

The internet is the last and most important space for free speech and information sharing in this country. Everything else has been bought by corporations who are now defined as citizens and control our access to information, the votes of the politicians, and our ability to organize for democracy. This is not about what tv channel streams at what speed. It is about fair and equitable communication. The internet is not a luxury, but our primary common carrier. Please reclassify it as such. Failure to do so will foreclose the very possibility of a democratic dialogue and an informed public. If you value the ideals of democracy -- rather than simply those of capitalism -- you must protect this forum for public speech. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Margaret Mass, Chicago, IL

Everyone should have access to the net.

—Evelyn Haas, {Phila., PA

Wheeler is a perfect example of what is wrong with our political system. he works for and gets bought out by the cable/sattelite corporations, the revolving door opens up at the FCC and he gives them a big gift and destroys the internet as we know it in the name of greed and money and a corrupt political system.

—Carl McGarry, clinton, WA

We citizens are sick and tired of all this media control at our expense!!!! These high rollers need to be banned from acquiring monopolies and telling the rest of us what we can and cannot have. Our country is not a kingdom!!!! The rich don't give a damn about those of us who do all the work!!!! Keep the airwaves neutral and open to all in equal status!!!!!!

—Carol Kern, Oberlin, OH

Please keep net neutrality a reality! It is necessary and an integral part of society.

—Bethany Calhoun, Edmond, OK

ISPs are common carriers and should be classified that way. I am expecting net neutrality!!

—Annette Spanhel, Driftwood, TX

It is obvious in places like China where the internet is throttled how important neutrality is to our access to information and our freedom. At least set a minimum speed so that every site is guaranteed access that can not be set by commercial or political interests

—Martin Springer, washington, DC

from the very first minute I heard that the FCC would not consider classifying ISP providers as common carrier utilities, allowing a handful of super rich corporations to completely control what should be freely available on an equal basis to every citizen, I was appalled... to know that your organization has allowed this to continue to this point is disheartening to the extreme. regulate these super corporations and prevent them from making high speed internet available to the highest bidders, who will then have full control of the messages and information the citizens are allowed to easily access. stop them from decimating the actual right to free speech and public assembly that is reserved for the CITIZENS of the united states, not merely the richest and the most powerful. be the protection to the public from those corporate powers that the FCC was created to be. don't let me down.

—Lorie Long, Saint Louis, MO

The Internet was intended to be an equal provider for all,not the pay for play that has become the mantra of all things political and all things washington dc.

—William McKenzie, National City, MI

Please protect the open internet. If America is going to continue to create jobs from small businesses, then please don't hurt innovation like this. Tiering the internet will hurt online innovation so badly, VC's are already walking away from deals who provide any sort of streaming service. Please don't be evil, and don't let a few corporations walk all over the future of entrepreneurs everywhere.

—Kyle Ivins, Pleasant Grove, UT

ISPs need to be reclassified as common carriers. Protect net neutrality!

—Andrea Saunders, Bethlehem, PA

Internet should be a common carrier, equally accessible to all.

—Richard McGowan, San Jose, CA

Keep all corporations from controlling and increasing their profits by controlling access to the internet. The internet should be designated as a public.

—David H. Bullard, Gansevoort, NY

I strongly urge the FCC to retain Net Neutrality and reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Sumi Rose, Santa Fe, NM

No additional fees to ISPs! Corporate ISPs already make obscene amounts of money. It is important for ISPs to remain common carriers because your proposed policy just means bigger profits to those same corporations. If sites want to participate and pay more for fast access, you can be sure that those costs will be passed on to people like me who live on limited budgets already. No thanks for your new regulations.

—Ann M Stock, Smithtown, NY

We all deserve a free and open internet. ISPs must be reclassified as Common carriers.

—William Cruz, New York, NY

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

—Michael J. Norden, Defiance, OH

Free and open communication allows the best of ourselves to emerge as a culture. Contrived control by short term interests like corporations and governments amassing power limits our collective potential for good. We must protect the Commons, in this case the inter connectivity of human endeavor.

—Anne Whitefield, Durham, NC

All people need and deserve full and equal access to the internet.

—Marsha Straubing, Venice, CA

It is the greatest promoter of and support for democracy worldwide. Don't impede it to cater to profit-motive-only corporations!

—Joy Williams Schilling, Colorado Springs, CO

An internet free of corporate interests is important to the free flow of ideas and information. It also as Oliver points out is the only way to keep the internet innovating new ways for us to communicate and share those ideas and information. Also the Obama appointee should step down immediately and ask the president to appoint someone with less of a conflict of interest.

—Sean Samford, Gainesville, FL

The internet companies have local monopolies no different than the telephone, gas or electric companies serving American homes. I have no choice of providers if I need service. As such, why should they NOT be treated as any other utility with equal access for all?

—Don Ely, Tacoma, WA

Please do not give money yet another advantage. Keep the internet an even playing field for all.

—Marion Tidwell, Merrillville, IN

It is simply unAmerican to give preference to big money interests at the expense of others. It stifles democracy. It is basically censorship by the big providers.

—Phillip L. Crown, IOLA, KS

Throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Thomas Shafer, San Francisco, CA

All access should be equal. Period. It's as necessary to the economy as wind or rain is to the health of the earth, circulating the best and getting rid of the junk. And long term lobbyists and shareholders shouldn't be in charge of their own interests' regulatory agencies. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Ms. Deborah A Goss, Lexington, MA

The neutral internet is the only medium keeping democracy alive in the United States.

—Paul Nagle, New York, NY

Leave my internet alone! Live free or die!!!

—Noah Bennett, new orleans, LA

We should not have Big Providers such as Comcast, Verizon and AT&T picking Winners and Losers, Discriminating against online content and applications, creating a two-tiered Internet, the outcome ~ Inequality, Fascism, the end of Democracy! The FCC should throw out it's rules and instead reclassify ISPs as Common Carriers. This is the only way to Protect real Net Neutrality!

—Cynthia Davey, Kendall, WI

Corporations shouldn't decide which websites are easier to access by determining the speed at which they load. Freedom of information and unaltered access to that information is of the utmost importance in a democratic society.

—Anthony Magana, Boise, ID

Free America depends on a free and open internet.

—James Benson, Silver Spring, MD

The internet is the single greatest communication tool ever created by humankind. This source of open information and freedom to express oneself is the epitome of free speech. By limiting it to those who can most afford it you are limiting the First Amendment, one of the most important clauses ever written! Net neutrality ensures this freedom remains in place. Don't limit my free speech!

—Joel Watt, Indio, CA

This proposal is a sick moneymaking scheme that is destroying the fairness of the internet. Keep net neutrality and don't allow this to happen! -
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—Zach, Cork,

ANY government control is the DEATH of a FREE forum and FREE dissemination of information about anything. A controlled internet is a political forum for the RULLING CLASS and NOODY else can tell people what is actually going wrong with our government and CORRUPTION will flourish and GROW at an astounding rate.

—Donald McCormick, Portland, OR

As I retired person on a fixed income and one who depends on the internet for various reasons, I would find it difficult to pay more to receive good, quick service. Be fair to all citizens.

—Grace Golata, Milwaukee, WI

Please keep real net neutrality! No speed differences for any content!

—Ron Paider, Schaumburg, IL

Wheeler's "open internet" is not the same as a free, neutral internet and he knows it.

—John Hauf, Fairfax, CA

The Internet was the only democracy we had left. Now that's under attack, too.

—Amy Burns, Janesville, WI

If providers can charge for faster speeds, they can hold speed hostage until they are paid. This is not right and should not be allowed. Stop the insanity and bring the us out of the dark ages. Help us catch up to The rest of the civilized world in internet connection speed. With all this money spent in mergers and messing around trying to improve all their profit invested in internet infrastructure instead, we could all have much faster fiber optic speed, including the ones wanting the fast lane.

—Connie Corbaley, Daytona Beach Shores, FL

The Internet, as we currently know it, must be preserved. It is a public utility and rates should be the same for all; it has become critical to the operation of our daily lives.

—Leslie Fox, Evergreen, CO

I really think net neutrality is important. Around 1995, I worked for an Internet company and built complex web applications. The U.S. will lose the ability to compete with other nations, if Net Neutrality fails. I am sure service in some markets will suffer if a carrier (ISP) can charge different rates based on your tier. From what I understand, an ISP should be classified as a common carrier.

—Raj A. Upadhyaya, Hoffman Estates, IL

Killing net neutrality is like killing the goose that laid the golden eggs. Stop taking bribes from Comcast and make the internet a public utility!

—Matthew Baucro, Bloomington, IN

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers as they should have been in the first place.

—Benjamin Au, Manassas, VA

ISPs should be reclassified as common carriers. The internet is a shared resource that should not be allowed into the control of any corporation(s). It without question puts the free exchange of ideas and information and data at risk. This two tiered proposal puts access and control in the hands of a few rather than the "democratic" ideal of an internet that is owned and accessed by all equally.

—William Eckert, Paso Robles, CA

My daughter has been able to start her small business and mount a website on the Internet because access to the Internet is free and open to anyone without restriction.

—Agnes Raeder, Santa Monica, CA

dear fcc, by making the internet a non neutral playing ground you are starting the process of it becoming a place where only big business survives, like much of the rest of the world. stop it. Sincerely, net neutrality

—Nathaniel Streeter, lexington, MA

The internet belongs to all of us. No one individual or corporation should have control over access.

—Adam Versenyi, Carrboro, NC

If you allow a private entity to control the internet you are handing over control of information to a gop owner and free speech will definitely end and lies will be the rule of the land .!

—Cliff Jordan, Jeffersontown, KY

Do NOT allow internet "Fast Lanes"!!!! KEEP THE INTERNET NEUTRAL!

—Thomas W Cox, PLAINFIELD, IL

The Internet is the last bastion of freedom and democracy. Please do your job and maintain Internet neutrality.

—Jack Harmell, North Grafton, MA

Use of the full Internet should not depend on how much money a person or company has. The Internet should be designated as a public utility, as it is in most other countries in the world, open to all.

—Maria Lambert, Marshfield, MA

Net neutrality is no different than any other freedom that our country proclaims to have. Major corporations have been eroding our freedom for money since the beginning of the country. We need to stand against them and keep them in check. Net neutrality ensures that everyone has equal opportunity to make money with the net and ensures that these leaches don't find a new way to suck money out of our pockets. You shouldn't have a bigger voice just because you have more money. Everyone should be treated equally and fairly. This ends that just like money and power has eroded the rights of everyone in this country over the centuries. We are not supposed to be a class based system. Everyone is supposed to be treated equally and have equal opportunity to apply themselves and be great. Don't end net neutrality and take away yet another opportunity for success. Most people have so few as it is.

—Dan S Adams, Pickerington, OH

As a teacher I find it to be very important to instill the truly American concept of Freedom of Speech in my students. The internet, as it has been up to this point, is one of the most valuable lessons in this concept. As a nearly unregulated enterprise the internet provides a huge variety of experiences both good and bad. Without true Net Neutrality, my students will not get the full experience that the Net can provide. Don't rob them of this experience.

—Andrew King, Augusta, GA

I am handicapped and my only enjoyment is a free internet

—Angela M Wilson, Troutville, VA

Freedom freedom freedom freedom freedom

—Emily A Schultz, Greenwood, IN

Don't let Big Telecom act like dicks towards their own customers.

—Andrew Stutt, Nepean,

I AM A SMALL BUSINESS OWNER AND FACE POTENTIAL FINANCIAL RUIN IF THIS SO-CALLED INTERNET FAST LANE GOES THROUGH. NOBODY WANTS THIS EXCEPT FOR THE MAJOR CORPORATIONS THAT CAN AFFORD IT.

—William B Malkus, Austin, TX

Please keep the internet fair and equal by reclassifying internet service providers as common carriers. Thank you.

—Tamara Paul, Riverside, CA

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Leave the internet the way it is. Equal and Fair. This is America. Don't take those words for granted. Don't try fixing something that isn't broken.

—Kyle T Dominy, Naugatuck, CT

My job, my employer and hundreds of employees rely on the internet. Turning the internet over to large multinational corporations will only wreck the US economy Please stop the insanity

—Charles Welty, Carlsbad, CA

As a consumer, I pay for bandwidth coming into my house. Whether I'm purchasing something, streaming a movie, or doing my taxes online, I expect to use that full bandwidth on that activity. Without net neutrality, the provider of this telecommunication commodity can and will keep me from being able to use all of the bandwidth I've purchased for my activities by limiting the bandwidth of the service provider.

—Marcus Blough, Ann Arbor, MI

All internet users have the right to a public presence, and to make their views known; not just the rich.

—Mike Regan, hadlock, WA

We need real net neutrality!

—William Oeseburg, San Diego, CA

THIS CANNOT BE ALLOWED TO HAPPEN. The Internet is just about the last part of our lives that has not (yet) been co-opted by masses of self-serving corporate money. There must be a level playing field. My phone service is provided by Comcast. That should certainly put them in the same category -- and subject to the same rules -- as other telephone companies.

—Mr. Bill Marvin, Gig Harbor, WA

You can not be serious about ending net neutrality. Please don't sell us out to these profiteers.

—Nicholas C Baylis, Bristol,

For once in you jaded lifetime do something for the average Joe

—Sharon Rabb, richardson, TX

Please keep the internet open and free. No "fast lanes" for those who pay extra leaving the rest of us behind. This is critical for the growth of small online entrepreneurial businesses like mine!

—Leon Wagner, Manhattan Beach, CA

net neutrality is what keeps the internet free to everyone around the world. Slowly big brother has been trying to strip away our freedoms and this is no exception. Show everyone that you are with the American people and keep net neutrality alive.

—Bryan Reyes, danville, VA

I'm fed up with poor service from Comcast. Support net neutrality and end monopolies instead of aiding and abetting these cartels!

—Bob Herrschaft, Sonoma, CA

We need bigger pipes! The Internet is like a highway system. If we need a speed limit on the internet, it should be the same for light users and heavy users, just like we have the same speed limit for passenger cars & trucks on the highway system. (We also limit the weight that the trucks can carry so that they don't exceed it design limits)

—Tom Bailey, Concord, MA

If ever anything good occurs in this country, at some point 22,000 well-heeled jackals will get together to figure out some way to "monetize" it, meaning how they can together "legally" twist the screws so that average Americans will have to pay through the nose for "services" (which will now deteriorate unless one is oneself a well-heeled jackal able to afford the costs of "upgrades" or of "super-fast" over just "merely fast" -- yeah, right!) that once were operating just fine without the self-serving intervention of the 22,000 jackals looking for another cash cow. We can see what you're doing, FCC, Comcast, Verizon, & even my own Internet service provider -- yeah, AT&T, I'm talking to you! -- and we're absolutely appalled by your arrogance, avariciousness, and contempt for the people you allegedly serve. So we are asking you to do the Right Thing, for once in your miserable commercial lives, FCC, and declare all ISPs as common carriers. Don't break something that isn't broken. Don't "fix" -- or "put the fix in" on -- something that requires no "fixing" whatsoever . . . except a ruling that ends this sickening grab for power, cash, and control FOREVER. That's my public comment, FCC, and it's one that everybody I know and talk to agrees is the only way to resolve this question. Even Senator Johnny Isakson, the junior senator from Georgia, with whom I heartily disagree on many other issues, is on OUR side in this matter, which proves that even HE has a few working brain cells that are not at the beck and call of Beck and Limbaugh. So, FCC, for God's sake, live up to your true commission -- improving (rather than sabotaging) effective communication for the people of our nation and DO THE DECENT AND RIGHT THING. And forgive me for going well over the minimum comment of "at least five words" -- Michael and Jeri Bishop, Pine Mountain, Georgia

—Michael Bishop, Pine Mountain, GA

Please keep the internet neutral. Don't set a precedent where paying allows faster information transfer.

—Karen Wickert, Medford, MA

I think the entire present government is too corrupt and under the influence of Wall Street, etc. for this petition do do any good. The bad guys have won and we can only look forward to the coming extinction of our species. It is the unfortunate characteristic of a largely under-regulated capitalism that leads to immediate seeking of profit and to fail to see the later inevitable and disastrous consequences.

—Jerome J. Keser, Clearwater, FL

Please just leave the internet alone none of us (the blue collar people of the world) want this.

—Tristan, Winchester,

WE ARE ANONYMOUS. WE ARE LEGION. WE DO NOT FORGIVE. WE DO NOT FORGET. EXPECT US.

—Anonymous Painter, INTERNETLANDIA, MA

THE INTERNET IS A PUBLIC UTILITY, PAID FOR WITH PUBLIC MONEY. IT IS LIKE A FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY, AND SHOULD HAVE FREE ACCESS FOR ALL! DON'T SELL US OUT! YOU'VE ALREADY SOLD THE PUBLIC'S AIRWAVES TO PRIVATE CONCERNS. WE NEED EQUAL ACCESS TO INFORMATION, WE NEED AN EQUAL VOICE! THANK YOU, RETA SORGE

—Ms. Reta Sorge, Tillson, NY

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

—Carol Long, Santa Cruz, CA

Hello, based on what I heard quoted below: "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". I will say what I said before as well just make INTERNET A "COMMON CARRIER" AND BE DONE WITH IT. IT IS THAT SIMPLE. I already pay internet for high speed access, I don't want the potential of this new crazy plan for me to notice slow speeds possible. I really have no idea why the fcc chairman can't just end all of this crazyness and make it a common carrier.

—Sean Keating, Saint Charles, IL

The internet does not belong to private companies, it belongs to the people. A democracy can be maintained only if the people are free to communicate with one another without interference from powerful or wealthy to control what is allowed to be said. Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Jack Keyes, Portland, OR

I am for net neutrality and not one where there are multiple tiers. If it takes reclassifying isp as common carriers then you should do so. Than you. W. Lim

—Mr. W Lim, Prattville, AL

We don't want class warfare? Then we have to get rid of the kind of past and present cast systems that include the ancient system of Brahmin versus Untouchables in India, Jim Crow laws and segregation in the US (where, for example, our schools are becoming increasingly re-segregated and the color line still seems visible in who we imprison and execute), toll roads (privileging corporate profits and those who can afford them), the US Supreme Court's split Citizens United versus the Federal Elections Commission allowing those with the most money to have the greatest power to influence voters, and so on. Now the wealthy and powerful want to get rid of Net Neutrality so that they can become even more wealthy and powerful at everyone else's expense, creating an Internet toll road cast system. Not only have they set out to attack Net Neutrality through the FCC, they've included the abolition of Net Neutrality in the Trans Pacific Partnership Trade Agreement they're pushing (which would also enable a tribunal to overturn any law or regulation getting in they way as they seek even more power and wealth, a tribunal that can overrule Congress and the US Supreme Court).

—John Young, San Benito, TX

How is it that tax dollars funded the creation of the internet, our government then gave it to businesses to sell to the people who funded its creation, and now the agency charged with regulating the industry is headed by a head of that very industry? Is it any surprise that Tom Wheeler wants to sweeten the deal? Tom Wheeler needs to resign for blatant conflict of interest, the internet needs to be put into the public commons, considering that we funded its creation, and the government needs to stop granting monopoly power to businesses that donate most heavily to our leaders (I'm looking at you, Comcast, with your \$18 million in bribes last year... I mean "lobbying.") To whoever reads this, if anybody reads this: do the right thing. Don't give further advantages to the giants of an industry that enjoys the near monopoly of 96% of users having two or fewer options to choose from. Net Neutrality is important!

—Daniel Liebeskind, Baton Rouge, LA

All people have a right to use the internet because they are equal. Money or status does not make them special.

—Tom Barron, Beaverton, OR

The internet is the only thing left corporations don't have complete control over. We need for it to remain free of corporate interests.

—Buffy Hake, Pendleton, OR

Although removing regulation from internet service might seem like interesting idea, putting more power in the hands of the USA's internet service providers, at a time when they have near-monopolies in their markets and consistently overcharge in comparison to much of the rest of world, is a terrible idea. If cable and telecom companies want to move toward less regulation, force them to compete on price and service first, to protect both consumers and small businesses that currently rely on net neutrality.

—Alex Nauda, Melrose, MA

Dear Mr. Wheeler, In a nutshell, I do not want "pay for play internet"...Tell Comcast, AT&T, Verizon and any other Billion Dollar Corporation to Shove It. Regards, Luke Mele

—Luke Mele, Melrose Park, IL

Leave one thing that corporations don't control. The internet was designed for the people with the people's money. Corporations are taking it over. We have already seen that self regulation does not work.

—Harry Applin, North Waterboro, ME

Democracy depends on giving people equal access. The internet is instrumental in having people participate in government and civic action. As taxpayers, we underwrote the cost of creating an internet - it should not be given to select companies for their profit.

—Virginia Brien, Charlotte, NC

Net Neutrality is extremely important to me as a Constitutional right (i.e. freedom of the press and freedom of speech). If we start to police the internet, we will be as bad as the countries we criticize for such policing (e.g. the Chinese with Tiananmen Square, Taiwan and Europe with royal cover ups, the Middle East with almost everything, etc.). We are the United States and we are better than this. We need to walk the talk, not just talk the talk. Otherwise we are just as corrupt as those we criticize. Also we are better than bribery, despite its temptations from those with large checkbooks.

—Amara Lang, Menomonee Falls, WI

Internet freedom is extremely important and it does not belong in corporate hands, they will destroy and censor it, but that is what the government wants right? DO WHAT THE CITIZENS WANT FOR ONCE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Then Tom Wheeler, you will prove weather or not you are a corporate whore

—Nick Quinlan, mt pleasant, MI

I don't want a 'fast lane for hire'. All sites should be treated the same and people should be free to read, see and say what they want and where they want. That's what the First Amendment was all about and it doesn't (or shouldn't) matter what medium or media you're using to do it in.

—Martha Johnson, Chandler, AZ

The big telecom companies were already acting as oligopoly before this proposed change. If this is put into place, the U.S. population and all small businesses will be subject to Mafia-style extortion. Large corporations will be shaken down, as well, and all consumers will pay for that with increased prices. It is unconscionable to allow this to happen. It is anti-freedom, and anti-liberty. It is patently unfair.

—Kathy Ahlers, Minneapolis, MN

I'm just an ordinary woman who should be able to access anything I want on the internet, with the same speed and openness as any other person or business..

—JeVerna Haynes, Fredericksburg, VA

FCC throw your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers

—Julius Salinas, Esko, MN

As a part-time college instructor, I am on a very limited budget and I use the internet as a teaching tool in and out of the classroom. My students are also on very limited budgets and they can't always afford to access the materials I would like to use to enhance their education. The internet is a tool for information, you limit peoples ability to have access due to cost, then you limit their access to information. You will allow the wealth and those in power to continue to dumb down society.

—Amy Brown, Olympia Fields, IL

The internet should remain an equal playing field for everyone.

—Joanna Behrens, Star Valley Ranch, WY

How many outraged and motivated people does it take for you to finally side with the American people and not the corporate interest? You were put in a position to fight for us, not against.

—Andrew Jackson, West Lawn, PA

Net neutrality serves the public. A tiered net serves only special interest groups. Why would our government stoop to better serve these groups in a democracy?

—Michele Sherriton, Hollywood, FL

As a developer of small websites for local businesses, I'm concerned for my clients who are already challenged by competition with large corporations. Having their websites load more slowly will only worsen their situation.

—Lucy Kenyon, Santa Rosa, CA

The effort to destroy Net Neutrality is proof that the entire telecommunications network needs to be made into public property and run like a public utility.

—Martin T Wirth, Bailey, CO

The internet is for all people and it is suppose to be free, so all people can afford it.

—Jeaneen Andretta, Florham Park, NJ

Net Neutrality is central to our democracy - or whatever is left of it.

—Alice Clemente, Cumberland, RI

Everyone who relies on the internet, rural or urban, rich or poor should be treated the same.

—Marcia Halligan, Viroqua, WI

Net neutrality is not just something we want, but something we need. For the internet to be something of value it must remain open to all.

—Jacob Wright, MT Shasta, CA

IF IT AIN'T BROKE DON'T FIX IT....AND IT AIN'T BROKE! THIS MONOPOLISTIC POWER-GRAB IS CRIMINAL. DO YOUR JOB & STOP THIS GREEDY TRAVESTY ONCE & FOR ALL.

—Tom roberts, fresno, CA

To keep the Internet open an fair. The changes you propose will destroy the internet. Please keep the internet protected like any other utility. Lastly, it damn well should not cost me more to watch Netflix or a YouTube video, or the ISP will buffer me to death.

—Barry Evans, Dayton, TX

So you want to get rid of NET NEUTRALITY!!!!!!!!!! THIS IS HORRIBLE. Obviously the only people that benefit from messing with Net Neutrality is the cable companies and the politicians in Congress that get money from the Communication Industry. I will have to decide what action I will take if this goes through, and I will make sure my network of people I have influence with support me.

—Darryl Davis, Wading River, NY

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers--I want the Internet to be open to everyone at the same speed, not dominated by wealthy coroporations.

—Kindy Kemp, Port Townsend, WA

We are on to you. You greedy corporate oligarchs will not stem nor control the uniquely democratic conduit that is the internet. We will fight you and we will win. Shame on you for rescinding your positions as fellow world citizens in favor of acting as self-serving, short-sighted opportunists. Shame shame shame on you all.

—Marilyn Carino, Brooklyn, NY

Other than dial-up, there was a time when only Comcast broadband was available in my neighborhood. The service was inconsistent, with constant outages, I spent hours on the phone with the worst customer service I have ever encountered, and when DSL was finally available in our area, I switched immediately. Nearly 10 years later, they remain the only two equally crappy options. My internet provider has 3 speed options: 7, 12, 20, and "OH WOW!" 40 mbps, depending on how much I am willing to spend. Now at 40 mbps, there is no noticeable change: pages still take forever to load, movies still have to stop and buffer, unwanted advertisements still play faster and clearer than the chosen video content, and customer service continues to be outsourced to Bangladesh, where representatives are only able to read from a script and put me on hold ... TIERS and FASTLANES have not improved that quality of my internet life, regardless of the ever-rising costs. It is a policy that should NOT be applied to the internet as a whole. I've seen what internet and cable companies have done with it on an intimate level, DO NOT ALLOW THIS TO HAPPEN. They will stamp out progress, innovation and competition, and we will pay more and more for the privilege. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers and protect real Net Neutrality.

—Cindy Wardell, Salt Lake City, UT

I absolutely favor net neutrality. The only advantage is to cable companies to increase their bottom line with total disregard for the consumer. Leave the internet alone.

—Robert Merritt, Lakeland, FL

The Internet needs to be open and accessible to everyone regardless of who you are or where you live

—Francis Mercier, Ventura, CA

it's a no-brainer

—Daniel J McCormick, moline, IL

Net neutrality is essential to restore citizen participation in government.

—Randolph Jorgen, Moab, UT

This is a public utility, everyone is treated equally!

—Patricia Martin, Hillsboro, OR

This is a clear case of setting up corporations to gain profit at the expense of a level, fair playing field. It is giving away the shop for all who use and depend upon equal access to decent downloading rates. As a regulatory company representing the people, it is your duty to protect us from handing over this unfair advantage and setting up future costs that all will not be able to afford.

—Elizabeth Shelton, Brooklyn, NY

My wife and I desperately wish to live in a FREE country.

—David and Susanne S. S., Houston, TX

Corporations are NOT people...regardless of what the Supreme Court declared.

—Olivia Schlosser, Mansfield Center, CT

I am a Senior Citizen and can't afford the costs of internet "captures" by the large companies. The computer has become my source for: news, entertainment, and family communications.

—Jo-Ann Varga, Lakewood, OH

The internet should be treated just like phone lines - it is a public utility and all traffic should be treated equally. The last thing we need is for broadband companies to be able to limit usage or content of the Internet.

—Todd Patton, Durham, NC

I say NO to two-tier Internet! Please maintain Net Neutrality and reclassify ISPs as common carriers. In America you're not allowed to discriminate against age, race, religion or political belief, why then would you allow a company to discriminate against people according to purchasing power? The internet is the greatest tool we have (to learn, to grow, to gain understanding of other cultures, to communicate). It's the only place where we are all truly equal. Don't mess that up and set a precedent for other countries to follow!

—Yolimar Arbelo, Puerto de Sagunto,

Since I live in a rural area, I already pay a premium for decent internet, having switched from dial-up to satellite a few years ago. Paying more is not feasible, now that I'm retired; in fact, I've been looking for part-time income to augment my Social Security in order to stay current with rising prices on virtually everything. The thought of going back to dial-up speeds is concerning me, since my main way of communicating and keeping up with friends and family is through the internet.

—Gretchen Olsen, Goldendale, WA

A true democracy requires a truly open internet

—Colin Minor, denver, CO

Net neutrality is essential to maintain the freedom of the internet.

—David Mokler, Biddeford, ME

The internet like the airwaves belong to the people. It is an information highway that cannot be divided up into class structure, wealth equaling higher and privileged status on the net. We are already battling that status or difference in our schools, in our economy etc. This is a slippery slope in which you will invite more opportunities to harm the public through class and racial lines. By eliminating net neutrality, you will affect considerably and quite negatively the flow of information which is our right under a supposed democracy.

—Elise Hernandez, Union City, NJ

The internet download speed in the U.S. is SLOWER than that of the country of Estonia. We MUST have an open internet. No monopolies in the provision of internet service. The FCC should be on the side of its employers, we the people. Tom Wheeler, we pay your salary. You must reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Arnie McKnight, Vestal, NY

The internet should serve all the public equally. Tiered service is not right for what should be considered a public utility.

—Claire Garden, Columbia, MO

Net Neutrality is not only extremely important to myself but to our entire country. If neutrality is not returned, it would represent a turning point at which our country has become more authoritarian than democratic in nature. Not only would we lose our free access to all information and be fed filtered content, but it would prove that lobbying can buy our government in the bold face of opposition by the majority of individuals. Keep our country free and democratic! Return the neutrality that once ensured that we have access to all information made available to all by all and do not authorize a zombification campaign by service providers!

—Brian O'Connell, Erie, PA

The internet is my main means of communication. I am a retired teacher of limited means, so having the internet become prejudiced against me would certainly reduce the quality of my life.

—Barbara Hughes, Sanford, FL

Freedom of speech, easy access and cost.

—Steve Aydelott, Bend, OR

We can't afford not to keep net neutrality.

—Diane M Money, Northport, MI

My freedom of choice TRUMPS money, power and all forms of corporate control!!

—Jean Hart, Columbus, NC

The internet is a telecommunications service that should be maintained as a service that is fair and equal to all people of all income levels. To allow people with more money to get 'faster' access is discriminating to those who are in lower income brackets. Fair and equal access to all as a service is the right thing to do.

—Teena Morgalis, Seattle, WA

My husband and I are doing Open Source Software Language Workbench research, which benefits everyone. This takes place on line using Github. Having a slower internet would impede our research and slow any economic development derived from our research.

—Andronetta Douglass, Blaine, WA

A FREE INTERNET IS WHAT IT WAS DESIGNED FOR IN THE FIRST PLACE!

—David Cobb, Jacksonville, FL

Most of us don't have a choice of our ISP. Personally I'm tired of reading where the U.S. has the highest cost and slowest internet service in the developed world. Recently Netflix had to pay comcast to treat their internet traffic so Netflix subscribers on Comcast can actually use their service. What a ripoff! Force internet service providers to treat all internet traffic the same, no exceptions for their BS excuses of bandwidth management or any other schemes to cheat their customers or content providers. No other utility is allowed to charge extra to provide the service promised at the time of taking on another user/customer. Neither should ISP's be allowed to.

—Paul Gondran, Austin, TX

The internet should be equally available to all people.

—Martha Dragovich, Martinez, CA

That the FCC is even considering abandoning Net Neutrality makes it abundantly clear that the FCC does not represent the PEOPLE that they claim, and are supposed, to represent. Welcome to the Oligarchy.

—Sara West, San Luis Obispo, CA

The internet should actually be free to all Americans but that's not going to happen since in America business rules. That being said we can't allow businesses the freedom to decide who can pay for faster speeds and who has to have much slower internet speeds. Save the internet for everyone to be equal.

—Wesa Keith Sweeney, Willisburg, KY

Reclassify ISPs and common carriers because in this day and time that is exactly what they are. Protect neutrality now!

—Cheryl Umberger, Nashville, TN

The destruction of net neutrality would be one more nail of the coffin of democracy.

—Alan Lowe, Waldoboro, ME

Comcast basically has a monopoly in my area because of tall trees and location. I can barely afford my basic internet now. If the big providers are allowed to charge more for decent connections, they low income people and, really, everyone will lose. I am also concerned this ruling will allow them to block or slow down sites they don't approve of and further interfere with our communication. The internet is a utility and is essential for everyone. Please listen to the American people and don't do this. Do your job and protect us not greedy profiteers like Comcast.

—Cheryl Biale, Olympia, WA

Do not let AT&T, Comcast, and Verizon become the drug cartels of cyberspace. Big Business already controls the Supreme Court, congress and mainstream media. Do not let internet providers dictate who is allowed access to the last open frontier, the Internet.

—Jo Anne Fannin, Willoughby, OH

Internet service providers should be classified as common carriers. Companies like Verizon, AT&T and Comcast did not invent the internet and they should not be allowed to gain monetarily from destroying net neutrality. We need to protect everyone who accesses the internet without discrimination based on income or any other factor that would hamper their access to high speed internet service.

—Joan Davis, Palm Bay, FL

AT&T, Comcast, Verizon et al have been overcharging for sub par internet for years. Instead of allowing them to charge more money for inadequate speeds, why not make it a national priority to offer high speed internet for all? At a reasonable price?

—Mr. Robert W. Lynch, Port Saint Lucie, FL

Why is the FCC bowing to corporate greed? Please be brave and stand up for ALL of us, not just the 1%. ALL of us use the internet. ALL of us are entitled to an equal chance at bandwidth. NET NEUTRALITY NOW.

—Earl Smith, Evansville, IN

I want REAL net neutrality. Not two speeds, with those who have the most money to pay for the faster speed at the front. That would mean the end of a real public resource, turning it into the private profit-making domain of large companies, and stifling an open democratic resource for us all.

—Bruce Nissen, Sts. Peteresburg, FL

Corporations act like sociopaths. They shouldn't control the Internet. Make Net Neutrality the law.

—Rick Potthoff, Houston, TX

Net neutrality is important to me in order to keep the internet fair, and accessible to everyone. Can't have that when an, ahem, certain group is trying to discriminate.

—Autumn, Lewis Center, OH

The FCC should be protection American civil rights and not be whores to a corporatocracy.

—Lauri Fielding, gloucester, MA

What you are proposing is very unfair to the average internet user !

—Joan Ward, Camden-Wyoming, DE

Net neutrality aids innovation and provides a platform for job creation.

—Brian Machida, Richmond Hill, NY

Please do not allow A T & T, Verizon & Comcast to achieve an advantage in Internet speed or the "Net Neutrality" issue. Thank You Sandy

—Sandra Mandigo, Panama City, FL

The internet should not be split up into two-tiered internet.

—Kristyn Aurand, Franklin, GA

Keep the NET NEUTRAL. Privatization is strangling America and will do so to the millions of businesses and entrepreneurs keeping this economy going. NO to PRIVATIZATION of the NET!! An open and free net is the basis of our now technological society and the world.

—Ch, Albuquerque, NM

Dear Mr. Wheeler, In a nutshell, I do not want "Pay For Play Internet"...Tell Comcast, AT&T, Verizon and any other Billion Dollar Corporation to Shove It.. Regards, Luke Mele

—Luke Mele, Melrose Park, IL

Keep innovation alive. The internet had made innovation available to everyone and lets a global audience participate. Destroying this would only consolidate wealth for those that already have it and create instability among our population.

—Todd Mera, Underwood, WA

This is a great example..... going down this road will mean that people will not be able to fill out this comment form Because they won't be able to afford to get online. Of course the only people you want to hear from in the future are the wealthy ones.

—Suzanne Simmons, Salt Lake City, UT

The proposed Net Neutrality revisions would only benefit AT&T, Comcast and Verizon. The development of a tier system would allow these monopolistic companies to expand their control over the growing media outlet of the net and reduce the responsibilities to their customer base. The quality of the internet in connectivity, speed and cost does not show 'good faith' on the part of these companies where global comparisons place our internet in the lower ranks of service... to reward these same companies with the potential of greater fees can only be described as a gift.

—Jay Block, Bridgewater, MA

cut the crap that big corruption bought by big money is what we need...

—Bob Nace, pleasant hill, CA

Net Neutrality is important to me because everyone deserves free internet. It is how we stay in touch with people we care about and how businesses run.

—Carling Kirby, N/A,

The internet (like the Postal service) is a necessity that belongs to the people. By granting higher speeds to one class and not to the general public is a form of discrimination-plain and simple. I will boycott every business or company given this special treatment.

—William Hamilton, Holiday, FL

The internet should not be for sale.

—Steve Culliton, Belgrade, MT

Reclassify the ISPs as common Carriers! Wheeler's plan would let Internet service providers like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon create a two-tiered Internet, with fast lanes for those who can afford the extra fees and a slow dirt road for the rest of us. 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.

—Kenneth R. Clark, Unionville, TN

We will fight this corporate power grab.

—Robert Satler, Marseilles, IL

Because i don' t want any person or corporation dictating what i can do or read online.

—Brian Smith, ellington, CT

We need it for our livelihood, and mental wellbeing.

—Mr. Chris Robbins, Clay City, KY

I rely on the internet to keep in touch with distant friends and relatives every day, not to mention looking for the best routes to a destination, the hours a business is open, what the weather is going to be, what's going on in the world, what businesses carry the product I want, what developments there are in the hobby I pursue, when my library books are due. I also use it to stream movies, listen to music, and skype with my distant family. Just as I cannot imagine life without the internet, I can't imagine life with an internet fast-lane for corporations and a slower lane for citizens. Why are we talking about a fast-lane and a slow-lane, when we should be talking about how to increase internet speed for *everyone* everywhere in the country? The US has some of the slowest internet speeds in the world, and the rural parts of the US are virtual internet deserts. Please make the internet a public utility!

—Laura Gottlieb, Madison, WI

The internet is to the 21st century what the telephone was to the 20th century. The internet should be classified as a utility with equal access to everyone at a reasonable price rather than a tool only available to the wealthy. Without net neutrality the internet will be carved up into a "cable television style" of service with people only able to access those areas they can afford. Innovation will be stifled and information will be partitioned in to islands of affordability. It is obvious that the major players are making money with a free and open internet. Otherwise Comcast could not afford to pay billions for Time Warner and AT&T could not afford to pay billions for Direct TV. It is already a travesty that cell phones and cable tv businesses have been allowed to gouge the American public by offering so little for so much money. If the internet is allowed to be taken over by these greedy monopolistic corporations with only cursory regulation, it will prove that our government no longer represents the interests of the American people. For once, stand up to these wealthy corporations and individuals and do what is right for the country.

—Phillip John, Mount Juliet, TN

Please classify ISPs as common carriers. Everyone should have equal access to the internet. A tiered system would be one more nail in the coffin of economic equality.

—Elizabeth Berteaux, Davis, CA

Equity for all on the Internet is integral to 1st Amendment rights. No special privileges for those who can pay more.

—Martha Milne, Fort Myers, FL

I want to hear perspectives from everyone, not just those who can afford to pay.

—Ms. Ellen Kratka, Woodbury, CT

Removing net neutrality benefits huge corporations and punishes the individual citizen. America and the world are watching you closely now, and reclassifying ISP's as common carriers is the only solution that will be considered acceptable. Don't ignore the people you are supposed to be serving. Do the right thing!

—Brian Lamprecht, Marquette, MI

Our Internet rights should be protected by the FCC. The freedom of information and communication should not be restricted by the party we pay to provide the information. This is the worst form of corporate favoritism! Please fulfill your duties to protect the American public and keep our right to access information open and available for all.

—Ally Cohen, Mendham, NJ

If I pay for high speed internet, ALL the data I chose to look at should come through at the same speed. In a open and fair marketplace if the ISP want me to watch their content, they should have to make it appeal to me. Furthermore I believe the internet should be classified as an utility. Too many people rely on it for companies to be able to hold it hostage to their whims.

—Dennis ST.Pierre, Venom, CT

The Internet is working just fine, companies are making money, so WHY MESS things up?

—Stephen Stuczynski, Grafton, MA

I Demand an open Internet for ALL! Not just those who can afford it.

—Mr DONALD B WATSON, MONROVIA, MD

Governmental and commercial intervention will open the internet to ideological manipulation and political control, threatening democracy and individual liberty as no form of technology has previously done. I will support no politician who does not respect the principle of net neutrality, and I will oppose all governmental intrusion into this medium.

—Robert W. Haynes, Laredo, TX

Because we are tired of being dictated to by corporate America. They tell us what TV channels we must subscribe to. They tell us who may call us on our phones (Do Not Call is a joke!). Now, with your help, us little guys will pay more for less service on the internet while the rich pay less for better service. Reclassify the providers as common carriers - it's that simple.

—John Quadros, Fremont, CA

Keep Net Neutrality! Classify ISPs as common carriers; any thing else is a slap in the face.

—Robin Wolfe, San Tan Valley, AZ

Make ISPs common carriers !!

—CJ Taylor, Austin, TX

It's a part of democracy, equality, and for everyone having a voice in what matters to their lives. Our country was built on the foundation of individual liberty and freedom. If the people with the most money and corporations are allowed to make the rules for communication, democracy and freedom are compromised for ordinary citizens.

—Marie Snavelly, Lititz, PA

With every person in the country required by law to utilise the internet, restricting or selling access, allowing the providers to pick and choose who has ease of access - all of this will give those with money all the advantage and make the gap between classes even wider. The internet access must be free and neutral. The purchase of government by corporations is unacceptable. Do NOT allow the approval of these rules that encourage monopolies. Break the monopoly these companies are trying to form and keep the internet free and neutral for all users.

—Candace Hibbard Lillie, Eucha, OK

Please strengthen the Internet's position as one of the few level playing fields remaining in a world where money talks and money controls. Stand up for the people whose interests you are there to safeguard! Be courageous!

—Mary Ellen Roche, SCOTTSDALE, AZ

Please do not allow discrimination online.

—William V Patterson, New Oxford, PA

The internet should be available to everyone equally for a reasonable price. This is a basic service and should be regulated as are basic utilities.

—Margot Gwin, Desert Hot Springs, CA

Please preserve net neutrality. Using the internet is expensive enough!

—Roger Jones, Sacramento, CA

I'm a Librarian at a public library and see daily the importance of the internet, and also witness the digital divide. Those without the income to afford internet access come here to apply for jobs, social services, do schoolwork, etc. Free access to all information for all people should not be compromised by the "have's" and corporate greed.

—Stacy Reyer, Sanford, FL

Sounds to me like the FCC is taking kickbacks from the major ISPs. That is no surprise to me with the corrupt government that we all now have to live with in this money hungry greed stricken world we live in. Hopefully the FCC will take the high road here and do the right thing. However no one is holding their breath for that.

—Jeff Naumann, Belleville, IL

Do not give the internet to the corporations. I pay for service and based on the amount of bandwidth, I pay more than the average. I also know much of the laid fiber isn't being used, so this isn't about anything but control. Billions in profits tells the whole story. They make enough money already and they don't give enough back to the people. Corporations don't need more power and you should be fired. You are the face of the oppression and suppression... Want to do something useful? Push for corporations to be labeled as a fictional entity and take away "rights" given to them by other extremists and profiteers. That would be something positive and beneficial.

—Dave Jaeger, Frisco, TX

The Internet should be for "We the People" and not controlled by big corporate interests.

—Mark T. Lundholm, Palatine, IL

We're supposed to be a nation of laws and not men. The rules as proposed rely entirely on the FCC determining after the fact that a TELCO has violated the spirit of the regulation instead of laying out clear rules to maintain net neutrality. This is a prescription for failure. I don't want to stumble through the net having to pay various content providers additional fees (either as fees or added advertizing) because they have paid for more bandwidth. The internet needs to be a common carrier to provide a common service for the nation's citizens.

—Jeff Harrison, Worley, ID

Foster capitalism, do not make it more difficult for new businesses!

—Joseph Lomonaco, brattleboro, VT

Please keep the internet NEUTRAL.

—Robert Wohlberg, Minneapolis, MN

Net neutrality is important to me because it will affect the type of websites I can access.

—Mr. Martin Adams, 18042, PA

We're gouged for every penny in every other aspect of American life. Please don't conjure up more reasons to charge us further. It's corporate greed, nothing more.

—R Eagleton, Austin, TX

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers and keep Big Corporation from being able to decide who gets faster internet service!

—Susan Meiers, Macomb, IL

I pay my isp to be able to access the internet. I should be able to access the data/sites that I want and the speeds that I'm paying for, instead of being forced to use sites that have been extorted by cable companies. ISPs need to be reclassified as common carriers.

—Peter Thompson, Toronto, WA

I depend on the internet daily.

—Connie Meadows, Portland, OR

Net neutrality will help to support small businesses using the Internet.

—Aaron Riep, MCKINLEYVILLE, CA

I am a web application developer. My business has been focused around the internet since its inception. This attack on the very infrastructure of that system is bad for business, bad for innovators, and bad for entrepreneurs like myself. The power to limit bandwidth is too much power to be placed in the hands of a select few corporations.

—Todd Moyer, Los Angeles, CA

The FCC cannot enable Internet Service Providers (ISP) to create a mutli-tiered internet. Regardless of an ISP's assurances that they won't slow down internet streaming capabilities of it's customers, we know that is a LIE. In an effort to get Netflix to bend to it's will, Verizon intentionally slowed down the streaming speeds of Netflix. Only when Netflix agreed to Verizon's terms did Netflix streaming speed return to normal. THIS IS A CRIME. The FCC cannot enable, condone or facilitate abuse of power by an ISP. The only way to prevent ISP abuse of power is to reclassify ALL ISP's must be classified as common carriers.

—Miss Kathleen Hamilton, Maplewood, MN

Having different net tiers will break the net, and only benefit large corporations.

—Brent C. Brolin, New City, NY

Access to the internet should be considered a RIGHT not a PRIVILEGE in a democratic societ. Please keep the internet neutral - please do not sell our freedom to big corporations. thanks, russ anderson Laramie, WY

—Mr. Russ Anderson, highland park, NJ

Open internet is a part of a true democracy. Protect our nation by protecting free internet

—Vanessa lasko, Va beach, VA

Please please please do not sell the neutral internet to the highest bidder! Please represent us, the people, not the richest corporations that just want MORE of our money and offer us LESS for it. Please enable us to surf without being limited by what the ISP's want us to see. I can turn off my TV, I can't function without my internet. Thank you.

—Kurt Streit, Albuquerque, NM

I do not want to be a second-class user on the Net.

—Frances Waksler, Cambridge, MA

The air is free and so should all information be free!

—Jean Gerson-Greer, New York, NY

Keep the net NEUTRAL Please

—Shane Finnie, morongo valley, CA

I AM A SOVEREIGN BEING THAT HAS THE INALIENABLE AND SOVEREIGN BIRTHRIGHT TO SPEAK MY MIND, SEARCH THE INTERNET AND MOVE ABOUT WITHOUT SURVEILLANCE AND WITHOUT INTERFERENCE FROM AN OUT OF CONTROL "ACTING" GOVERNMENT. I NEITHER REQUIRE NOR DESIRE YOUR SURVEILLANCE OR ATTEMPTED CONTROL ON MY LIFE AND ACTIVITIES AND YOUR INTERFERENCE IS A CRIME!!!! I AM NOT ASKING YOU, I AM DEMANDING THAT YOU KEEP THE INTERNET NEUTRAL!!!

—Ms. Holly McDuffie, Los Angeles, CA

We, as citizens of the United States of America, have been experiencing nothing but "Too big to fail" everywhere we look. Hopefully more and more of the public are waking up to how bad and wrong it is. The sad thing is, it proves more and more how pathetic our governmental system has become. Instead of a government of the people, by the people, for the people, our government is comprised of above middle class, if not wealthy people, who are well connected and ingrained in the various lines of business that they're supposed to be keeping an eye on and making sure they don't run over the public in their greedy quest to make more and more money. There are good reasons for our anti monopoly laws, unfortunately they're being trampled every day due to the big corporate, big company, wealthy buy out of our government. The appointment of Tom Wheeler, a well ingrained industry insider/lobbyist, as FCC Chairman, by our Democratic President proves that both parties no longer have the public's best interest in mind. By some miracle maybe someone will eventually end the destruction and sell out of our country for the benefit of a few who already have more than they'll ever need.

—Enrico Pelausa, Manassas Park, VA

It's too easy for the people with tons of money to buy their way into politics and just about everything else. Don't let them have the internet, too. Because you know that's what would happen; whatever supported their bottom line would be available, what contradicted their hype would be buried. Please don't let it happen.

—Julie Hagan Bloch, Hurleyville, NY

Net neutrality is Paramount to maintain the use of the internet as a place for free speech.

—Alex Stanfield, Birmingham, AL

we need to be able to have free speech for all not just the wealthy

—Catherine Griffin, Southbury, CT

Never mind your rules. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Time to do some real regulating, fairly. Remove all "fast lanes" for those who can afford the extra fees, giving them the power to pick winners and losers online and discriminate against online content and applications.

—Dr. Ross McCluney, Cape Canaveral, FL

I am part owner in a startup that would be seriously hurt if we were to lose Net Neutrality. Please do not let the large corporations take the internet that we have built and turn it into a cash cow for their use.

—Kenneth Daybreak Loafman, Plano, TX

It is essential to save the scraps of democracy we have left. It is in your court. Do you believe in the is country and democracy? If you limit the internet, you vote for oligarchy.

—Valerie Lucznikowska, New York, NY

You must NOT allow the needs and wishes of rich and powerful corporations to be considered over and above the needs and wishes of real people. Corporations are NOT people, no matter what SCOTUS says. Real people do NOT want monopolies. We want a fair playing field for all.

—Leona Lee, St. James,

We absolutely need to have a level playing field for EVERYONE. The reason the Internet has been able to thrive is because everyone gets an equal say on it. Limiting someone's capability to say their piece on the Internet is a violation of free speech.

—Aaron Light, Sterling, VA

Equal treatment for all is the necessary and right thing to protect.

—Richard Whipple, Dallas, OR

the internet is one of the most important resources we have. it works precisely because it's open and neutral. it is the great even playing field. just because corporations suddenly decide they should be making more money off it by limiting access and favoring premium packages doesn't mean they control the people's right to their information superhighway. please don't take this first step down a slippery slope - it will be remembered as the first incompetent step on a long road of internet ruin. this will not be where this ends. fast lanes and slow lanes are just the beginning, and our internet in america is already slower most of the world. let us not look back 1 year, 5 years, 10 years, 20 years later and wonder why we let the internet be controlled by greed.

—Jordan Clifford, Brooklyn, NY

I have been paying income taxes since 1962. It was our tax dollars that created the internet. It is a public good. It is unAmerican to now give it to monopolies-- that do not pay income taxes-- so they can extort even more money from us. This isn't China or Putin's Russia.

—M C Kubiak, BMI, IL

In 2014, freedom of expression as guaranteed in the 1st amendment requires net neutrality. There are other ways express our right to freedom of speech, but the internet has become a mainstay to this right. This right is guaranteed without interference by the government, so you're up against the 1st amendment if you don't overturn this. Keep the internet free and neutral!

—Lindsay Black, Santa Cruz, CA

It is undemocratic, and blatantly insulting and unjust to the vast majority of internet users, for service providers to be able to discriminate against content and applications. Net neutrality must be preserved.

—Kathleen McMahon, Ypsilanti, MI

Net neutrality is important to me because I can't afford to pay more for specific websites. My internet service provider already charges me too much.

—Brian Lara, Miami, FL

The internet must remain a level field for everyone.

—Sharon M. Callahan, East Windsor, NJ

The free flow of information is vital for the functioning of an open, democratic society. Preserve net neutrality.

—Paul Nagy, Forest City, IA

An informed public is essential for a functioning democracy. Control of the information flow is anathema to a democracy. The internet is the only conduit that the telecom giants don't control. Ironic that they are the same hypocrites who disingenuously speak about "free markets" and the evils of regulation when in fact that is precisely what they do NOT want. The fact that they have manipulated legislation in several states to prevent community-owned ISPs- clearly designed to kill competition- speaks volumes.

—Cecily Stephens, Pittsburg, KS

I am a teacher who runs an educational website for my class, this website is accessed by my public school students at home and at school. I find your proposal would place my site in the slow lane. Since, I could not negotiate nor pay to have the site placed in the "fast lane". My students, if your proposal was in place, would be placed at an educational disadvantage. They would find the site slow and become frustrated. Yet, sites run for profit, Google and Netflix, all fine. The net in the future, under the FCC proposal, would not be decided by us the users, but by the cable companies. This new course laid out by the FCC would harm our future generations and their access to knowledge and in the end to an open and free education. Please throw out these rules and instead reclassify the ISPs as common carriers.

—William Cavada, San Jose, CA

The Internet needs to be free of all control, and must belong to the individual who uses it. These individuals should use the internet how they want to, when they want to, and be in full control of its content. It is one of the last few means of total free communication and should remain so!

—Prakash Singh, Kolkata,

I support true net neutrality.

—Chuck F. Hedges Jr., Midland, TX

Free speech, Free Internet. Leave it alone!

—peewee green, Elmsford, NY

It's beyond a huge disservice to citizens and companies who deserve equal access to information at equal speeds. Please reject the monopoly of power in the information delivery industry.

—Margaret NATARIO, Waltham, MA

The internet has become a necessity, like water and electricity. It should be regulated as if it were a utility.

—Carol O'Neill, Shorewood, WI

The internet must be FREE AND EQUAL, in order that we U.S. citizens remain FREE AND EQUAL before the law.

—Hank Rodgers, Silverado, CA

I don't want my internet company or anyone else telling me that a product that I pay for should cost more for certain sites than others!

—Alexa King, Denver, CO

A free and open internet is the single greatest technology of our time, and control should not be at the mercy of corporations. A free and open internet stimulates ISP competition. A free and open internet helps prevent unfair pricing practices. A free and open internet promotes innovation. A free and open internet promotes the spread of ideas. A free and open internet drives entrepreneurship. A free and open internet protects freedom of speech.

—Anna Patton, Tucson, AZ

As a researcher and the sole proprietor of a small service business, I need unfettered access to information, and unfettered ability for potential clients to find me. As an American citizen, I want my First Amendment rights fully protected. As a human being, I want to be able to communicate freely and easily with other human beings, as I have been able to do on the internet up to this point. Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Amy Stoller, New York, NY

The internet is the only media where the majority of the content is not controlled by big money. It's the only place where one can find points of view that are radically different from main-stream media without having to pay a fee. That's why net neutrality is precious to me.

—Eliot Kleinberg, Glendale, CA

Don't 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, without a way to do anything about it. If you're truly serious about "net neutrality" the only way to avoid discrimination against online content and applications is to: CLASSIFY ISP's AS COMMON CARRIERS. Please protect REAL NET NEUTRALITY and do the right thing for people and not for corporations that have only a profit motive. Thank you.

—Jan Stewart, Shoreline, WA

Reclassify ISP's as common carriers, push for deregulation of city's and state's fiber use laws, and replace Tom Wheeler with John Oliver (and pay him a boatload of money for rescuing us)

—Michael Monteleone, APO, NY

That this proposal is actually under serious consideration is indicative of how far down the road of the Corporate takeover of America we've become. I barely recognize the America I grew up in. Neutrality = EQUALITY. The busting of net equality will usher in an internet age of corporate elitism. It will effectively drown out equal opportunity for small business who won't be able to compete in the more expensive "fast lane." The result will be the creation of monopolies. DUH!!! If approved, it will be yet another travesty against the system this country is supposed to embody but hasn't actually seen for decades now: democracy. Shame on Pres. Obama, whom I voted for, for nominating Wheeler, proving again that Obama is just another politician under the corporate influence of his campaign contributors, to the neglect of the rest of us.

—Christine Woods, Hudson, NY

Because there are no privileged bits.

—Linda Wilscam, Rockville, CT

The major ISPs already make enough money without being able to charge tech companies for fast lane service. I already pay (and pay more than the rest of the world for slower service) to have the internet come to my home. There is no reason (except for Tom Wheeler being an ISP shill) for allowing a two tier system.

—Dennis O'Brien, Milton, DE

This is a very sad turn of events for me who grew up in the USA and freedom of the press was considered a basic part of the peoples' rights. Let us all hope these rules will be seen as more corporate abuse of people and dismissed promptly.

—Gregory Anderson, Williamsport, PA

I work from home and use the internet for my entertainment in a very rural area. I need complete and timely access.

—Barbara Moore-Lewis, Brinnon, WA

I know capitalism is a good thing but this will destroy what should be available equally to all people that use the internet. These rules will allow companies and the wealthy to have even more power and those that don't have such money, such as a freelance artist, to be pushed to the side and will absolutely ruin their business.

—Kapila Hazelett, Powell, TN

The internet has to stay a level playing field if the US is to stay at least competitive in the world's economy and at best a leader.

—Carol Gilbert Gilbert-Sacks, Charlottesville, VA

To save the internet for EVERYone, EVERYwhere. We've already learned that the Separate But Equal is essentially flawed and does not work.

—Ruth W. Tuft, New York, NY

The free internet is one of the best equality leveling tools to happen in the world. Don't rob us of this.

—Michele Temple, Woodside, NY

PLEASE! Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Julie Schmiess, Talent, OR

Why do I keep wishing I was born in a Scandinavian country? Or that Canada was to the east or west of us, not north? Greatest country on earth -- yeah, right.

—Lori Nichols, Shutesbury, MA

Thanks to the recent explanation, by John Oliver, of what the proposed Net Neutrality controversy means for our future access to and use of the internet, I am appealing to the FCC to use better judgment in resolution of the matters presently under consideration, than appears to have been the case in previous statements of record.

—Charles Anderson, Wells,, ME

Net neutrality is vital to keeping a level playing field. Don't throw the little guys under the bus.

—Lillian Paynter, Oxnard, CA

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

—William Layman, Fishersville, VA

The Internet must offer free access to all without "pay for routing" deals which allow internet providers to block traffic for commercial reasons.

—Seth Cenac, Miami, FL

The proposed FCC rules are genuinely disappointing. They are discriminatory and will be unfair to enormous numbers of Internet users. I therefore urge that they be discarded and that ISPs be reclassified as common carriers.

—Frieda Brown, Okemos, MI

Net neutrality is censorship light.

—Les, Aurora, IL

Do NOT take away Net Neutrality!

—Janet K, Sydney,

YOUR FAST TRACK IDEA RANKS RIGHT UP THERE WITH "LET THEM EAT CAKE". IT IS UNCLEAR IF YOU ARE ALL REALLY THAT STUPID, OR THAT CORRUPT! BUT WHATEVER THE REASON, YOU APPEAR HELLBENT ON DESTROYING ANYTHING EVEN RESEMBLING A DEMOCRACY IN THIS COUNTRY. NO FAST TRACK!!! NO TIERED INTERNET!!!

—Myrolee Stanfield, Tucson, AZ

Dear FCC, Please don't allow cable companies to regulate our download speeds based on ISP. I would also like to see some change that would allow for more competition among ISPs.

—Michael Schaffer, Aliso Viejo, CA

The internet provides incredible opportunities for communication for which users already pay in plans often tiered but speed and other metered capacity features. It is not obvious what ISPs need to be able to make further legal distinctions and discriminations between their customers. Since vast numbers of persons now depend on internet in lieu of landline and will soon be using their cellphones as internet voice communication devices there is a strong logic to declaring internet content delivery a public utility. Please protect open internet.

—James Dwyer, Claremont, CA

Corporate controlled media has left the Internet as the last bastion of free speech. Your rules will destroy our First Amendment rights and are a despicable indication of how controlled you are. This is not a time for you to yield to the scent of money, but is a time for a real moral decision. Reclassify these large Internet providers as Common Carriers, now.

—Mr. Leonard Heether, Trufant, MI

Don't cave in to the giant corporations. Think of people first.

—Hoyt Mathews, Riverwoods, IL

Do not sell out the Internet. Remember the little guy.

—Suzanne Bedat, Brandon, FL

The Internet is the last true vestige of equality in the world. No matter how noble the intentions of those putting these rules in place (mind you, I don't believe nobility has anything to do with this) they are only going to be used to hurt people who don't deserve to be hurt. None of these companies cares about anything but their bottom line; customers are always secondary. Money and profit has always been more important to... well, pretty much everyone. The Internet was always the one exception-- if you paid for the same service as everyone else, you GOT the same service as everyone else. Let the Internet stand as the last vestige of true equality in the world. Because despite everything that everyone else says to the contrary, as a poor citizen in the United States, I can tell you there IS no other equality, at least in the USA.

—Jessica Freeman, St. Louis, MO

The net helped me connect with the world at a time when my depression kept me isolated. I use it to write, and to research articles, and depend on being able to access all sorts of information.

—Rachel Port, Catalina, AZ

Please do not sell the internet...

—Mr. Michael Krall, Lander, WY

The Oligarchy already has too much power. A two tier internet will only allow them more. It will silence voices they don't agree with and will stifle economic competition. The proposed new rules are nothing more than a massive sellout to big business.

—Brian Cheverie, Buffalo, NY

It is a way for me to communicate and I do not have the money to pay big bucks to a communication company to use it.

—Gerald Lorenz, Salem, OR

Don't establish discriminatory fast lanes for internet access... Please keep a level playing field!

—Phil Broussard, Portland, OR

As the publisher of a small magazine, we won't be easily found on an internet search if we lose net neutrality. There are millions more Americans in the same situation. The deck will be stacked against us, and FOR the very wealthy large corporations, etc. You CANNOT do this to us, we work hard and have a right just as much as anyone else to run a business using a level playing field.

—Ariel Monserrat, Sneedville, TN

Please protect the internet for the people not the CORPORATIONS, corporations are not people! MICHAEL P ABRAMS JR

—Michael Abrams, PARKESBURG, PA

The argument that ISP's want to create prioritization lanes to improve service for consumers is a facade. These corporations also want control over these prioritizations so that they can monetize them for profit. As consumers, this deal would limit our freedom as web users and expand the freedom of massive corporations. Yes, it might improve efficiency, but the cost will inevitably be passed down to the consumer and we'll also be ceding even more of our power to these companies. It's a bad deal for individuals, plain and simple. As the FCC, it's job to strike a fair balance of power among different parties. The individual citizens of the US should be your first and foremost priority! Think about how powerful these billion dollar corporations have already become. They don't need any more control over our daily lives! The fact that they have influential money in politics is already far too corrupt, and now they want to gain control over the one thing that unites people around the world and serves as our strongest platform for political change. Just say no, PLEASE!

—Levi Toback, Philadelphia, PA

Neutrality is important to protect our free use of the internet, without discrimination.

—Faith Freeman, Lampeter,