only places that is completely neutral, and it should remain that way, not bow down to fees imposed by greedy corporations.

—Josh Ulanoski, Drums, PA

A lack of net neutrality presents a serious threat to basic freedom of speech on the Internet, and sets a dangerous premise of preference towards corporate interests.

—Caroline Chen, Belvidere, IL

Net Neutrality is important for innovation, further creativity, and keeping the Internet open as a level playing field. Destroying net neutrality opens a door to injustice. Money cannot be equal to power and the right to have a voice in a country we consider to be free.

—Corrie Bates, Rock Hill, SC

Equal protection under the law.

—Sam McPherson, Danville, CA

Tom Wheeler, please be advised that contrary to your beliefs our government is not of the corporation by the corporation and for the corporation. Net Neutrality must Stay.

—Rick Trinidad, Milwaukee, WI

You must help save neutrality-reclassification of internet services to common carriers is vital to FREE SPEECH!!!!!!

—Linda Layton, Providence, KY

Net neutrality symbolizes the spirit of American enterprise. We don't want monopolies. We don't want to give an advantage to existing companies who have the money to overpower smaller start up companies. Giving the little guy the ability to compete with the big guys will keep our economy strong. We want to promote innovation. Net neutrality will do just that.

—David Deutsch, Brookline, MA

Dear FCC, Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—John Rumford, Silver Spring, MD

RECLASSIFY ISPS AS COMMON CARRIERS!!!!!!!!!!

—John Owen, Essex Junction, VT

We need an open internet!

—Garrett Langdon, Washington, DC

Please take the necessary steps to ensure that the Internet remains an open platform for speech and commerce so that America continues to lead the world in technology and equal access to the internet...

—Asim Sutton, Hempstead, NY

A tiered internet would have a chilling effect on innovation in this country and this board would be responsible for it. Chairman Wheeler, do the right thing for American innovation and consumers and reclassify internet service providers as common carriers.

—Scott Hoffmann, Portland, OR

It is clearly evident by track record that corporate control of any public utility is not in the public interest. It seems that corporate control of public officials is just as serious a threat, and the new tactic by the profit motivated. I hope that you can find your moral fiber Mr. Wheeler, and protect the public domain in communication. A free, open internet is vital to a free open society. I implore that you abandon these rules you are considering and re-classify the internet as a public utility. Thank you.

—D Christian, Myrtle Point, OR

This 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. That is a total violation of free speech & first amendment rights since very slow load times are an effective way to squash and bury content - and this gives a few companies the right to choose what gets heard. AT&T is already doing so - I am a web designer and the sites I work on are so slow that I can't work - while iTunes and Facebook load quickly. It doesn't matter if we switch providers - Comcast is the only other choice and they do the same things as AT&T.

—Elisabeth Garbeil, Bloomfield Hills, MI

New groups and companies need to have equal access to high speed data transfer to keep the marketplace competitive, innovative and open.

—Misha Ahrens, Ashburn, VA

Net neutrality is a countervailing force to the concentration of market power and a necessary protection of the freedom of expression. In short, it's vital to the democratic process and a fair economy.

—Ted Bowen, Quincy, MA

The last thing our democracy needs is more power concentrated in the hands of a few! Please protect net neutrality for the sake of everyday Americans!

—Kate Blanchard, Alma, MI

Dear FCC, Throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers!

—Josh Fischer, St. Louis, MO

The internet must be treated as a part of the common wealth (after all, it was developed using public monies), not another finite resource to be plundered by corporations. Let the profits from the internet accrue to all users, not just those who can afford to pay.

—Doug Jacques, Ottawa, ON,

Chairman Wheeler-Please do not go through with the two tier plan. Leave the internet neutral. Do not cave to big business!

—Cal Maxwell, Neenah, WI

Net neutrality is essential to the free exchange of ideas and to the development of new business opportunities in America. The FCC needs to regulate ISPs as common carriers and to resist calls from service providers to move to a economically discriminatory toll system. This would not serve the interests of the American people.

—Bernard Cook, Alexandria, VA

Stop trying to ruin the internet you corrupt shit hats.

—Greg Gage, Weston, CT

It should go without question that net neutrality is critical to fostering an online environment and experience that's non-discriminatory, for online content creators and citizens alike. To pursue legislation that allows Internet service providers to establish pay-based tiers of service is an injustice to a well-functioning democracy and an informed citizenry. Companies like AT&T, Comcast, and Verizon should not be legally allowed to discriminate against online content and applications at their own behest – that is tantamount to censorship. Please protect net neutrality and, by extension, US democracy.

—Evan L Wendel, Rochester, NY

Access should not be based on monetary issues alone. Too much power tends to corrupt.

—Gary B. Roberts, Savannah, GA

Keep the playing field level for all the players (big and small). To even consider having corporations determine who gets the faster pipe is simply monopolistic, and should be illegal.

—Max Izod, New Orleans, LA

Please act in the interest of the public and the startup small companies and not in the interest of the cable companies. Keep net neutrality truly neutral for the good of our entire country!

—Suzanne Morse, Belchertown, MA

This would kill small internet businesses like mine. Net neutrality is absolutely essential to the future of innovation. Keep the playing field level!

—Julian Dormon, Doral, FL

The internet is the library of today and as such should be equally available to all.

—Simon Goble, Bemidji, MN

The internet will cease to be a level playing field if corporations, and wealthy individuals are able to pay for better service. Please, please reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Margaret E Esaak, Central Lake, MI

We already live in an era where despite having access to more information, we only have access to a narrow range of viewpoints—because of the commercial media system. Television, radio, and print are all mediums that require a massive investment, making a commercialized media and its subsequent logic dominant the range of views people have access to. The Internet is the only medium where people can express the diverse range of views that represent the diversity of our citizenry. Giving corporations the ability to levy considerable fees for allowing content to be delivered at a reasonable speed will suppress innovation and speech. Think of your legacy.

—Richard Rock, Aurora, CO

Please don't make the internet about the haves and have nots. Throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Lindsey Newkirk, Portland, OR

Net neutrality is essential to protect the small businessman. I cannot compete with large corporations with their enormous budgets to purchase privileges that will be unreachable for the majority of companies. Small businesses are the growth engine of our economy. Don't kill us!

—Pat Supplee, Ocean Grove, NJ

Net neutrality is crucial if we are going to maintain free speech in this country.

—Darren Rosario, Highland Park, NJ

Can the FCC and our Government just for once think of the future and our children's children's future. Make it a better freer world where information and knowledge are not directed nor dictated by the large corporations who want to completely control our networks and what access we have to them and at what price. Please reclassify the ISP's as common carriers, or at least amend the rules where they cannot willfully destroy our internet. Thank You for your consideration.

—Vitaly Bokser, Jersey City, NJ

Choosing winners and losers in a free market is wrong. Unless you mandate standards that allow smaller businesses to compete, the fast/slow lane model will destroy the opportunity for competition.

—Kyle Keine, Lakeland, FL

History has shown that once large corporations get involved with how an industry is regulated there is no turning back to being guided by ethics and morality vs. maximizing profitability. If net neutrality is not maintained the window of opportunity for new innovation will close further and further as time goes on.

—Richard Scarle, Chicago, IL

Why create a system which has tiers? We spend decades and decades trying to escape the institutionalization of tiers - segregation - voting rights - marriage equality - ..... We have more to go, why add to it with a tiered system for free speech on the internet?

—Rob Reiber, Lincoln, VT

If the job of the FTC is to turn power over to big private, profit-making corporations, then go ahead and make the changes. But what if the job of the FTC is to sustain a balance between such private and the public interest in transparency and free exchange of ideas, not to mention commerce? In that case, making the changes looks very much like an outrageous then transformation of the potential of the internet at the expense of the public interest. Maintain net neutrality, or lose all credibility as an agency that regulates in the public interest.

—Dr. Philip Rosen, Barrington, RI

Please do the right thing and allow the internet to be the great equalizer it has the potential to be. Keep it free and accessible to all, with equal speed for all sites.

—Jodi Lyn Cutler, Holyoke, MA

They used to burn books to keep the influence of others from those they hoped to reach. Would we go back to those Dark Ages, now?

—Sharon M. Sullivan, Apple Valley, MN

A lack of Net Neutrality will ruin the internet, which I know you guys in Washington don't use as much as the rest of us. But you will take away from the fun of surfing the web. You will hurt startup companies that looking to compete with large companies like Netflix or YouTube (oh wait Google supports Net Neutrality). If you guys in Washington and the ISPs really want to earn yourselves some extra cash right now go ahead. Google is laying out more more of their fiber optic cable every day. Instead of charging companies to deliver their sites, tell the ISPs to focus on their customer service and the services they provide already. There is a reason people are not willing to pay more for internet and its because these companies SUCK at what their doing. If these proposed laws pass, I will be canceling any subscriptions with companies that charge companies for the "fast lane." And I promise I won't be voting for any representatives that vote to pass it.

—Eric VanDerBosch, Marshall, MN

Dear FCC, Please protect the common man by protecting the net neutrality not caving in to big corporates that want to decide who can be fast and who can be slow.

—Kalyan Lanka, VIENNA, VA

Please preserve net neutrality - ISPs should not be granted the overwhelming power to determine who can have their online content readily accessible to Internet users and who can't.

—Bertolain Elysee, Philadelphia, PA

If the only reason this is happening is for profit and control, rest assured the internet will be abandoned eventually and the US will be behind the rest of the world.

—Tomas Wardez, des moines, IA

The Internet should equally and fairly serve all users... consumers, small businesses, start-ups.. and not be managed for the best interest and PROFITS of Internet service providers like Comcast, AT&T and Verizon. AND it is the FCC's duty to protect the public's interests, not the interests of the large corporations. The current plan proposed by the FCC will destroy Net-neutrality to the detriment of the public. Throw out the proposed rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. That is the only way the FCC can legitimately do its duty and save the public's interest in the Internet.

—Gladys Mynatt, Cloudland, GA

does the word FREEDOM mean anything to you people ? Just because corporations want to make more money for doing nothing is not a good reason to give it to them.....we the people do not want the net to change.

—Kim Mariner, clifton, CO

The internet should be covered under the same rules as the telephone: all traffic must cost the same. Change the current rule to make this the case, please.

—Emmett Finneran, Chicago, IL

Dear FCC The fact that you would allow net neutrality to fall is a signal to the people that you no longer stand for them and there best interest. Do you really feel that the corporations are the ones you need to protect? It is the individual peoples you must stand up for. It is you who protect us from the corporations. Get back on the right track or your public relations will be further damaged and we both know that would be bad for you/

—Kyle Gaska, Mastic Beach, NY

The internet is the last true medium of free speech. Do not give it away to Comcast and their conspirators.

—Katherine spry, Overland Park, KS

The internet is free. That's the magic of it. Corporations already control most of the world. Keep the information free. Do not allow anyone to control access to information based on: advertising dollars, government control or how much either the consumer or the company owning a website pays. I'm horrified that you even think, for one second, that allowing a corporate takeover of the internet is acceptable. Grow a pair and listen to the public. We have been screaming at you for years. If you don't listen, stop pretending that we run this country as a democracy, because it's pretty clear that's not the case hear. The people have spoken. It's your job to listen AND to act on what we are saying to you.

—Ms. Sarah snow, Los Angeles, CA

Save Net Neutrality. The United States was built upon the principle of freedom and the last bastion of this ideal is the internet, don't allow internet service providers to dictate how we use it.

—Nicholas Hagen, Allegany, NY

The internet needs to be run as a democracy not an oligarchy. Small businesses like mine cannot possible compete against multi-national corporations and their wealth. We have monopoly laws to prevent this sort of thing, unfortunately they are not being enforced. Handing control of the internet over to the corporations will be another nail in the coffin of free enterprise.

—James Marziotti, Andersonville, TN

No other country in the world is considering allowing something this backwards. The entire point of the internet would be lost if true net equality was lost - and that's what this proposal disaster would do. This country is already woefully behind on internet access and internet propagation throughout the country - instead of arguing about this ridiculous idea, let's try to get back to the forefront of the internet, the way it SHOULD BE. Patryk

—Patryk K. Braganza-Gallagher, Rockaway Beach, NY

Please do not kill Net Neutrality.

—Thomas LeJeune, Estherwood, LA

Net neutrality reflects the basic liberties of our Constitution. It is the digital extension of freedom of speech. It is also necessary for modern economic competition, which has already led to the innovation and success of so many NEW American businesses. Loss of net neutrality will lead to monopolistic control of the internet.

—Michael Starobin, Mount Kisco, NY

Net neutrality is important to American small businesses and the freedom of the internet. No amount of lobbying dollars can change that.

—Samuel, Fort Mill, SC

Without REAL Net Neutrality the internet that built american prosperity is DEAD. Internet service providers who are owned by content providers or create their own content have an inherent conflict of interest and need to be closely regulated to keep the internet open to fair competition among web sites.

—John Roll, Winchetser, MA

Dear Mr. Wheeler, The corporate lobbyists are doing their jobs well. But they do not represent the public interest! ISPs are in fact common carriers and must be re-classified as such. It is extremely important to ensure true Net Neutrality! Thank you.

—Mark Demory, Milton Freewater, OR

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

—Bob Krowiorz, manitowoc, WI

Please protect the rights of everyone for Net Neutrality. These service providers are making enough money as it is!

—Christin Lynch, Edgewater, NJ

Please classify ISPs as common carriers. Keep the Internet neutral. The ability to find information has become easy and accessible. I fear the proposed FCC Internet rules will limit access for many people. As the wealth gap increases, please keep the information and the ability to connect socially open and the same for everyone.

—Ethan Biber, Asheville, NC

continuing to enforce laws and regulations that undermine equality--such as this--only serves to perpetuate our long-standing paradigm of fear and separation. sending all the frequencies of equality and oneness. may they resonate.

—Diana Skill, Kansas City, MO

Allowing large companies to choose who gets access to the internet is similar to charging people for access to public libraries.

—Shane Hendren, portland, OR

Please keep the Internet Free!

—JP Smith, Brooklyn, NY

The tech culture from which the Internet developed valued the free and open exchange of information, and the success of the Internet stemmed from these values. Ending Net Neutrality would undo these values and make the Internet more like Cable TV -- whose content is manipulated and, eventually, controlled by a small exclusive group of content providers. Reclassifying ISPs as common carriers would also demonstrate that the US cable company cartel has more power and influence over the US government than its people.

—Dustin Smith, cambridge, MA

Dear Chairman Wheeler; Our country is in a perilous slide to becoming a country of the haves and have nots. This is NOT what America is. Please stop being the tool that creates these divisions. Please do NOT let the Internet Carriers throttle the internet for money. The internet should be equal access for ALL. Please don't let us down. Please classify ISP's as a common carriers.

—George Cohen, Ocala, FL

We are tired of the internet being treated like a commodity, for sale to the highest bidder. ISP's should be classified as common carriers. People literally depend upon the internet for survival. If you don't rule this way, innovation will be stifled and we will fall even further behind the world.

—John Beno, Wooster, OH

Please leave the Internet be

—Zachary Watson, Saint Cloud, FL

Priority data access is a slippery slope that will reduce innovation and freedom of information. The internet is a common public service. Make it so.

—Thiago Figueiro, San Francisco, CA

As you and most people know, although the U.S. is the leader in technical innovation, services and products, we severely lag in the speed, reliability and competition within the telecom industry, the backbone needed to support the 'internet of things' that will continue to permeate every aspect of our personal and business lives. The reason is simply greed and profit within the ISP space, beholden to the good old bottom line and shareholders, with no regard for the consumer. This has weakened our ability to stay competitive, and that will become significantly worse with the end of Net Neutrality. Having spent the last two months in London researching Wi-Fi and connected-cities technology, I have seen first hand that not only is local and federal government in the U.K. funding and supporting internet-based technology startups, but the European Union passed new laws that would protect network neutrality within its borders. Currently the ISP and mobile subscriptions are significantly less expensive here in Britain in comparison to the American counterparts. If we allow private industry to rule with corporate lobbyists for their own profit gain, not only will consumers suffer, but so will the American economy and business sector. The protection of Net Neutrality, the regulation of ISPs as common carriers and requirements to stay competitive in speed and cost within a world market, not a domestic market, will ensure this is avoided and our country remains a technology powerhouse.

—Kimberly Owens, Denver, CO

Net neutrality assures freedom of speech to all Americans not just corporations and those with money to buy speech and access.

—John Olsen, Abington, PA

The Internet is going to control the future. You people trying to control it for your own greedy needs shows how little you care about the future. Fix this now.

—Mike mcleod, trumbull, CT

Net neutrality, I believe, is the most important means for human interaction since written language. Everyone needs equal access. Two speeds for people or organizations who can pay and others who cannot will increase the disadvantage of those who do not have the means to participate. It will stifle innovation and growth. Protect the net by making it free and equal, not by pandering to organizations who want to limit the net.

—Rian ONeill, Milwaukee, WI

The importance of net neutrality cannot be overstated. Please do not vote to take it away.

—Robert Bizzell, Scottdale, GA

Mr. Wheeler, you need to step down as FCC Chair. Your background as a lobbyist for the Cable industry creates a decided conflict of interest! Leave the Net alone!

—Stan Gershon, Marietta, GA

This is about invention. This is about entrepreneurship.. This is about the American way. Net neutrality yes protectionism no!

—Miichael Moran, Dudley, MA

Broadband internet is a vital communications utility and should be regulated as such.

—Steve Rogne, Chicago, IL

This plan unfairly targets the poor - students just out of college are already struggling with debt and finding adequate jobs. Public services like libraries will also suffer. Libraries help people find work, be better workers and students, or provide resources to the community that they can't get at home. Please support net neutrality.

—Erin steckel, Houston, TX

Ending net neutrality will seriously erode innovation on the Internet. As you know, most of the innovation comes from young, initially unfunded entrepreneurs with a good idea. Only after their service proves valuable do the investors rush in with money to build up a real company. Net neutrality makes this process possible, by keeping costs low and service level high for budding companies.

—Richard Horowitz, Portsmouth, NH

This makes no sense whatsoever. Completely ludicrous.

—Justin Stepanian, Huntington Beach, CA

The internet must remain a level playing field.

—Rich Gregory, Staten Island, NY

I strongly support the FCC reclassify ISPs as common carriers. In this new age of technology you have the power to support innovation, level the playing field and lift people out of poverty through access. Please do not fold to the whims of corporations who seek to protect their bottom line and not the people of this great United States. Jiminy Cricket would say "reclassify and let your conscience be your guide!"

—Natilee McGruder, Montgomery, AL

My business depends upon net neutrality. Will kill our chances at competing with overseas competitors

—Garrett Sergeant, Los Angeles, CA

This society is overwhelmed by big corporations, do we really need more of these blood-sucking, money-hungry two mega internet provider to monopolize the right to look up "free" information? Where is the right to free speech and pursuit of happiness if you can't practice the right to do so? As FDR stated in his second bill of rights, one of the principles being: "The right of every businessman, large and small, to trade in an atmosphere of freedom from unfair competition and domination by monopolies at home or abroad" You need to take a second, third, fourth look at how deviating the future of our rights as free citizens of this country will come to if this net neutrality falls under the gripping greedy hands of the largest companies in the US. Besides if they control what we are able to see on the internet, it would look and sound and reflect Communist practices, so where in that is a free Democracy? Please don't let Comcast and Verizon to be the internal works of a domestic terrorist who will not only threaten our rights but will handicap our future & undermine the American culture.

—Jen Reyes, New York, NY

There should always be a balance between the government, business, and the people. The tone of our country's future is set by decisions like this. Does our government stand for it's people or are they willing to sacrifice them for their own personal gains. Interesting that at the same time, the "Oligopoly" (MONOPOLY, don't sugar coat it) of TWC and Comcast is starting to form. Looks like the cable companies have the upper hand over us all. Might as well give up and do nothing, right?? ...Note that I am writing this letter to clarify my expectations in our government. You DO have the privilege of being able to make a difference; please don't squander it. The people have spoken on this particular issue, do the right thing - we're paying attention.

—Mike Burke, Matthews, NC

Its bad enough that corporations rig elections and are considered people but also allowing them to control unfairly internet traffic... Have you lost your mind? Please do the right thing and fix this.

—Steve Hostnik, Mount Pleasant, MI

Rural Montana requires access to all internet sites without discrimination and preferential access speeds!

—Dr Robert Gahagan, Absarokee, MT

It is sickening what the FCC has allowed our phone carriers to do to us! Just these past 2 months alone, we have been going through battles of excessive fee charges, spam mail going to inbox when it never did before they changed our service plan, slow internet speed for too high a cost, taking away our Rights to Free speech, and more! Now they charge us for services we do not receive. We have been with our phone company since they were Ma Bell & SWB. I remember when they were accused of being a monopoly. Now here it is 20 years later, they're really monopolizing now while stealing from the consumer. It feels like the State & Government is allowing these companies to RIP-US-OFF in the most illegal sense. Oh, to top it off, we found out our carrier is the cause of viruses on our system. Yes, we are holding them accountable. They stopped our legitimate email from being delivered, but sent the spam to our inbox and WILL NOT fix the issue. It's insane! Yet, there's more! Our family needs help against this big corporate companies

—Andria May, Fairview Heights, IL

Because people should come before profit.

—Meredith White, Watertown, MA

I have built my career on the generosity of the Internet community as a whole, and when I have the opportunity I would like and will contribute and I would like for my contributions to be available to anyone who seeks it!

—Osbaldo Ramirez, Hartfield, VA

Net Neutrality is a vital part of what makes the Internet such a hot-bed for innovation. Other than a crappy name, it one of the best policies the US government could press in order to foster new and innovative job creators. It is better in both the long run and immediately.

—Justin Winokur, Herndon, VA

Please preserve net neutrality for the benefit of all businesses which rely on the internet.

—Chris Andrews, Clayton, MO

Internet Service Providers MUST be classified as common carriers. The internet must remain accessible to all people EQUALLY, without big corporations controlling access.

—Carole Gardner, Santa Fe, NM

There is no way the average person would be able to compete with corporations for equality. This is just another way the government is trying to elevate the rich above the poor. Don't allow corporations to make you an accessory to their bullying!!!

—Monine Kolze, Portland, OR

Net neutrality is essential to the full exploitation of the potential of the net, and its full advantages being freely available to everyone. It is a social utility, as vital as telephone and power lines. It must be kept open on an equal basis to all. It is logical and socially beneficial, as well as simple justice, to classify the internet and ISPs as common carriers.

—Ron Partridge, Sittingbourne,

Throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Keep the internet the way it is!!

—Alyssa R Fitzgerald, Bismarck, ND

It is unacceptable to have a two-tier system over the Internet; the Internet is not just a tool for communication between friends but an important resource for people who are involved in promoting social justice and providing a forum for activists whether it be human rights or environmental issues. The Internet MUST remain neutral.

—Jean Le Marquand, Laval,

Net neutrality surviving means the free and open internet surviving. In an equal internet, everyone is treated equally, and if net neutrality dies, rampant internet inequality will arise.

—Kalli Kerr, Chicago, IL

Free market ideals help the economy grow. If the ISPs are allowed to increase the value of their product simply making it harder to receive, the economy takes the hit.

—Mitchell Tingey, Chandler, AZ

I'm sure that I speak for the grand majority of Americans when I say that our internet speeds are crucial. In a world where technology is advancing at lightning speeds, the only way the average American can hope to keep up is by achieving the same fast browsing speeds that other developed countries enjoy as a utility or even a government-provided service. Information should be open, and open means accessible. Allowing ISPs to charge for increased speeds decreases accessibility to information, especially in the working-class sector that would not be able to afford the extra charge. Don't let ISPs treat Americans as a cash crop; they make SO MUCH MONEY off of us already, allowing them to further milk us of our hard-earned cash is absolutely ludicrous considering what they already take. Don't let corporations take over America further - we deserve the same internet lanes as everyone else. Why should we sit in the slow lane and experience frustrating buffering / loading times when we are already paying for service? I'll tell you right now what I pay is worth more than the speed I'm getting already, much less the speed I would be getting should ISPs be allowed to charge for "faster" service. Don't let the ISPs take advantage of us. Keep the internet open, and keep net neutrality alive. That is what the American people want.

—Sarah Godek, Ann Arbor, MI

You will be causing a monopoly of the internet where only the "fast" speed internet will prevail and cause people to pay premiums of their already insanely expensive service. FYI: the fast internet won't be faster than it is now. It will be the same speed and the "Normal" internet will just be a slowed down version of our internet now, forcing people to actually pay those premiums for faster internet. I VOTE NO.

—Johnathon Zawadzki, Staten Island, NY

The internet should be for everyone!

—Jodie Brennan, dublin,

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers. No discrimination online.

—Letty Riding, Ceres,

Net Neutrality is ESSENTIAL for a FAIR internet in a FREE society. We must not become an oligarchy.

—Michael R Reichenberg, Salisbury, MD

While you may think that your elitist agenda may work for this great nation, I've got news for you, buddy: most people are still middle-class. Whether they are Democrat or Republican, liberal or conservative, rich or poor, both sides of the aisle agree that classifying ISPs as common carriers is good regulation - regulation that is absolutely necessary.

—Skyler Lester, Houston, TX

Net neutrality is important to everyone. I don't want to have my Internet provider force me to pay more for a service that I have been getting for less. There are also some people who can barely afford the service they have now, and they need it for work, and won't be able to pay the new, higher price. The internet isn't perfect, but this is one of the things that we don't need to change.

—Angeleque K Cross, Pearland, TX

I like many many people, don't agree with the idea of Net Neutrality. There have been thousands of comments directly to the FCC website. I also don't think enough people are aware of what this really is.

—Mr. Colin Stein, Edmond, OK

The current state of the Internet has provided innumerable advances for society and achievements. Please don't allow the Internet moguls to cast the US behind the rest of the world in innovation so they can line their pockets with even more money

—Dustin chesterman, fremont, CA

Keep the playing field level for all enterprise on the internet. It's the economic engine of the future and must be preserved for all parties to have an equal opportunity.

—Dan Goodman, Needham, MA

Dear Chairman Wheeler, I believe in net neutrality. The internet should be one speed: fast. You should not incentivize the creation of a class system based on who can pay up. The internet is our collective life blood. I urge you to reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the only way to protect real Net Neutrality.

—Bradford Masters, Sacramento, CA

The current FCC rules are not acceptable. High-speed Internet service should be accessible to everyone. to ensure that it is and to safeguard Net Neutrality ISPs must be reclassified as common carriers.

—Randall Johnson, Lagoa da Prata, Minas Gerais,

The American people call on the FCC to discard the proposed Internet rules which would introduce discrimination into the Internet. ISPs are in fact common carriers and should be classified as such. This is a first amendment issue and the Constitution should be your guide.

—Gerald Ganann, Minneapolis, MN

Keep the internet available fairly to all. I support Net Neutrality or a reasonable compromise that allows for all providers and users to have access to the same connection speeds and service levels.

—Kathy Atnip, Florissant, MO

Electric power was classified a utility in the 20th century, and look what good it has done. Do the same for the Internet in the 21st century. A lot more good will be done.

—Marshall Mayer, Helena, MT

We pay for high bandwidth- we should get it no matter what website we visit. Every 1st world country has it! Why should corporations use their money and influence to herd the market to their websites? How can small businesses compete? Why should we live in a country who's policies are dictated by corporations? Is my \$300 a month bill to the cable company not enough? We pay such high prices for these Internet/cable packages- so why wouldn't our legislature back US? WE vote. And lawmakers represent the PEOPLE. Not to mention - OBAMA promised!

—Christina Rubino, Staten Island, NY

In this century, the internet is now our "free press". Because of this, there must be net neutrality--equal access to the internet for all Americans so that we may have an informed citizenry.

—M Toro, brooklyn, NY

I'm a low-income customer of Comcast and receive my internet access through them. The idea that they should be able to restrict or purposefully slow down my connection simply because I cannot pay as much as they would demand is ludicrous, especially since they've received cash in the form of my tax money before, specifically to upgrade their infrastructure for rising demand. Please, remind them of their place as a business that serves the customer and not a toll keeper for the internet.

—Ian S. Persing, Montgomery, PA

Tell me in at least five words how what you propose doesn't screw everybody. PRESERVE NET NEUTRALITY

—Craig Snazelle, Canby, OR

I work to design, implement and maintain websites, web applications, and mobile applications on the internet. If the FCC follows through with their current proposal to create a two-tiered internet, it would put my job and my livelihood at serious risk. I urge the FCC to reconsider their decision, and not bend to the sudo-monopoly that the cable and communications companies have constructed. If the FCC wants to make real changes that benefit the future of the internet, I would recommend they look into ways to increase competition between internet service providers which would finally give consumers actual choices when it comes to features and providers.

—Mr. Micah Spieler, Minneapolis, MN

The internet is the communication and information source of modern day life. It must remain free and open to all. The very consideration of an end to net neutrality is an attack on every American!

—Allen Michaan, Alameda, CA

You've had multiple opportunities in the past 25 years to classify ISPs as common carriers, as they should have been from the start. Please don't miss another opportunity to do this. It may be the last. Do the right thing for the people of this country--for our future.

—Brendan Egan, Kalamazoo, MI

Common carrier rules would allow ISPs to focus on what they have neglected - offering the best possible speeds at the best possible price point. The USA is falling way behind the rest of developed nations when it comes to internet infrastructure and passing the proposed regulation would be a further step in the wrong direction.

—Murilo Silva, New York, NY

The internet is a cradle of innovation and progress, but your two tiered plan will stifle that spirit. Startups that have few resources depend on the even playing field of internet speeds to allow them to compete with the big players, and relegating them to the slow lane of the internet virtually assures their failure.

—Isaac Ray, Richmond, VA

ISPs need to be reclassified as common carriers. My phone and internet bill is higher than my electric and gas bills. Permitting ISPs to create a two-tiered internet may price me out of the market. Many, many people will either not be able to afford it or have to settle for a much slower connection. Other countries have affordable, high-speed connections. Don't make the USA a third world country with this discriminatory plan that will further separate the 'rich' from the 'poor'.

—Kathleen T Seyfried, New Hyde Park, NY

Because I don't need my ISP deciding what traffic is important to me.

—Michael Fey, Chittenango, NY

This country was founded on the great idea of equality. Don't let big business or politics or anything else diminish that founding principle. Equality must be maintained and the great businesses of America will find a way to innovate solutions to address their needs in other ways.

—Brian Goldston, New York, NY

Because it protects our right to use the internet without fear of our favorite websites being slowed down out of greed or dislike.

—Amber Feind, Rochester, MN

Our country has, unbelievably, already fallen behind several other developed nations in broadband infrastructure. You will put our country's businesses, especially smaller, innovative startups, at an even greater competitive disadvantage by pampering the corporate giant service providers even more than you already have with a weak and misguided two-tiered approach for the internet. Once and for all, use common sense and treat the internet as it should be: a utility.

—Tom Pittman, Birmingham, AL

Because the internet should not discriminate against smaller services especially when internet speeds will increase in the coming years.

—Andrew Chiacchiero, Staten Island, NY

Net neutrality is absolutely critical for the future of healthy commerce in America.

—Dusty Burchnell, Wilmington, DE

Tom Wheeler is a joke and doesn't belong in the FCC. His background clearly shows what his motives are in removing net neutrality. Net neutrality is a freedom that we as Americans have. If this is removed, our freedom will be eliminated. I guarantee a reduction in ISP customers or outright riots if this is passed. The people won't stand for this crap. I won't stand for this crap. You can only push people so far before they break. Don't even get me started on paying into government programs that won't be around when I'm ready to retire either. Big brother needs to back down and stop limiting our civil liberties.

—Hunter Adkins, Madison, MS

Net neutrality is the pillar the entire internet stands on. If it isn't guaranteed, the internet is going to fail sooner or later.

—Lukas Urwyler, Zürich,

The internet is the last frontier of true democracy. Don't destroy it by giving control over to lobbying corporations. Much in the way radio and television has been ruined.

—Xander Guzman, Denver, CO

Stand up for equality. Stand up for the little guy. Don't get swayed by big business. Don't move us further into monopolies. This is BAD for America.

—Brian Wood, Sagamore Beach, MA

The "internet" must be reclassified to prevent, once and for all time, any push for differential speed lanes. Differential speed lanes are inherently discriminatory and would lead to a race to censor political views not favorable to ruling interests.

—Alan Marwine, housatonic, MA

I think can speak for anyone who needs a fast internet connection, and whom otherwise wouldn't be able to afford to pay more for higher speeds.

—Tymeer Bonds, Philadelphia, PA

Listen to 'we the people'. Your net neutrality proposal is a not something but that would benefit us! Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.. Thank you.

—Mark Peterson, Rochester, MN

My small business relies on the internet to operate, a tiered system could crush its ability to thrive.

—Sam Mitchell, Iowa city, IA

Dear FCC...the proposal is truly a terrible idea. And I hope it simply stays as an idea. One example of who would be affected by such a change in rules would be students. Struggling through courses whether in high school or higher education already puts most of the student community on edge. Thus, adding "fast" and "slow" internet lanes is outrageous. Getting any coursework done would be like treading through mud...mud that did not need to be there in the first place if the roof over students heads weren't ripped from them. Overall, the proposed Internet rules should be trashed and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers for the sake of students at least.

—Justin Ortiz, Tampa, FL

The internet is too important to be controlled by a handful of cable companies. Many of us do not have the freedom to choose our provider due to local monopolies. Please force them to treat all traffic equally so that everyone's voice on the internet can be heard.

—Troy Clevenger, West Bloomfield, MI

Stop peddling away the internet to the highest bidder-I AM SICK OF HAVING MY LIFE RUN BY THE RICH!! Learn to play fairly,or the majority is going to take it ALL away from you,and do NOT for a moment think it can't be done.

—Steven Pfeiffer, Chaska, MN

The free flow of information has grown far beyond any regulatory will the government might like to impose. The ramifications of anything less than full and complete Net Neutrality would be absolutely devastating. You must not be trapped by short-sighted, greed-driven thinking.

—Tim Kauffold, Traverse City, MI

Please do not do this. This is a terrible idea for change.

—Jocelyn White, Elgin, IL

The freedom of the internet is beautiful

—Daniel Vogt, Seattle, WA

Complete internet neutrality must be totally accessible without any two-tiered service.

—Terri Bear, Bethlehem, GA

The Constitution of the United States, the law of our land and country, provides for freedom of speech and of the press, which the internet and its access falls under, and must be respected! I absolutely disagree and am against the FCC's proposed internet rules. The money grubbing corporations should run on the same internet lanes as the rest of the population. Period.

—Karin Newsome, Schiller Park, IL

Do not let freedom of speech be high jacked by big businesses with money. We already have CNN and FOX but at least we have a choice

—Kathy Beck, Jacksonville, FL

There is no rule making required here. You'd be better focused on managing monopoly and making sure the existing infrastructure works as intended. Do not create rules designed to create "fast" lanes.

—Esmail Chitalwala, Germantown, MD

The web is a tool for humanity, not Corporations greed. Stop being shortsighted lickspittles and serve the future.

—Andy King, Manchester,

Let's be real. Corporations are legally responsible to maximize shareholder profit. Period. Greed is the driver. Your plan would let Internet service providers like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon create a two-tiered Internet, with fast lanes for those who can afford the extra fees and a slow dirt road for the rest of us. These companies would have the power to pick winners and losers online and discriminate against online content and applications. And no one would be able to do anything about it. This would be a disaster for ANYONE without deep pockets, which is 99% of the country. PLEASE DO NOT DO APPROVE THIS. There is no need for it. None.

—Linda Warner, Chicago, IL

Net neutrality is a major key to content being controlled by those who create it. Throw out your rules that are crushing the windpipe of creators reaching their fanbases. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality. Allow those who create content of all kinds to reach their audience directly instead of putting a toll booth between them.

—Tim Kearney, Sanford, FL

NOT having net neutrality only benefits corporations, and harms everyone else. There is no reason to get rid of it, and by keeping it you ensure that that all websites are given equal speeds, which is ultimately better for consumers. Net neutrality is very important.

—Talie M, Rochester, NY

Dear FCC, I think the idea of having a two tiered internet system is absurd. Access to the internet provides more than entertainment, it helps inform and educate our society. The idea that only those who can afford higher fees will receive faster service or even access to sites and information will harm more than it benefits. What happens to home schooled children, will they be able to access what they need to get the same caliber of education they do now, or would through the public or private schools? What would happen to those who can not afford to pay the premium pricing for services they are receiving right now? In an age where almost everything is electronic and digital how can you decide who should have access to content or even applications, programs or sites? I understand that there is "BIG" money involved in this decision, from lobbyist, the provider and their affiliates, but this is going too far. The internet was created as a platform for the everyman, to bring people together and create new ideas. If it is sold to the highest bidder how does that help our society as a whole and what would be the next conquest sought after? I am 100% against the idea creating of yet another "status" symbol with rich kid Vs. poor kid internet accessibility. Please think of the ramifications of this decision and how they will effect not only our children, but our grandchildren. What type of legacy do you want to leave behind?

—Kathleen Green, Christiansburg, VA

If the FCC goes ahead with a plan that includes allowing Internet service providers create a two-tiered Internet, it will crush our free market economy and inhibit new players with fresh ideas from getting started. This can not happen!

—John Oerter, Omaha, NE

All content providers should have the same access to equal high speed internet service for no additional charges. Let consumers decide how much they want to pay to access the internet by offering tiered subscriber access. For those who want or need high speed access, let them pay a premium to their ISP for the rest of us, let us choose between several access speeds. Verizon Fios already provides a tiered subscription service, it works. Don't let large corporations dominate high speed bandwidth at the expense of smaller companies. Let consumers decide how fast they want their content delivered.

—David Lochner, Liverpool, NY

Please throw out the proposed rules that would discriminate the classes. Instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—J Hendricksen, Logan, UT

WE THE PEOPLE want real net neutrality and urge you to reclassify internet providers as common carries. Anything else is just a gift to the corporations and a slap in the face to the people.

—Angie Burnham, Boulder, CO

Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers. The Internet deserves the same protections as phone companies in this regard.

—Ryan Lawrence, Collingswood, NJ

For the sake of consumers and especially those working from home, please reclassify ISPs as common carriers. It's in the best interest for the majority of the people.

—Suzette Zander, Katy, TX

Consider entrepreneurs vs. established companies, they will be disadvantaged at day one without neutrality. Also the lack of competition in broadband accessibility furthers my opinion that this will stifle innovation.

—Scott Kavanagh, apex, NC

Why don't you throw out the Constitution while you're at it. "A government by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth." Do these words not ring true anymore?

—Joseph Cha, Las Vegas, NV

The Internet was supposed to be for all, without any censure or deferences. You are making enough money, need more?

—Filip Racko, zvolen,