

SERIOUSLY WHAT ARE YOU THINKING!? ARE YOU PEOPLE FOR FUCKING REAL??? Net Neutrality is one of the only good things you guys have going for you, and you're going to get bought out by fucking VERIZON? What the hell is wrong with you people!? Leave well enough alone, and if it's not broken, don't "fix" it. The internet is a public platform and a champion of the very thing the USA is supposedly built on: freedom. If you're going to mess with that for \$\$\$ in your pocket, then you picked the WRONG fucking country.

—Amy Colgan, Dublin,

Please do not enact more crony capitalism. Keep the Internet free and equal for all.

—George Sweeney, Levittown, PA

We live in a rural area, and these new rules will slow down and increase the cost of our internet service. We believe in equality--and that includes the internet. We don't want a few large companies who are already monopolizing modes of communication to wield even more power and control. **THROW OUT THESE PROPOSED RULES; RECLASSIFY ISPs AS COMMON CARRIERS.**

—Tomika Dew, Dallas, OR

Dear Sir or Madam, As someone who has grown up with the Internet as a constant part of my life, I can assert the changes made by this rule would negatively impact the ability of the internet to innovate and grow. This rule change essentially makes the internet like older media solutions like TV or radio in which the "open" internet takes a back seat (much like Public Access TV/Radio) and large commercial interests (like Cable TV) completely overrun all other options. The internet thus far has allowed equal voice to multinational corporations and my friends who run their own podcasts and websites. Your proposed rule change would be taking us back to a world where only the richest and most powerful have a voice and basically make the internet a 1-way street. Please do not do this. Instead, the correct solution is for internet providers to be treated like any other utility (as we all know it is as essential to modern life as phones and electricity) and make them common carriers so that everyone has access.

—Harshil D Patel, EDISON, NJ

I live in Janesville, Wisconsin. I am self employed, and without the internet I would cease to be self employed. With that being said, I need a good internet connection in order for me to complete my work in a timely manner. There is only one option in my neighborhood, Charter communications. This company has terrible options and have terrible upload and download speeds, but I have no choice but to pay to have internet in order for me to work. My internet speeds go as high as 30 down 4 up and as low as 5 down .50 up (thats POINT 50). I can tell this is being done on purpose by the company and not a "spike" in the system because when I call and complain about it, they fix it in a matter of seconds (if i didnt call, it will usually last 3-4 hours). Please give us Net Neutrality so these cable companies can stop taking advantage of us by continually raising prices for a service that they guarantee, but never stick to that guarantee. I am tired of being promised a certain speed, but only to have my connection feel like someone put a very small funnel over my bandwidth for multiple hours on end and to be told it is just a fluke.

—Ryan Hamilton, Janesville, WI

Please preserve net neutrality and do not let the internet services to provide fast service only to those who pay extra fees!

—Suzanne Scarlata, Northport, NY

We must have net neutrality.

—Garth Weiss, Orlando, FL

Dear FCC, The internet is my (and many people my age) only source for legitimate news. Not just news from large sources but news from many sources. The only way citizens can function as active members in a democratic society is via the free exchange of information. Please keep net neutrality a prominent part of your regulation, the last thing we need are barriers to entry on the greatest source of information our planet has ever known. We need free flow of information not just for my sake but for yours as well! For your consideration, Evan

—Evan Johnson, Waco, TX

Please do not end net neutrality. The current proposed changes would not benefit the public or the consumer and it would create an unfair playing field for many new companies. Please do not let the greed of Comcast and Verizon change the format of the open internet.

—Frederick Ward, Rutledge, PA

A free and open internet is the single greatest technology of our time, and control should not be at the mercy of corporations. A free and open internet helps prevent unfair pricing practices.

—Alex Frazee, Hopwell, NJ

It's important to hear all sides of a story. I don't want controls on what I can and can't hear. I can decide for myself what I do and don't want to hear. I don't want anyone spouting off on their views with no rebuttal to follow. Give us all sides. Then I can decide what I believe!!

—Mary G. Puffenberger, Elizabethtown, PA

As a web developer, I cannot tell you the harm that would come to my clients as they struggle to pay for hosting, and web design just to get their businesses launched. If they also had to pay to get their content shown, we can say goodbye to the entrepreneurs of tomorrow.

—Wendy Putler, Gilbert, AZ

This would only make the digital divide wider.

—David Bigwood, League City, TX

I get that you want to have two different speeds of internet. The problem is that this creates two different types of customers: one who gets priority over the other, though both are paying for your service. You don't have enough resources to cover both—your connectivity and customer service are testaments to that—so tiering internet speeds will result in a service drop for the lower levels. With little incentive to help the lower, you will let your current levels of service drop for this group.

—Chris Chu, New York, NY

I have to ask myself why we need the FCC anymore. If the FCC kills net neutrality this clearly shows they are for the handful of corporations that will benefit from this and don't care how this affects the people. I also have to ask how much lobbyist money it takes, how much behind the scene bribes it takes for a government agency to abandon the people and screw this country. I am serious. I really would like to know how much of a kick back those at the FCC and other places are getting. Honestly... Anyone that thinks that a two-tiered system is a good idea and that companies like Comcast, Verizon, etc will not take advantage of people and start charging outrageous prices need to look at the cost of cable itself and even cell phone plans to get an idea of how and what they will do. So either the ones that support a two-tiered system are idiots (which I find hard to believe) or they are just out for themselves and getting all the money, kickbacks and bribes they can at the expense of this country. Enough is enough. Stop making this country a laughingstock to the rest of the world. Do you all remember this?! A government by the people and for the people. Not a government by the banks and for the corporations.

—Ronnie C Harner, Rochester, NY

There should be no 'internet fast lanes' and I want to protect net neutrality. Please do not allow this to happen. DO NOT allow big companies to create a two tiered Internet.

—Daniela Ribbecke, Rohnert Park, CA

Please reclassify ISPs as Common Carriers and ensure that the principles of Net Neutrality can be secured for the continued benefit of the consumer and entrepreneurs on the Internet. If you need an example of ISPs treating consumers poorly, please look at any market where ISPs have to compete with Google Fiber. You will see time and time again that in these select few markets where there is real competition between ISPs, the consumer wins. What could possibly make anyone think that ISPs have anyone but themselves in mind when pushing for a Tiered Internet System? If they only provide enhanced service to customers when faced with real competition, then why do you think they won't use that same market monopoly to abuse consumers access to competing web services like Netflix or Amazon Prime? Reclassify ISPs as common carriers and ensure that the Internet stays open and free for business. Thank you.

—Nicholas Vander Veen, Chicago, IL

Having one internet where all data is treated equally is vital. We should not give the monopoly providers the option to have a "fast" internet for important clients and a "slow" internet for the rest. Yes, one can wonder why the average user could want more speed. If this is permitted to happen, in 15 years the unimportant internet clients will be struggling along with the equivalent of a 56k modem connection.

—Walter Zurawsky, Brooklyn, NY

Net neutrality NEEDS to be preserved, and classifying ISPs as common carriers, an internet connection as a utility, makes perfect sense. In a developed nation as powerful and influential as the United States, an internet connection is seen more and more as a necessity to be successful. However, the US already suffers some of the slowest, most expensive internet service in the world thanks to the HORRIBLE consumer unfriendly practices of the giant corporations that control it. Eliminating net neutrality will only give them free reign to make things worse for Americans while their profits skyrocket. It would be the LEAST consumer friendly move the FCC could do.

—Carl Sperber, Pontiac, MI

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

—Jeanne Larson, Phillips, WI

Please dont crush my dreams of the America I once knew

—Rodney, Wakefield, MA

Net Neutrality is important to me because it is an impartial mean of communication and brings knowledge and many benefits to humankind. Specific governments may (and do) it's own regulation rules, but as i see, it should be provided in Brazil as cheap as electrical energy and water services, in spite of Cable TV for rich ones who may afford broadband quality services.

—Henrique Soares Barbosa, Juiz de Fora,

To Whom It May Concern, I believe Net Neutrality is extremely important to our countries continued economic growth. By limiting the speed of new companies and start-ups we will be limiting America's potential and this is exactly what the great Theodore Roosevelt fought so hard against. Please fight to keep Net Neutrality for me and for future generations of Americans

—Elliot Darling, Woonsocket, RI

The internet is one of the last bastions of creativity and entrepreneurship that we the people have left. The government has allowed the pursuit of profit to control our foreign policy, our health care, our food supply... Don't take this from us too. Do not allow ISP lobbyists, and the millions of dollars that they are throwing at you to sway your better judgement. Do not allow yourself to be purchased. You are worth more than what they have to offer. Protecting the ability of the American people to communicate equally and freely is worth more than what they are offering. My voice should count as much as theirs. Please do the logical thing, the right thing, and reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Protect net neutrality.

—Barry Anderson, Scottsdale, AZ

To whom it may concern, I have been working on the internet for almost 20 years. I have seen things change alot in that time, but one thing I don't want to see change is a free and open internet. Some will say that changes to the net neutrality will create innovations but I believe this is not true. The innovative technologies that are allowing small companies to take on the big guys were built on the back of a free and open internet. The changes in the rules benefit only the profiteering and already bad ISPs which are the only ones who would gain. We have the highest costing slowest Broadband anywhere in the world and it is because the ISPs dont want to be a utility or a dumb pipe. That in my opinion is wrong. Stand with consumers, with the free and open internet.

—Jeremiah Andrick, Duvall, WA

This proposed plan by the FCC will allow rampant discrimination on line. Throw out the FCC rules and reclassify ISPs as the common carriers.

—Francesca Koumarios, Novato, CA

I want the internet to be regulated like any other utility. That is what it is - a utility. Everyone in this day and age needs to have internet access. It is not a question of IF they need it. Accessibility to the internet pervades all aspects of life, and it will destroy innovation and creativity of small businesses to have to pay non-standardized prices for their internet traffic. Stop pandering to the money, and start pandering to the people - contrary to what the money thinks, the PEOPLE are the ones you serve.

—Bonnie VanDerveer, Iselin, NJ

It is going to hurt the american consumer if net neutrality is ended. Please don't let the big isps and content providers dictate what I can see on the internet. We don't need to line their pockets more than they already are. Do they need billions more? No they don't.

—Dolores Martinez, Collingswood, NJ

Net neutrality means to me that the Internet cannot prioritize the deep pockets of Fox News to spread disinformation over the shoestring budgeted truths of FAIR.

—Peter Wong, San Francisco, CA

Treating all content as equal is as important to the goal of the Internet as is treating all people as equal is to the Constitution. The FCC is in place to protect the people, not serve the interests of the corporations. I understand that the upper management of the FCC is a revolving door with the very corporations providing services and content but that is no excuse. Protect the Internet and Net Neutrality or you are telling the world that corporate interests are more important than the United States and it's ability to be the #1 technology power and innovator in the world. We will fall very far behind Scandinavian, European, and Asian nations if net neutrality ends.

—Neil Solomon, New York, NY

Net Neutrality is important to me because I do not want service providers deciding what content I should be viewing via the internet. For years, the internet has been the last bastion of the free flow of information and it should forever remain that way. Declare all internet service providers as common carriers. Like phone calls traveling along fiber optic cables cannot be discriminated against by telecommunications firms, neither should data traveling across the broadband spectrum be allowed to be throttled based on which content providers can pay tolls on public roads and which content providers cannot.

—Edwin M. Jackson, Houston, TX

To: Tom Wheeler, Chairman, Federal Communications Commission Save Net Neutrality Following the appeals court decision, the Federal Communications Commission has the power to stop Internet providers from selling bandwidth to the highest bidder. Reclassify broadband Internet access as a telecommunications service and preserve net neutrality before it's too late. Sincerely, Sven

—Sven Thomassen, Hopkins, MN

Dear FCC, Grow a spine, and stop letting money be all you care about. You are the US government for gods sake. You are above these rather annoying and abusive ISPs. Please reclassify Internet as a Utility, and once again, grow a spine. We are all outraged that the US government is for sale. Prove to us all that democracy is indeed "For the people". Thank you

—Trevor Demelo, D'iberville, MS

The proposal you've made will only serve to restrict the incredibly open environment we have in the internet world, limit the possibilities that the internet provides every man and woman equally, and would ultimately be looked upon in shame by the American people. The youth in America today won't stand up for much in this world, but you better believe we'll stand up for the internet. If this goes through, don't expect the American people to have any faith at all in our government. Do your nation a service and reclassify ISPs as common carriers to keep the internet a place of opportunity.

—Alexander Winkler, Missouri City, TX

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mCtP_-ZM8O4

—Suyash Raj, St. Louis, MO

Because we need to stop being the "Land of the Fee, and home of the Big Corporations". P.S. - you don't want us all to move to Canada, eh. I know I sure don't want to. But i would rather eat maple syrup and watch hockey than continue to watch big business run my life.

—Timothy Allen, Jackson, TN

Rules ending net neutrality are tantamount to the federal waiver on free speech. Allowing discrimination of any sort is a slippery slope. ISPs should be FCC regulated common carriers - they meet all of the criteria. We are the equivalent to a third world country when it comes to bandwidth yet the prices are exorbitant. Please, keep net neutrality going without restriction and start treating ISPs like all of the other utilities that have their own dedicated zones.

—Tim Bucholz, Mililani, HI

Without net neutrality, the economy will falter, as startup businesses will not be given the same chances as established web companies.

—John C Adie, Hartford, CT

Please don't ruin Net Neutrality by letting service providers have a two-tiered system. Please maintain Net Neutrality and preserve it forever by reclassifying ISPs as common carriers.

—Alexander Flint, Menlo Park, CA

Your proposed path would open the door to widespread discrimination online. It would give Internet service providers the green light to implement pay-for-priority schemes that would be a disaster for startups, nonprofits and everyday Internet users who cannot afford these unnecessary tolls. I urge you to scrap these proposed rules and instead restore the principle of online nondiscrimination by reclassifying broadband as a telecommunications service.

—Kate, Seattle, WA

The internet needs to be designated a utility - it has become many things for many people : a classroom, a personal assistant, an address book, a conference room, a library, or simply a playground. As our technology progresses and more services are dependent on an internet connection. You have a responsibility to protect the people from extortion.

—Michael Werner, Ames, IA

The internet has grown to be one of the most important means of communication in the country. Net neutrality is a guarantee that prevents large corporations from shaking down consumers and small businesses like mobsters in the 20s. Removing net neutrality stifles creativity of the artist and the ambition of the entrepreneur. Allowing big business to lord over the internet opens the doors to so many things while simply line the pockets of a wealthy few. Please, please, please do not choose the few over the many.

—Andrew Sanville, Madison, WI

So companies and governments can't disclose volatile information and keep the masses in the dark about real world issues. There's a reason why people don't rely on the news for information, the internet is the only unbiased outlet we have. I truly hope the right of free speech and self expression isn't stolen from us.

—Gavin Bardal, Surrey,

Must the internet be made like everything else in this country. Better for the rich and powerful? !?

—Linda D. Moorman, Chicago, IL

The ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality is to classify all of our ISP's as common carriers. Our ISP's are the worst companies that Americans are forced to conduct business with. I would rather pay to file my taxes every day for a year than be forced to haggle with Comcast over being over-billed, then having my cable and internet disappear for 12 hours without an apology. There is no competition in this industry, there are no choices for consumers. Its a travesty that our government is even considering letting Comcast and Time Warner merge, when the two should have been taken to court over violating consumer protection practices years ago. Our government exists for the people, and its time they started doing their job.

—Matthew, Charleston, SC

Net neutrality (also network neutrality or Internet neutrality) is the principle that Internet service providers and governments should treat all data on the Internet equally, not discriminating or charging differentially by user, content, site, platform, application, type of attached equipment, and modes of communication. Moving to a two tiered system would allow internet service providers to provide more and faster service to those willing to pay more and less services at slower speeds for the millions not able to afford the better tier.

—Robert Qua, Melbourne Beach, FL

When a system is controlled by money, the highest bidder wins. Keeping the internet neutral allows the US, and subsequently the world, to access the information we need unhindered.

—James, Orlando, FL

Freedom of speech is possibly the most basic human right there is; for without free speech and expression, we become slaves to those who seek to enslave us. We are supposed to be an advanced, enlightened civilization, so a free internet is critical for our freedom and civilization, selling it to corporate interests is contrary to any hope of free speech.

—John Pulliam, Anna, TX

The Internet is our most democratic medium. It has grown exponentially, fueled innovation and altered how we communicate. Network neutrality is the guiding principle that has allowed for these advancements. Now, for-profit interests want to violate the principle of network neutrality in order to increase their own profit margins. They must not be allowed to destroy the free and open culture of the web. I strongly urge you and your colleagues to support robust net neutrality legislation that prohibits network operators from blocking, impeding or interfering with any lawful Internet traffic or prioritizing any content or services.

—Trevor, Rockport, IN

We paid for the internet, and we deserve an open one where everyone is equal.

—Donald R Sims, Orangevale, CA

Chairman Wheeler, ISP's must be considered as common carriers. The U.S. cannot afford to allow companies to control what is delivered over the Internet and what gets the "High Speed". To do that would be to allow our own democracy to falter. We cannot allow corporations to dictate what we view and what we don't on the Internet. You may say that isn't what this is about. That it is about creating a faster lane for certain companies. How is that different from saying they are making a slower lane for those that don't pay their premium? The end result is the same. Someone has faster speed while another is slower. Let's not let them use the excuse that Netflix uses 30% of their entire bandwidth. It just so happens that the people WANT to watch Netflix. If the ISP's want to keep our business, they will increase their own capacity to support the needs of their customers. But of course, we don't really have that choice. In my city I have two options for Internet. One is the cable company, the other is the phone company. Why do we allow these ISP's to have a monopoly? Where is our freedom to choose? The U.S. is already ranked #32 in download speeds to residences (netindex.com). Considering that we are one of the top 10 wealthiest countries in the world, this is rather embarrassing. ISP's must be considered as a common carrier. We cannot allow our country to be further divided by the "haves" and "have nots". The Internet is a great resource for everyone. We must not allow corporations to discriminate.

—Chris Armstrong, Verona, WI

This cannot happen! ISP's need to be common carriers.

—Anna Haugerud, Northwood, IA

The internet should be open and free for all. That is the very essence of democracy, the free and open exchange of ideas. An internet "fast lane" would give those with the ability to pay more a greater voice than everybody else.

—Tom Gannon, Kansas City, MO

Net neutrality is key. Please do WHATEVER you can to STRENGTHEN net neutrality. Retreat any action against net neutrality, and start doing what you feel is the right and best for all. What does the public WANT? :) Grow the power of net neutrality. It's HUGELY important.

—Christoffer Smith, Oslo,

I support Net Neutrality. The FCC proposal does nothing to improve service for consumers and if implemented will allow service providers the ability to pick and choose what sites consumers are able to visit by throttling access to those sites. It effectively serves as censorship and stifles freedom of speech. As a 25 year IT and internet veteran I can tell you this will squash innovation. It will only add to the monopolistic powers that these companies have. The FCC proposal does absolutely nothing except increase profits for specific companies while hurting consumers and small businesses.

—John Brown, Pineville, NC

Please throw out your rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers -- don't turn our internet free speech over to monopoly corporations who will ultimately be in control of who has access to the soapboxes. To do so is to go against the tide of history. Sooner or later the US telecomm monopolies will come crashing down because citizens will not stand for this assault on free speech. The FCC should be on the side of all the people, not just on the side of big business. Those businesses who made it big on the internet did so because of net neutrality and now want to close the door on competition. The internet isn't just about watching movies on Netflix or television on Comcast, but rather it's about digging up the small, obscure independent journalist report on topics that aren't considered economically feasible to the big companies.

—Deborah Vance, Towson, MD

Net Neutrality is important to me because freedom on the internet is no different than freedom in the real world. The internet is a place of sharing, learning, discovering, and creation just like the real world, and a free internet is imperative to the growth of innovation, modern art, and society as a whole in our generation. I take my stance against the corporations and I demand regulation be placed to restrict the power of these whore-mongering ISPs. You will not take away this generation of creativity with your schemes to get rich and make deals; we the people won't tolerate it any longer.

—Joshua King, Albany, NY

Please don't sell out to the highest bidder, give the people a break.

—Mr. David Hildreth, Rochester, NY

Because I believe in free speech, and a monopoly is going to be the opposite.jpg

—Joan M Gold, Tucson, AZ

We are done with big business taking over everything. NO c HANGES to net neutrality!!! The proposed head of the acc should also be stopped as he is simply a lobbyist being put in the position of protecting us from lobbyists. UNBELIEVABLE

—Mark Winkler, Missouri city, TX

THE INTERNET IS THE FUTURE OF THE MODERN WORLD AND AS SO SHOULD BE IN CONTROL OF THE PEOPLE AND CORPORATIONS. THE FACT THAT THE UNITED STATES HAS THE SLOWEST AND MOST EXPENSIVE INTERNET IN THE WORLD IS APPALLING AND JUST SHOWS THAT THEY HAVE NO INTEREST IN UPGRADING AND MAINTAINING THE NETWORK ONLY IN MAKKING MONEY.

—Chris Howell, Atlantic city, NJ

FCC, There is absolutely no reason to end net neutrality unless you are getting a kickback from big cable corporations, like Comcast. They are obviously the only "people" who would benefit from this ridiculous idea. They are already a monopoly! Please wake up and smell the coffee! WE DON'T WANT THIS!!!!!! Throw out these rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Judith A Jones, Portland, OR

Reclassify ISPs a common carriers. Ending net neutrality would mean a blow to our already unstable economy, as well as undo the careful smokescreen the government has built up to let us believe in "American freedom and democratic ideals."

—Alison Hopkins, Atlanta, GA

The FCC must make real net neutrality America's official stance regarding access to the internet. The internet is inarguably part of the commons and should be classified as such. If we do not ensure that access to the highest quality internet service is available to every American, we will seriously cripple our country's ability to compete globally. The future of American industry will be inextricably linked to the internet, from education to the sharing of ideas to the existence of an open marketplace. To divide the internet up into different tiers of quality is to prop open the door for discrimination against people and businesses that are not already firmly established or exceptionally wealthy. How can the United States hope to innovate if it disenfranchises the next generation of citizens and corporations? It's already an international disgrace that we do not typically have more than two ISPs to choose from in our local communities, and that we receive such slow speeds for the price that we pay. Creating different tiers of internet service can only serve to make this problem worse. It will create a whole new profit motive that will incentivize the exclusion of the poor, the middle class, and any other entity that cannot pay top dollar for fast, reliable service. This outcome does not represent the picture of America I was raised to believe in. American ISPs are completely capable of offering fast, quality service to all Americans while continuing to reap enormous profits even if the internet is classified as a part of the commons. Comcast and Verizon and Time Warner already have firmly established footholds in the ISP industry, and they have a huge swath of heavily subsidized infrastructure at their disposal. If they are not capable of competing, given those advantages, then they deserve to fail. They do not deserve to have the nation's rules rewritten for the benefit of their shareholders. In closing, I insist that the FCC preserve net neutrality and declare ISPs as common carriers. It is in the interest of all Americans, both present and future.

—Jon Swihart, Seattle, WA

The American public must demand net neutrality and free Internet; corporate greed (COMCAST, Time Warner to name two) suck the lifeblood out of the public decade after decade. They have made obscene amounts of money and the public HAS to demand an end to this. How free is a society when media is controlled by corporations?

—Coco Carey, Wheat Ridge, CO

Please abandon the proposed rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Promote competition among ISPs to give customer choice. Keep all internet traffic treated equally.

—Wade T, San Francisco, CA

Please represent average American people and their needs. You can stop the steady march of corporate profits over the freedom and will of the American people. History will remember these and your actions on this matter. To go down in the pages of American history as a noble advocate and guardian of free and unencumbered ideas and speech, throw out the rules and instead treat ISP's as common carriers. Our children, our grandchildren and many more generations to follow can lose even more to other countries' children in the push for new ideas and answers to future problems. Unfettered and cheap flows of information can allow our decendants to floursih and grow. Again; Please do right by the American populace and re-classify the ISPs into common carriers.

—Sheldon F. Nestler, Reading, PA

Folks: I am on dial up modem internet like most rural poor. It take several minutes to download a single page now and there are a lot of page cannot be displayed messages. Allowing AT&T,etc. to put us on even a slower connection will put the internet out of our reach because we cannot afford all the additional fees.

—John Fix, QUINCY, WA

Don't allow a few greedy corporations to sabotage fair and equal access to information and services! The best aspect of the internet is it's ability to enhance democracy and a level field in our society. To hinder this would be a disaster. There is too much corporate thuggery going on already!

—Matthew Waldron, Hillsboro, OR

Everyone deserves a single speed Internet. Do away with net neutrality with leave consumers paying for internet and will create an unlabeled playing field for entrepreneurs. Do not pass any new standards allowing cable providers to fast track done websites thus in turn slowing down others. Keep the Internet fair for the citizens of the USA!

—Kristin Keliher, Alexander, NC

The proposal to introduce a two-tiered Internet with extra fees for improved performance is discriminatory, anti-competitive and will stifle innovation and progress. It will in fact, mean that wealth creation in this great nation will slow since new startup companies like the next generation of Google and Facebook are less likely to succeed.

—Michael Crooks, Sacramento, CA

We all deserve the same access to the internet.

—Ingrid Rochester, Elbert, CO

the Internet offers people (like the people on you-tube and other creative services) a forum to talk to the world, without net neutrality not only are peoples Internet speeds throttled but so are peoples creativity and freedom of speech.

—Sam Herman, Houston, TX

The proposed Internet rules are a terrible idea. This will completely eliminate net neutrality, leading to extra fees and worse performance for consumers and preventing startups from competing. ISPs need to be classified as common carriers. Competition worked in the phone industry - don't destroy it on the Internet.

—Steven Fenster, Pemberton Borough, NJ

If it ain't broke, it don't need fixing!

—Janice Bergeron, North Branford, CT

Please don't further annihilate the middle class. Wheeler is a fascist (the Drone King is no better), and it's no secret how corrupt the rest of Washington is; Monsanto runs the FDA, now Comcast runs the FCC? Is the NSA not enough for you? How much more do you intend to thoroughly rape what America stood for in the first place? I'd rather die a martyr than watch the internet become another black vein in your warped political game. Fuck your gatekeepers. America is dead, and the politicians in conjunction with corporations have killed it, and are picking at it's fresh remains as we speak like greedy buzzards to carrion. We're all familiar with the adage 'History tends to repeat itself', and I encourage all of you to look to Rome to see how this story will end. Regards, Dylan

—Dylan Vigil, Van Nuys, CA

Our Nation must provide affordable high speed internet to our total student population (pre-grade school through post graduate school) if we are to keep up with the rest of the world. When I see what other nations are doing to provide for their citizens I wonder if we have a death wish for ours. INTERNET ACCESS BE A SUBSIDIZED PUBLIC UTILITY Do our current leaders think the REA was a bad idea?

—Jack Myers, COUPEVILLE, WA

Keep the internet from being pay for speed. Net Neutrality is a must for democracy and for small business.

—Dale Robinson, Kensington, MD

THE INTERNET IS THE HOME OF FREE AND A WAY OF LIFE THAT LETS PEOPLE BE WHO THEY WANT TO BE

—Stevie Nguyen, burtonsville, MD

Controlling access to the internet is like controlling access to the air we breath. Net Neutrality is important to me because access to something an powerful as the internet should not be dictated by the amount of money you earn.

—Cassidy Villegan, Austin, TX

Don't be a corporate shill and destroy our last true bastion of freedom.

—Kevin Wrobbel, Livonia, MI

We are already approaching a time unprecedented before, with the mega media giants controlling information. We are supposed to live in a democracy, and as members we need to be insured that at least one source of news and information is freely available to each and every one of us. Otherwise, we start to look an awful lot like China or Russia.. Please think long and hard about this and dont let us down!

—Judi Jernigan, Ridgeland, SC

The Internet is pretty much the most amazing thing we have ever done as a society. This is because of the equal playing field for all content providers. It is a place for artists and creators to provide content at an affordable rate. It is your responsibility to protect this precious thing we have. It is not just the direct consequences that concern me, it is simply a step in the wrong direction. Please, please stop this madness.

—Charlie Nance, Portland, OR

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—Michael Slaton, rio rancho, NM

Net Neutrality is important to me, because I believe every person should have their right to view and do as they please on the internet without the hassle of being selected, chopped up, and divided into groupings. In my own life, not having Net Neutrality would affect my education in the different forms of ways that I learn, it would affect my hobbies and other peoples hobbies in their expression of art and trying to reach out to others. Overall I feel getting rid of Net Neutrality would hinder people and it will cause a HUGE disruption in the natural positive flow that we, as internet users, have already created.

—Kristopher Martin, Redondo Beach, CA

Net Neutrality equals freedom of the press and freedom to access information!!!! Nothing else needs to be said. Without it we betray the founding values of our country, and betray our value of spreading freedom across the globe. In essence we deny ourselves.

—Joshua Schanll, Meadowbrook, PA

This is one of the worst thing cable companies could do--they are already terrible, and now they will demand a premium for faster speeds? Outrageous.

—Victor, Berkeley, CA

Dear FCC, We, the American People, deserve to have our First Amendment rights. If you end Net Neutrality you will silence the American People and allow corporations to take over our last safe haven for Free Speech and Free Press. You are in a position to keep what little democracy we have left safe. Do not betray us for monetary or political gains.

—Christine Phillips, Temperanceville, VA

Throw out FCC's rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Haley Green, Fort Wayne, IN

I don't believe that cable company providers should be allowed to charge websites for faster download speeds. The so-called 'fast lane' will be a way to manipulate what information reaches the public. Please protect Net Neutrality.

—Madison West, Spring, TX

test

—Test S, test, CA

Freedom is important for all Americans. The Internet isn't royal, social, democrat, or republican, and should no way ever in history of mankind be capitalistic but it is American. If any human on this planet has the drive and passion to take the time to code or learn to upload, design to create something let freedom reign. Please stop debating with corporations and business men about how to make money by destroying the old and not perfected. . . yet. There are billions of ways to work with the internet as it is to make revenue. The idea to destroy in order to regulate sounds a little like the 3rd reich and if we as a human race really saw everyone as equal then all ISPs would and should be reclassified as common carriers for all. Thank you for this opportunity and what I would personally ask is to throw out the rules and money, let love be the feeling that guides your decision that impacts humanity tools for success. Thanks you again!

—Michael Kimmick, north lauderdale, FL

Dear Chairman Wheeler, Please do not allow the telecommunications giants like A T & T, Verizon, and Comcast to achieve special treatment and internet speed exceptions. These companies are now virtual monopolies and would use any advantage to bury the typical American consumer. If there was any way to penalize them in some way I'd be all for that as they are pirates and thieves without any vestige of conscience or morality. Thank You For Your Consideration James W. Cady Living on Social Security in Florida

—James W. Cady, Panama City Beach, FL

Do not allow net discrimination at any moment! Net discrimination will eventually break the internet as we know it.

—Tom Schwenkenberg, Darwin,

The FCC is an agency the serves all of the citizens of the United States of America, not the select few who can profit most from this proposed change. Please keep the internet truly one speed.

—Chris Coffee, Oakland, CA

As a librarian, I know how important equal access is to all people. No one should be shut out or slowed down simply because they don't have the money for a fast lane.

—Lana Touchstone, Vallejo, CA

Net Neutrality is an important format for the internet to keep any and all domains at an even playing ground that we all enjoy today. Giving up Net Neutrality would only provide benefits for the telecom companies. It would be a hindrance and an unnecessary expense for the consumers and web domains that currently enjoy Net Neutrality as it defined now.

—Tyler Hobbs, lakesite, TN

The Internet is our most democratic medium. It has grown exponentially, fueled innovation and altered how we communicate. Network neutrality is the guiding principle that has allowed for these advancements. If we give an "elite" or "express" lane to those that can afford it, then we would be hindering any new development. Only the elite giants would be able to afford to compete with themselves. Getting rid of net neutrality would destroy the ability for any local, non corporate business to compete alongside corporate business, and it would be doing this for no reason other than to increase profits for the few. I demand cheaper, faster internet, not more expensive or slower internet. There is no reason that internet should be as slow as it is, while also being as pricey as it is.

—Eric Tillman, Ogden, UT

Dear Wheeler et al, If the FCC kills net neutrality, I will cancel my internet service and donate the savings to Free Press. Preparing for war,
Richard

—Richard Morgan, Austin, TX

Net neutrality is THE most important aspect of the web.

—Catherine Royer, Albany, NY

FCC Net Neutrality is important to me because not keeping it is an experiment we know will cause censorship via making some voices louder than others determined based on how much money you can pay to have better speeds. What is so wrong with having one persons voice/data travel at the same speed as another persons (nothing is wrong with it so don't change it!)? Do you have a method devised for how you will determine what speed is too slow? What method is it? Is it practical to try to try enforce the regulation about how slow is too slow? Can you prove the method by which you intend regulate too slow is too slow? If you can't prove 100% it will work should you pass such an experimental law?

—Jeremy Price, Paramount, CA

Please break up the monopolies. Redefine the internet as the utility it truly is. It is an information utility. Information is what is driving our global economy.

—Charles Casper, Union Springs, NY

Tom Wheeler, you are a true patriot miming the act of democracy while suckling at the corporate teat. Your plan to relinquish power to major internet service providers will not only suffocate that diseased rodent Net Neutrality but it will also allow the FCC to embrace this nation's glorious ascent into oligarchy. Sadly, if you refuse to recognize the majority's demand to reclassify ISPs as common carriers, the majority will recognize your independent agency as an ineffective, corrupt institution and your career will most likely suffer. But on behalf of the United Shareholders of America I salute you, sir. Your actions will be remembered forever. Good luck and God bless.

—Desmond Shaggs, San Francisco, CA

It's a horrid idea to get rid of Net Neutrality, for it creates a level playing field throughout the internet which so many people rely on for, in the case of online stores, what's often their singular source of income, or for independent artists to get their work sold. I know a lot of people who rely on internet based sales, and their websites would be lost in large part by this rule being abolished. It's not (as some have suggested) a view that's simply been fabricated by the likes of John Oliver and Stephen Colbert, it's a valid concern to a lot of people all over the world and the idea of the companies who pay the most getting the best service is abhorrent to any reasonable person. We have to all stand as one, be it individuals or corporations, so we can promote healthy competition between everyone. It's still capitalism; the weak die and the strong survive. It's just not a case of one group being the kings, served by the strong whilst the weak are left starving in the streets because people don't want such slow, horrid, and unreliable service.

—Kaliska Boatwright, Claude Road,

This is the start of a host of bad! This cannot happen!

—Rob, Brenchley,

The internet needs to remain an equal experience for everyone, not a tiered system that benefits corporate interests and those who can afford not to worry about it.

—Curtis Bosket, Eureka, MT

Keep the internet free, and equal to all. Stop corporate takeover of the internet!

—Robert Ross, CINCINNATI, OH

The Internet is already commercialized. These companies make plenty of money from it. It is unnecessary and foolish to expect people to continue paying more and more for internet. It is not fair to continue to ignore the needs or opinions of many to line the pockets of a few.

—Tonya Fredrick, Henderson, KY

Since I live in Europe, and the European Parliament has shown a lot more common sense than the FCC, this issue doesn't affect me directly. However, I fear a kind of new domino theory: if the big carriers get away with this in the US, they will undoubtedly try again in Europe. It's unbelievable for me that a country which more or less invented the balance of power, can propose regulations like this. It's very simple: I pay for the internet connection, I'm the customer, so I decide how I will use it. It is unbearable that my ISP should have any say in this.

—WIm Kegel, Heiloo,

it's important to everyone, to e-commerce businesses and those of us who patronize them. the corporate greed monster has taken over Congress, we have to protect the internet or all we'll get to see is Koch brothers paid fascist propaganda, no more real news. this would be catastrophic to a free society.

—Pamela Evans, Kemp, TX

PLEASE reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Mr. Russ Prevost, Pinconning, MI

We need to protect level, equal access on, and of, the Internet!!!! Are we or are we not a democracy? When corporate money rules and determines access, obviously we who work for a living, or are marginally employed, lose access and opportunity - as marginal as it is! For the sake of all of us don't mess with Net Neutrality!!!

—Anna Shenk, Somerville, MA

Net Neutrality is for an open and non discriminatory use of the internet no matter the size or ideology of the website.

—Mark Videen, SSP, MN

Please preserve equality and neutrality on the web. This is a public utility, not a corporate property.

—Dr. Gene Bourquin, New York, NY

I'M ALREADY PAYING A LOT OF MONEY TO GET ON THE INTERNET, WHY SHOULD I HAVE TO PAY MORE BECAUSE OF EXTRA FEES THE TELCOM'S ARE IMPOSING ON CONTENT PROVIDERS TO DELIVER THEIR CONTENT THAT I'M ALREADY PAYING FOR!!!

—Mr. Josh Gensheimer, Wall, NJ

The Net must be kept free and open to all. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Dave Lindblom, Mt. Pleasant, UT

I do not need to be controlled at every turn. I am an adult citizen. Leave me SOME freedom!

—Diana Dee, North Hollywood, CA

We're already getting priced out of the system. Proposed changes will allow ISP's to openly discriminate against anyone unable to pay to play. Change the rules and make the internet a public utility--don't allow mega corporations to make mega profits as they have done with cable and satellite TV services.

—Richard Lee, Zephyrhills, FL

Stop working for the megacorporations and start working for the people. You know, the ones who you're ACTUALLY supposed to protect.

—Mr. Percival Pollard, Des Plaines, IL

We expect the initial promise of the internet to continue. And there is already far too much "preempting" our use of the net -- pop-up ads, roundabout routing, delays while we figure out how to respond. Please don't make it worse.

—Eugene TeSelle, Nashville, TN

A "two-tiered" internet is akin to a two tiered society, with a ruling class and downtrodden serfs. This is un-American.

—Charles Paul Becker, LITCHFIELD, CT

I don't want a profit-driven entity to have the power to exercise its bias against online content and/or applications that I may choose.

—Marva Pattillo, Milwaukee, WI

As a very small business owner, the idea of a pay-to-play tier of internet performance that is only available to enterprise-level corporations is very offensive. The internet began as an open and free exchange of information, and should remain a communications platform for everyone, and not just one more profit center for the fortune 500.

—Christopher Ruggia, Alpine, TX

The FCC exists to protect everyone, not the special interests!

—Jane Kusel, LEESBURG, VA

We don't want gatekeepers mediating our internet access. It goes against equality.

—Brian McCracken, portland, OR

You are a public agency, not a agency if corporate America. Please act in the interest of the public.

—Terre Spencer, Peachtree Corners, GA

With more and more of people's lives involving the Internet, it's important that we protect users' rights. It's government for the people, not for the corporations.

—Derek Meyer, Alexandria, VA

The Internet should never be sold to the highest bidders. Enough catering to huge corporations that want to profit from it. We need a free and equal Internet. Throw out your proposal and reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Lawrence Crowley, Louisville, CO

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

—Teresa Winchester, Magdalena, NM

You are a bunch of criminals that need to be stopped

—Chris Nault, tallahassee, FL

FREEDOM SPEECH!!! EQUAL ACCESS!!! PEOPLE NOT CORPORATIONS!! IT'S THE AMERICAN WAY!

—Lisa D'Ambrosio, Lancaster, MA

A truly neutral - open and available to all - internet is crucial to a modern democracy. This is where most of our citizens now go to get news and information. There is no justification for a two tiered system, except greed.

—Elizabeth Cabell, Centennial, CO

Keeping the Internet free and open is essential to creating and maintaining a free and open democratic society.

—Carolyn Foley, Norwalk, CT

The Internet is a utility, not a luxury. Denominate it as such.

—Maria Gonzalez, Chicago, IL

It's a matter of principle -- a core principle underlying true democracy: There will be no discrimination as long as all citizens truly have equal access to whatever is protected by our laws.

—Barbara Burkett, Shelby, NC

I value my freedom as a citizen and I am counting on you. Thank you

—Lyn Marsh, Asheville, NC

Individual users would only be hurt by any change.

—Douglas Shumate, Warner Robins, GA

It's freedom of speech and it's our only freedom to express ourselves.

—Jose Navarro, San Antonio, TX

Real competition controls cost to consumer.

—John Mullen, Springfield, OR

Protect our internet freedom!!

—Sandy Sobanski, New York, NY

It is neither democratic nor fair to use a government created utility (ie - we, the taxpayers paid the salaries of the government employees who created the basis of what has become the internet) to determine access by price and income level.

—Cary Lafaye, Columbia, SC

We slowly learn about the true face of USA and its companies.

—Monica Dahlby, uppsala, TX

Wheeler, In case you forgot, the purpose and mission of the FCC is to regulate in favor of the public interest.

—Joe D McDONALD, Boulder, CO

Don't 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. Please do the right thing for our country and reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Elena Vanko, Towson, MD

I am opposed to the new rules being considered by the FCC. They will create a two-tiered internet, where spending more can get a company more bandwidth, leaving whoever can't spend that much with less chance of being heard. Our internet in this country is already not so great. We've only got a few providers, who offer lousy service, at high prices, relative to what is available abroad. These new rules will only make a bad situation worse. Please reconsider, and do not make this change.

—Wendy D Johnson-Niblick, Clovis, CA

Make all internet providers common carriers.

—Clayton James Conway, Seattle, WA

A free and open Internet is vital to our current and future progress as a species. It is how innovation is spurred, how disparate groups communicate, and how we amplify our own humanity. It also is how we have fun. I am a Verizon FiOS subscriber and I STILL want a free and open Internet. Please be the guardians for the citizenry...as you should be. Respectfully,

—Albert Lopez, Blue Bell, PA

The fox guarding the hen house - really?

—Carolyn Borden, Switzerland, FL

This is a Democracy and it is suppose to run on equality not run on who pays the most money.

—Lucy Koteen, brooklyn, NY

Part of my livelihood comes from the Internet. Big telecom should not get to dictate the way we use it and which sites we see
—David Richards, Plymouth, MI

Net neutrality is the foundation of the freedom of speech in the 21st century. Without it, the first amendment, not to mention free commerce of ideas, is all but dead.

—Mr. Dominic K Albino, Winchester, MA

The internet is how I interact with the world, I have friends on four continents - if the internet disappears so do those friendships. If the net is censored or bottle necked between me and them our friendships become something the big corporations or the government can control...

—Charles Carter, Cleveland, GA

We demand real net neutrality not discriminatory BS!

—Rima Rosenthal, Ellsworth, ME

Please keep TRUE net neutrality so small businesses like mine can survive.

—Mr. El Armstrong, Denver, CO

We need the internet to be uninfluenced by any one. Hence the word "Neutral".

—Tony Chavez, North Hollywood, CA

without Net Neutrality the ISP will throttle back bandwidth on non-commercial sites. Discourse particularly of a political nature could be slowed to early modem speeds, to favor sites that pay the ransom for fast service. This will further erode our democracy.

—Dave Clayman, Clifton Park, NY

I urge you to regulate the Internet as a utility. The Internet was founded on the principle of equal access using standards-based protocols. The level playing field created by that foundation fueled innovation beyond the dreams of its creators. Giving cable companies the right to slow traffic is bad for consumers and limits our choices. It limits innovation. In the name of the public good, please end this practice.

—Keith A Westgate, Andover, MA

People are fed up with the obvious purchase of our government agencies and institutions by business interests. Our last free and open line of communications to fight back is the internet.

—Raymond Fox, Seattle, WA

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers to preserve the people's democratic right to net neutrality.

—Bracha-Nechama Bomze, New York, NY

Without an open Net, communication and commerce will grind to a screeching halt!

—Martin Peck, Bronx, NY

Users of the Internet already pay their service providers for access to the Internet -- the entire Internet, as long as it's somewhere legal and permissible to go (i.e., not a private or secure site the users have no credentials for). To allow those providers to pick and choose the speed those sites can be accessed at, depending on who else is giving them money, is unfair to the users, the general public. They will not get what they're paying for. Please maintain Net Neutrality.

—Erin Hartshorn, Bethlehem, PA

I don't want the Internet to be run like the cable industry. We as taxpayers paid for the development of the Internet--it is not the property of AT&T, Verizon and Comcast

—Haven McClure, Madison, WI

I refuse to pay for an internet where my viewing habits / sites visited are considered less than. I should be treated as equal as everyone else.

—Ben Grayson Conley, Valdese, NC

Fair is fair! Make it like the land line phone system!

—Jeff Glenn, Chicago, IL

Isn't it bad enough that our news media is biased and only tell us what they want us to know. If you allow the ISP's the ability to create a two tiered Internet, what comes next is more tiers and eventually only what they want us to see will be available. The only true way to ensure net neutrality is to reclassify ISP's as common carriers.

—Carl Gartley, Gulfport, MS

It's time to throw out the old rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect Net Neutrality. Thanks.

—Jorge Gonzalez, doral, FL

It is imperative to the future of the American (digital) culture that the FCC throw out its rules obviously influenced by corporate powers and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. So much lies at stake here.

—Glen L. Bledsoe, Salem, OR

I continue to struggle with slow and unreliable internet already despite having succumbed to the pleas of banks, credit cards and others to become paper free. Prices keep going up and service down. Having tiered pricing--which already exists folks--will make it even more difficult for people on fixed or moderate incomes.

—L C Lohman, Littleton, CO

Equality for all

—Jesse Lyons, Edmonton,

I don't want to have fast lanes and slow lanes on the Internet whereby corporations could control speed for everyone by buying the fast lanes and everyone else must use the slow lanes. This is discrimination. Keep the Internet free for everyone!

—Donald Ruehlow, Prairie du Chien, WI

Any "pay-for-prioritized-traffic" system will corrupt the Internet. As an ISP, be happy with your monopoly status and don't be greedy! It may come back to bite you!

—William Barnes, Cockeysville, MD

The internet has become more of a public utility than a content manager, and should be subject to the same kind of regulation. Internet use is nearly essential today and the providers should not be in a position to regulate content either directly or indirectly. This is especially a problem since you have allowed cable/internet providers to gobble up content providers and there is very little competition/alternatives available.

—William Claiborn, Venice, FL

Don't do to the Internet what you have done to TV. Keep the Internet free and open!

—Ronald Knarr, Indianapolis, IN

Net neutrality is important to keep the internet a level playing field. Once there is imbalance -- fast & slow lines or fast & faster lanes -- the smaller, often more innovative companies will be challenged to battle the incumbents. How would a startup go against Netflix, even if it had a better mouse trap, if Netflix had deals with all internet providers to speed its service? There would be unfair competition. The internet is one of the greatest democratizing technologies in the world -- the history of the world. Please don't crack that edifice.

—Alan Huffman, Brentwood, TN

The Internet is and should remain a space of freedom, not of corporate interests. Don't kill net neutrality

—Clayton Mendonça Cunha Filho, Fortaleza,

As a person who conducts a small business online, I want to ensure my business is not put in the "slow lane." And per my Constitutional rights, I want to ensure I can continue to continue my online non-profit and political activism without my communications being "censored" by being pushed to the slow lane or prevented entirely.

—Sally Small, Clarington, OH

My time is just as valuable as those you deem as worthy of having faster internet connections. Don't put me on the slow lane. Why can't we have faster connections like Europe. And they pay much less for their internet service. And they have more class mobility than we have. Don't tell me that all of those facts are related to one another. The market is free for the few who fetter it for the 99%..

—Benita Campbell, Burgettstown, PA

I am a frequent visitor to sites such as YouTube, Facebook, and several hobby forums, as well as an avid fanfiction author. I feel that the loss of Net Neutrality would not only severely damage the creativity and rights of free expression and the rights to share our ideas with others, but also cost many Americans their jobs, and severely damage the economy.

—Marty P. Rourke, Dracut, MA

Wheeler is a corporate asshole!!

—Leland Long, Denver, CO

The internet is bad enough as it is. Don't slow it down any worse.

—Robert Jeffrey, Fort Myers, FL

There is only one America, not one for Business and another for the rest of us. The FCC should not be promoting two Americas, one superior and one inferior. Reclassifying broadband under Title II of the Telecommunications Act of 1934.

—Gerald Campbell, Oakton, VA

We ALL own the internet. Allowing corporations to gain higher speed access for their customers because they have the resources is inherently wrong. I support redefining the ISPs as common carriers to ensure net neutrality for every user and contributor to the World Wide Web.

—Kevin M. Dufresne, Bangor, ME

NO to another opportunity for a few corporations to dictate to the rest of us, to control what we see and hear, based on economics or whatever other arbitrary marker they choose to decide by. Net Neutrality is one of the most democratic things this country has, don't destroy it.

—Peggy Acott, Portland, OR

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—Peggy Acott, Portland, OR

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers!

—Michael Bordenave, fresno, CA

All of these people crashing your website with their comments to protect net neutrality is a sign that people really care about this. Instituting a "slow lane" and "fast lane" will have the same effect for every website - making them crash or slower to use. If your website can suffer for it, imagine what would happen to all the other websites of companies that provide useful services that aren't in that fast lane, even if it means picking companies with worse services. Please redefine ISPs as common carriers and keep the net neutral and fair ground for everyone.

—Matt Willard, Jacksonville, FL

The internet is the last bastion of freedom we have. Don't sell it to the highest bidder.

—Steve Burek, Trevor, WI

BIG BUSINESS ALREADY CONTROLS NEARLY EVERY OTHER ASPECT OF OUR LIVES. ONE OF THE FEW LINKS WE, the people, HAVE TO FREEDOM IS THE OPEN AND RESPONSIVE INTERNET. DO NOT TAKE AWAY OUR ABILITY TO OPENLY COMMUNICATE. IF THE MEGA-CARRIERS WANT TO PROVIDE PRIORITY SERVICE, THEN LET THEM BUILD DEDICATED HIGH SPEED LINKS.

—Russell Ranshaw, Columbus, OH

Please do not approve a pay to play setup for internet access. Apply true Net Neutrality.

—Darren Showers, Buffalo, NY

The FCC's proposed Internet rules are terrible. Keep greed out of the internet.

—Lorene France, Pensacola, FL

Preserve Net Neutrality. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Melody Smith, Iowa City, IA

With the corporations and lobbyists already controlling so much, the internet offers the opportunity for 'anyman' to have an equal say. We cannot allow the content of our internet to be manipulated to give advantage once again to the corporations. It would be like only offering books that are more heavily marketed at the public library. A serious form of censorship is in the making with even contemplating this kind of proposal.

—Kimberly G. Ferran, Fort Lauderdale, FL

It is important to me that major conglomerates do not take away our rights to easy access to the internet for all. This is yet another move away from our constitutional rights. Small businesses have been the cornerstone of the American economy. Let's keep them alive. Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Anne Watts, Santa Rosa, CA

America is the only country in the world with freedom of speech. It is this that makes us the greatest power on earth. The Internet is an essential mechanism for continuing and enhancing freedom of expression for all citizens. Please make sure it is protected by protecting net neutrality.

—Corey D. Kaup, New York, NY

This is a free country, isn't it????????????????????

—Edythe Rickard, Hagerstown, MD

no corporate ownership of the internet,, let freedom ring on the internet

—Shawn Peticos, Ellenboro, NC

An open internet means an alternative to the propaganda broadcast on tv and printed in the newspapers. Mr. Wheeler RESIGN you are nothing but a walking Conflict of Interest. You represent the main stream media and corporations, NOT the American People. You are in it for THE MONEY.

—Steven Mondel, Farmingdale, NJ

Access to a free an open internet for all citizens has become more important than any other factor for preserving democracy. It should be a constitutional right.

—Benjamin Neusius, Brooklyn, NY

The internet is the information highway. It has become an embedded and very important part of the infrastructure of our lives. There are those who would like to profit from anything which others must have and which those others have built and paid for. As a part of the infrastructure of our civilization it must be recognized and maintained as the utility which the internet most definitely is.

—Albert O Howard Jr, Seale, AL

If YOU PERSONALLY wish to be the defendant in a class action suit, continue the stupidity of allowing the biggies so much power. The suit I am involved with will look at your PERSONAL finances.

—WH Mckay, Williamsburg, VA

Net neutrality will guarantee accessibility to the internet for all income levels and for new enterprises. It is a public commons more important than any other public utility.

—James Ryon, CORINTH, TX

Our unrestricted Capitalism system is stifling innovation buy putting so much in the hands of a few. Please leave the internet alone -- the free market system never works when a few control it all.

—Steve Pollack, Beebe, AR

I pay for my service. Don't let my cable company slow down some of my content!

—Michael Walk, BALLWIN, MO

Throw out your rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Thank You

—Kurt Dally, Bozeman, MT

Open and unrestricted access is imperative to students, small businesses, and a huge majority of the public. We need net neutrality!

—Beth Stanberry, Asheville, NC

I want access to all information.

—Kevin Furr, Albemarle, NC

freedom of the press and freedom of speech in this country is at stake

—Linda Lewis, Flint, MI

Abolition of Net Neutrality will allow Internet provider corporations to repress anti-corporate speech by shunting it to "slow lanes", or maybe even shutting it out altogether. Censorship is bad, whether governments OR corporations do it.

—Christopher Walker, Benton, AR

stop favoring the rich corporations, protect net neutrality for all. this is supposed to be a democracy for ALL

—Meredith Bradford, truro, MA

I get all my news in the Internet. It should not be allowed to slow it down for anyone!

—Russell Skinner, Kimberly, WI

A proposed two-tiered Internet would be disastrous for those who cannot afford to pay extra for their internet service. Please classify all ISPs as common carriers.

—Barbara Baxter, Falconer, NY

I consider the unrestricted and unaugmented flow of information to be vital to the creation and maturation of new businesses and business model, as well as the truly uninhibited exchange of ideas. This attempt to change to baseline standard of net neutrality is a money grab, plain and simple.

—William Smillie, Chicago, IL

You are either for the people or against us. You are either for freedom or against it. You are either for net neutrality or against it. Don't become an enemy of the people. Support freedom! Support net neutrality! Classify internet providers as common carriers.

—Brian Hester, Satellite Beach, FL

The net is the only thing that isn't completely controlled by a monopoly. These rules would allow large corporations to monopolize the internet - don't let them do it

—Kimberly Noles, Cedar Rapids, IA

Net neutrality is what has mad the internet the dynamic economic and cultural engine that it has become. Do not ruin it.

—David Beal, Providence, RI

The ISPs do not own the internet and have no legal or moral right to interfere in the delivery of this vital information and economic service. Reclassify the ISPs as common carriers and recognize the internet for the utility that it is, not the commodity that THE ISP monopoly claims.

—James Tate, Chicago, IL

I will get rid of my home Internet service rather than support on-line discrimination. Mr. Wheeler, apologize and resign today.

—Jim LaRegina, Westfield, NJ

For our family on a budget now limited by retirement, possible additional costs will be a true financial burden. These a Internet companies are part of our utility bills nowadays. I do not understand why they are not regulated as such. They are utilities! Sincerely, Margaret Wiggins

—Margaret Wiggins, Hudson, WI

The internet has become imperative to people's lives and should be considered a public utility, available to all.

—Constance Engle, Hendersonville, NC

The internet should be for all, not for some.

—Brian Runyon, Cincinnati, OH

This is bullshit! this is just a way to bring corporations into a service that should be available to everyone

—Emil Sundbom, gdfgdgdf, MI

The internet should remain neutral for the people not the mega media corporations and monied special interests.

—Ronald Carter, Pine Bush, NY

The Internet is a lot like Democracy. No one likes our democratic process fettered or obstructed by anyone or anything. Its about equal access !!

—Jose Alvarado, Colorado Springs, CO

Net neutrality creates infinite opportunities for people who otherwise do not have them. The ability for anyone to start their own website and have it available at the same speed of major websites is absolutely necessary for ordinary people to start their own businesses, minorities to speak out about the issues they face, and for artists to show off their work to the world.

—Kevin C. Chiu, Kirkland, WA

Net neutrality is vital for democracy!

—John Emerson, Boonville, IN

Access to information is your job to protect, not give more to the rich. This will further disadvantage those who most need access and leave them behind. Not fair!

—Lorraine Wright, San Francisco, CA

Because corporations can't be in control of the flow and accessibility of information in a real democracy!

—Kristin Pitt, St. Francis, WI

Keep the net free. Big money will be the downfall of this country.

—Dean Sutter, North Olmsted, OH

It is important to us seniors and the poor to have full free access to the Internet. Please keep the net as it is now. Work for the little guy for just this once.

—Willis S. Chambers, Montrose, CO

BRING BACK REAL NET NEUTRALITY!! It is not OK to GIVE the internet to COMCAST!! ISPs ARE common carriers. Reclassify them as such!

—Damon Waldrip, Austin, TX

Net Neutrality is important to me and YOU.

—Patricia A. A. Sampson, Waban, MA

Please keep the net neutral and stop monopolies from limiting our choices.

—Edgar, Gainesville, FL

The internet is a common carrier. Treat it that way. No extra advantages for the wealthy!

—Janis McCabe, Port Chester, NY

LEAVE IT ALONE. THE INTERNET ISN'T BROKEN!!

—Judy Thayer, Cullman, AL

Broadband providers can be reclassified and regulated in the public interest, and the Internet can remain free. This is the only way that a free enterprise system can work and not just glorify a few and leave out everyone else. True freedom comes from true responsibility to all.

—Jeremiah Williamson, Arundel, ME

I don't want to have to pay twice for my Netflix. I want to keep the Google octopus from growing. I believe a neutral net helps protect free speech.

—Kathryn Ewell, Redondo Beach, CA

I own a small business and depend on the internet completely as I'm online only. This scheme will cripple my business. I would not be able to afford the fees and not paying the extra will force my customers to either wait or they will just leave. And they won't wait. I already have the fastest internet that Time Warner has and it's slow! Making it slower will drive my customers away. Why would you do this? Isn't the internet a utility? More like electric or water? Please don't put me out of business by insisting on this two tier scheme. Please classify the internet as a common carrier as it should be.

—Lin A. Hendrix, Austin, TX

The Internet should be open and free for all. No corporation or group of corporations should be able to control it or the information that passes through it.

—Melissa Pappas, Saint Paul, MN

Information on the internet has become critical for education and for democratic freedoms. Make sure it is equally available for all!

—Patrick Conner, Kennebunk, ME

You can't pull the wool over our eyes. Get big money out of the equation. Save Net Neutrality.

—Christian Hobbes, Altamonte Springs, FL

There is no morally defensible reason to end net neutrality. You can either be pro-American or pro-Corporatism, but the two approaches are incompatible.

—Tod Schneider, Eugene, OR

Net Neutrality is the best modern example of both democracy and innovation. Unlike many issues that require huge, complicated commitments (for example, addressing global climate change), net neutrality is fundamentally a policy commitment to representing actual people not corporate persons.

—Chuck Jaffee, Grass Valley, CA

Net Neutrality is the only equality. Reclassify ISP's as common carriers. What do you want done for your ancestors. **DO THE RIGHT THING NOW, PLEASE!**

—Mary Bonhage, Royersford, PA

One Tier, one low price for all.

—Robert L Derbyshire, Wilmington,, NC

I am a small user, but am an Art Consultant and work from home. I have to send pictures. I don't want to have to pay a large fee to get good delivery

—Ralph Rosenfield, Columbus, OH

Protect Net Neutrality--reclassify the internet as a common carrier.

—David Tucker, Boone, IA

Not all of the important stuff on the web charges money!

—Larissa March, Seattle, WA

The internet is the only communication vehicle almost feely available to all American people. Do not shut some of those who need it most out by pandering to corporations and the wealth. Those who can BUY the internet and hold it hostage!

—Thomas Portney, North Augusta, SC

because i'm not a rich capitalist, but i am an american . . . net neutrality is important to me!

—Ron Grande, RUTLAND, VT

The internet should be treated as a utility, equally accessible to all.

—Amy Herren, New York, NY

Stop this rising Coup of the American Republic by the Corporations of former America! Return of from the Plutocracy to our Republic!

—David A Peterson, San Jose, CA

The internet gives so many people access to information and entertainment! It also helps people look for employment and even attend college. Please don't make it a two-tiered system!

—Donna Turiano, West Palm Beach, FL

Take care of the average citizen instead of big business

—Wilma Putz, mt city, TN

Do the right thing for the people.

—Tom Anderson, East Boston, MA

FCC Keep the real net neutrality

—Kevin belcher, Cols, OH

The internet is the last hope for the voices of actual people and causes not based on profit to connect. Making it a cyber turnpike will exclude important voices (those whose message is not compelling enough in big business' pocketbook) and allow for the "voice of the people" to be diminished, and yes, squelched. Keep the internet available to all!

—Carlena Wike, Woodland, CA

It goes against the democratic uses of it that you would allow pay-for-play access to the Internet

—James Pobst, Iowa City, IA

just get the real net neutrolly up and running confound it.

—Erik, west new york, NJ

As a professional educator, net neutrality is important because access to information - any information - is necessary for a free and informed people.

—Leigh Taylor, Garland, TX

The internet is an avenue of free speech, and free speech is crucial to democracy. The FCC can serve the interests of either democracy or oligarchy--one or the other, not both. Please choose democracy. Choose history, choose the people of this country, choose the principles on which this country was founded and on which it once prospered. It is the COUNTRY that should prosper, not the obscenely wealthy few who now call too many of the shots and buy too many elected officials.

—Ms. Kathleen Maloy, Winston-Salem, NC

Freedom, like our very lives, is never bought, only borrowed.

—Tim Culp, Waterford, WI

Net neutrality is necessary to our democracy.

—Thomas Behrendt, New York, CT

Save the internet. Open internet is essential to democracy and the spreading of knowledge throughout the world.

—Matt hunter, Chicago, IL

A free and open Net is vital to what the internet was founded for.

—Krista Lindemann, Cedar Rapids, IA

The internet is now crucial infrastructure for the economy and peoples' interaction with government and corporations. As such it is essential that internet providers be classified as common carriers, the same as the telephone companies before them. Please regulate them as common carriers. Thank you

—Kenneth Belcher, Chicago, IL

I'm sure my comments will fall on deaf ears, but I will provide my two cents worth.... Can you (the FCC) not see the the impedance of the free Internet costly data caps are causing? As we move forward in time data needs will be ever increasing. You are only going to allow the larger Internet providers to become filthy rich at the cost of smaller companies and the general public. You will indeed allow the USA to truly fall behind other countries. Maybe that is your greater plan. Allowing large companies dictate your decisions is not appropriate for the general public.

—Darren McMicken, Huntsville, AL

Its becoming obvious that private ownership of broadband is not in the interest of the vast majority of the american people. We need a fast and free internet.

—Mike deycaza, Honolulu, HI

Net neutrality now, net neutrality forever!

—Jon Spitz, Laytonville, CA

Net Neutrality is important for small businesses. They need a free internet to thrive. Net Neutrality is important for education. Free thought. We have enough corporate rule on information. Net Neutrality is important for a Free America. Net Neutrality is Free Press personified. We need free and equal access to information. This would be dampened by your plan. It's what my ancestors fought for. Don't give in to the oligarchy, please.

—Joy Shelton Warren, Vacaville, CA

I don't believe that throttling service to websites is conducive to helping the internet go. I have no desire to have my options limited by untrustworthy businesses that have shown time and time again that they are in it only for the profits. Please do not crush what the internet has become. It will only become a predatory ground that only big business can play in.

—Joseph B. Torres, hampton, CT

Please think of what's best for us instead of what's best for AT&T and Verizon.

—Janet Piper, Butler, PA

Please do not sell out to the corporations.

—Jeffrey D Angus, Ranger, TX

We are not STUPID! Stop giving in to Corporations and PROTECT ALL Internet Users! The Internet needs to be renamed a UTILITY and REGULATED so ALL have EQUAL ACCESS!

—Sue Cohen, Rockville, MD