

I am a very small time user of the internet and do not want to be shuffled to the slow lane simply because I am not a big time user. My radio and telephone communications are not sped up or slowed down based on how much I pay. Why should my internet??

—Seren Bradshaw, Westwood, CA

We the people want to keep the net neutral. We don't want a discriminatory system that allows for fast and slow lanes.

—Martin Corbin, Brattleboro, VT

I am a human being, not an income bracket! I "count" as much as a Peterson or a Koch, a Senator or a Doctor. If this nation aspires to become a democracy, then inequality must not be encouraged further!

—Pamela Allee, Portland,, OR

The internet is my daily source of information and as common in my life as a telephone. It should be classified as a "public utility" and vigorously protected from any attempts at control or favoritism. Equal access to the internet helps to balance race and class by ensuring that everyone has equal access to the information they need to succeed in life. It's vital.

—Forrest Batson, San Diego, CA

because the US is the home of freedom

—Sue Shulman, prospect hts, IL

PLEASE do not allow companies to participate in regulating how I access anything I choose on the internet. Having a two tiered internet system is just for THEIR profit. Keep REAL net neutrality alive and well by reclassifying ISPs as common carriers. The proposed internet rules are not in my best interest. Do not enact.

—Joanne Schwarz, Gaithersburg, MD

The internet is a public utility and should be regulated like one. It is essential to the functioning of our society, like electricity, water, gas, etc. The internet is the most common means of communication and commerce in the United States and should be regulated to ensure that it remains as impartial as our system of interstate highways and roads.

—Andrew Rubio, Upland, CA

The Internet is relied upon for personal, professional, and social research and interactions. The need for it has become ingrained in our everyday lives, just like electricity and running water. You must protect it as the resource it has evolved to be!

—Amanda Hafner, Snowflake, AZ

FCC, why would only the wealthiest people get speedy service online? That sounds fair? That sounds just and right? Throw out the rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Lonnie Benzel, ORMOND BEACH, FL

Net neutrality is a building block of a fair economic future for all Americans. Do your job and put the interests of the American people ahead of corporate welfare.

—Mark Aflatooni, Austin, TX

The Internet represents true worldwide democracy, for better or worse. Allowing government to parcel off the Internet to commercial carriers who will provide different levels of service is appalling! It's a direct, outright attack on democracy. The people of the world built the Internet, not commercial carriers, who should not be able to control access, speed, content or anything else.

—Kathy Keenan, Aptos, CA

Please designate internet service providers as common carriers in order to protect reasonable access to the internet. The proposal for a fast lane puts the internet in danger of monopoly control and threatens the right to free speech.

—Gregory Musnikow, Flushing, NY

The very first amendment to the constitution of the United States guarantees the freedom of speech. It's really that simple. Net Neutrality is a first amendment issue.

—William Ferguson, Los Angeles, CA

allowing a fast track for a price will stifle and possibly rout the creative and entrepreneurial components of the internet.

—Myron Meisel, Los Angeles, CA

Net neutrality is our right as citizens of a FREE country. You work for us, not the corporations.

—Caitlin Sido, Spencerville, IN

This is the ONLY way to protect Net Neutrality: reclassify ISPs as common carriers!

—Rev Gregory Yaroslow, Redlands, CA

I don't want, nor do I want future generations to have to pay more money for better service. Maintaining Net Neutrality will mean that future advances will benefit everyone, not primarily those who can more easily afford it.

—Doug Wilson, Eugene, OR

Stop pandering to big business, protect the people not the 1%

—Gordon Kelly, Port Saint Lucie, FL

No two-tier Internet - this would be the final straw for America! Please the wealthiest corporations at the expense of the people. Is this still America, the land of the free? We pay enough as it is to be able to just access the Internet; now we have to deal with corporate greed and manipulation. Classify the Internet as a public utility... it is the only way to keep it from being used as another method of ending Americans' free choice. Don't allow the Comcasts and Time Warner Cables of the planet rob the people blind. If you choose to do anything other than keeping the Internet neutral, you will lose the respect of millions. The FCC should not be playing into the hands of some of the wealthiest corporations in the world while the rest of the population gets tossed aside.

—Deborah Gostin, San Diego, CA

Without net neutrality there is no level playing field. ISP will play favorites. We need net neutrality to ensure equality for all.

—Ali Shakur, Plainfield, IL

Net neutrality keeps a level playing field for all business to compete fairly.

—M Loftus, Kihei, HI

The internet should be treated as a utility! In my area, I only have one option for cable internet, and they don't give me anything close to what I pay for, and charge me way more than I should have to pay, all because they can get away with it. This needs fixed. Make internet a utility, as internet is just about as important for school and business as electricity and water are now. It would be impossible for me to get my education without internet, and so I'm forced to pay way too much just to have access. I went a week without internet, and was unable to do my assignments off campus, as most of my assignments REQUIRE internet connection. It's a utility, treat it like one. Don't let ISPs dictate how good of service we get, and what websites we can have access to.

—Karolyn Foltz, Bryan, TX

FCC Chairman Wheeler's proposed Internet rules would allow rampant discrimination online. If approved, these rules would mean the end of Net Neutrality. We the users of the internet are asking you to throw out these rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the only way to protect real Net Neutrality.

—Karen Kirschling, San Francisco, CA

WHY IS THE FCC EVEN CONSIDERING THIS? WE KNOW THAT THE CABLE COMPANY EXECUTIVES ARE LIARS. WHY ALL CAPS? WE ARE ALL PISSED BECAUSE YOU HAVE ENOUGH AND YET YOU WANT EVEN MORE. YOU ARE WILLING TO DESTROY EVERYTHING, INCLUDING OUR PLANET TO GET WHAT YOU WANT! YOUR KIND (CORPORATE AMERICA AND HER LACKYS) HAVE TURNED OUR COUNTRY INTO A GLOBAL JOKE. LEAVE OUR INTERNET ALONE! WE DONT NEED IT CHOPPED UP BY THE CABLE COMPANIES. WE DESERVE MORE THAN THEIR SCRAPS!

—Rebecca Rodriguez, Alhambra, CA

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.

—Kevin M. Cox, San Francisco, CA

It's important for democracy! The post office can't slow down your mail based on what's inside it or speed up delivery even if they're paid extra money. ISPs shouldn't be able to slow the internet down and speed it up for people who can pay because the internet is a public utility!

—Sam Halpern, Atlanta, GA

I really believe the net should be the way it was and still is... Don't change it !! Please keep net neutrality...

—Pryce Elliott, Browning, MT

Don't capitulate to corporate blackmail!

—Teresa Carrillo, Corpus Christi, TX

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—Gerald H. Learn, Wynnewood, PA

NET NEUTRALITY LEVELS THE PLAYING FIELD FOR SMALL AND LARGE BUSINESS ALIKE, ENSURING COMPETITION TO THE BENEFIT OF CONSUMERS..

—Linwood Sasser, Simi valley, CA

Doing away with Net Neutrality limits competition and has an negative impact on the dissemination of information essential for a successful democracy. Doing away with Net Neutrality puts control of information in the hands of those with money (a monopoly) rather than all our citizens. NO TWO-TIERED INTERNET!!!!

—Catherine Stevens, Hilton Head Island, SC

I am disabled, don't get disability, quite low income. Internet access is very important to me. I also teach cat rescue extensively on the internet, and 99.9 percent of those I teach, are low income. This is FREE TEACHING, and the people I teach go do FREE SERVICE WORK, none of which would happen without net neutrality! Don't cave into the big companies, listen to all of us! Katherine Gesine Lohr

—Gesine Lohr, Alameda, CA

We have lost to much control over our lives as it is. Don't take away a free and fair internet!

—Joan F. Byrd, Cullowhee, NC

The FCC, if it is truly serving the public interest, must affirm that the Internet is a public utility that should have no privileged "fast lanes." Giving corporations or individuals the ability to purchase faster transmission lines will do irreparable damage to our democracy.

—Richard Herskowitz, Eugene, OR

Throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Your plan would let Internet service providers like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon create a two-tiered Internet, with fast lanes for those who can afford the extra fees and a slow dirt road for the rest of us. These companies would have the power to pick winners and losers online and discriminate against online content and applications. And no one would be able to do anything about it.

—Susan Peirce, Lyons, CO

Americans deserve better internet service: faster, less expensive and accessible to all. The very concept of enabling the few corporations who provide internet access to charge more for faster service is wrong-headed. Net neutrality should be guaranteed and the industry should be regulated as a public utility just like electric companies and other public services the public depends on. I urge you to preserve net neutrality and designate internet service as a public utility.

—K Nilsen, Ben Lomond, CA

Allowing a tiered Internet would be about as fair as allowing commercial vehicles to drive faster on the highway than private vehicles.

—Kevin J. O'Rourke, Camden, NY

Please don't let corporate interests destroy the Internet for monetary gain! The Internet is a fundamental and tremendous tool of human knowledge, association, and progress, and it's your duty as agents fo a democracy to protect humanity's shared future by protecting net neutrality. You're in a position to harm the Internet or prevent harm -- please act to prevent harm.

—Megan A Dorsey, Seattle, WA

Equality in speed and accessibility is necessary for freedom on the Internet. Don't sacrifice our freedom for the profit of monopolies.

—Jordan Bosworth, New Castle, DE

All people and companies deserve a fair chance to thrive, and the advent of the internet has made this a real possibility. Ending net neutrality would put a serious damper on this unprecedented equality that we've been enjoying for the last twenty years.

—Steven Hlavac, Washingtonville, NY

The whole concept of the internet is at stake ...freedom to communicate without profiteering or censorship. The large corporate takeover is totally wrong.

—Granger Evans, Kelowna BC, AZ

It's important for our future to keep real net neutrality

—Kenny Smith, Sharon hill, PA

Chairman Wheeler, when we were kids our teacher taught us about the First Amendment. Freedom of speech is as important now as it was back in 1791. Internet service providers now want to ignore this freedom. To impede the dissemination of knowledge is to go against our basic freedoms. Please do not allow the discrimination of online speech and freedom to access it fairly and openly. Thank you for considering this important matter that will negatively affect millions of Americans, both young and old. Sincerely, Mark Morano

—Mark Morano, Boston, MA

The only reason that the Internet is what it is today is that everyone has equal access! Allowing those that have money to have "more equal" access than those that do not have money, is stepping on the backs on those that created the Internet in the first place. And only the very stupid could ever believe the statement that money just buys faster access and everyone else has fast access.

—William Querry, Painesville, OH

As a senior citizen without much income, I cannot afford to pay for the Internet. It seems to me that means of communicating over the Net must remain low in cost to permit users in my financial situation to continue using it.

—Dr. Sandra H Cooper, Wheatland, WY

The internet net is speech. The Constitution states there is freedom of speech in America. If Net Neutrality is not allowed then you are declaring an end to free speech.

—Dan Driscoll, Newport News, VA

Our country is founded on the principle of equality for all... not only for the wealthiest corporations!

—Patricia Harris, Woodbine, NJ

Common Carrier reclassification is a MUST. I will keep this short. Simply reclassify the providers of internet connections (any provider who sells end users IP addresses to get online) as Common Carriers. They are using public space either air waves or public right of way to provide their service to the end user. Same as Electric providers do and Water companies that run supply running water and sewer in our homes. As such they should be treated as such. Thank You

—Stephen Chilcutt, Edinburgh, IN

It is essential to maintain an internet equally accessible to all... Free and speedy.... If we want to keep ahead of the rest of the world!!!

—Louanne Lasdon, Ravenna, OH

Millions and millions of real people vs. a handful of big money corporations. I think it's pretty obvious why we need NET NEUTRALITY!!

—George Davis, New Lisbon, WI

Please leave the internet the way it is now.

—Liter Spence, Cortez, CO

Internet communication is a service that has become vital to the function of our lives and economy. To allow telecommunications companies to dictate the quality of service based on the content being carried opens up a gigantic can of worms. It allows for de facto censorship under the guise of prioritizing other content over what a company wishes to suppress. It allows established businesses to interfere with the formation of new services by prioritizing existing ones. Imagine trying to start a new small business only to be told that phone calls to your business will not be as high quality or reliable, because the phone company is dedicating their resources to your competitors. And in the end, it suborns the choice of the consumer. When I purchase internet service, it is up to me where I want to go on the internet. I pay for the speed and amount of data that I feel is worth it to me, and it's up to my ISP to live up to that contract. If the ISP's network is getting too congested because of people watching youtube or netflix or using VoIP, then it is up to the ISP to fix the issue. Either that, or stop promising a high speed that it cannot guarantee simply because it's supply of bandwidth does not meet the demand of its consumers. If a supplier cannot meet demand, then it must stop promising to do so, or it must increase supply, period. It should not be allowed to play games by promising to fulfill a demand - unless there's too much, in which case it will arbitrarily decide which demands it will meet.

—Jason Place, Warwick, RI

Please designate internet service providers as common carriers. Providing the option of a fast lane threatens free speech. The rest of the world looks to America to protect democracy and free speech. Your example is important to the whole world's freedom.

—Zvi Musnikow, D.N.Eilot,

Please do not enable a corpocracy by denying our access to an open internet.

—Peter Lockwood, Patagonia, AZ

The internet should not be any different for big corporations than it is for any one individual.

—Michael Lieberman, Honolulu, HI

The internet is a utility! It is an indispensable necessity of modern citizenship. THIS IS OBVIOUS! Why should anyone have any faster access when the US is already WELL-BEHIND the ROI and OVERALL speeds of OTHER countries in the world and rural areas still have only dial-up, cellular or satellite? NO MORE CORPORATE GIVEAWAYS! LOCK THE REVOLVING DOOR!!!

—Matthew Kozak, Lehigh Acres, FL

Without absolute, undiluted freedom of access to information there can be no democracy. Either you are with us the people, or you with the self-appointed, wealthy elite rulers.

—Robert Fischhoff, Tucson, AZ

Stop being a bunch of greedy children, there shouldn't even be a question whether this is important.

—L Philips, Kalamazoo, MI

I cancelled my satellite subscription because of all the ignorant reality TV bull taking over everything and being forced to supplement the pay of sports figures that are straight up criminals. The only TV I watch now is online, I get to choose what I watch and I don't pay for anything I don't watch. I already pay my internet provider for the service and the companies that provide my shows, why should I have to pay extra to someone else so it doesn't get slowed down where I can't watch any more? That is robbery or extortion and it should be against the law.

—Yvonne Curtis, Hilham, TN

Net Neutrality must be maintained, creating a two tiered system would cause discrimination, allowing companies to pick winners and losers on line. Our Country deserves better. The FCC needs reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Thank you for listening to me, we need to be protected with a real Net Neutrality.

—Curtis Carneke, Bullhead City, AZ

We do not need big corporations controlling our right to free speech.

—Gary Haag, San Diego, CA

We all rely on the Internet, and it is increasingly important; there are some transactions that can be done only via the web. Internet access needs to be a service equally available to all, regardless of economic status.

—Barbara Clark, Danville, VA

Please protect net neutrality. Classify ISPs as common carriers. We need an open internet that is not controlled by companies seeking to line their own pockets. Please no extra fees, no discrimination. Thank you.

—Dorothy Lynn Brooks, Arlington, TX

"paid prioritization" will lead to higher prices for consumers and the end of innovation for small websites. Net Neutrality Now!

—Spencer Adams, LOS ANGELES, CA

Keep Net Neutrality... Communication thru net needs to be open - not controlled by cost, speed, special interests - do your job

—J letscher, Novi, MI

Why isn't Net Neutrality important? ISPs like Comcast are trying to charge for the same bit twice. They charge their customers a monthly rate so the customer can request bits from content providers. And now, they want to charge the content providers for allowing that same bit to enter their networks in addition to already charging customers for that bit to leave their networks. Enough is enough. Do NOT form "fast lanes." Make ISPs common carriers! Protect Net Neutrality!

—Derek Liedl, Eau Claire, WI

Net neutrality is the only fair option to keep the internet democratic and open. There is no reason why the ISP's should be able to use monopolies given by the government to charge fast lane fees and thus charge twice for the same bandwidth. I pay my ISP, Google pays their ISPs, that's all there should be. Please keep the internet fair, open, democratic, and neutral by reclassifying ISPs as common carriers, thus protecting the citizens and the internet.

—Brett Stewart, Novato, CA

Change your rules. ISPs should be common carriers.

—Gilbert McGair, Hillsboro, OR

Open and Free to All. The American Way. We should be leading the way by example, for the World!

—Ron M. Romberger, Royal Oak, MI

The Internet is and integral part of the evolution and the Future of our species.

—Jessica J Williams, Olympia, WA

What a shame you do not care for the poor who even can not afford to pay \$ 19.95 / month for their internet and you are giving free reign to big companies so that they can charge whatever they demand for a compulsory source of information in this age of technology. Where the greed of big companies will stop who are making billions of dollar profit already. Learn from South Korea where people only pay about \$10- per month for 150 MBPS.

—Shaukat M Basit, Brooklyn, NY

The Robber Borons proved that uncontrolled greed and monopolies destroy freedom, choice and competitive shopping options ... Don't let big media STEAL our internet!!!!

—Larry Quintana, Modesto, CA

I do not trust corporate leadership to treat all Net users equally.

—Daniel Brant, Port Townsend, WA

I don't know why I am taking the time to write since I know that the rich guys always gets what they want (i.e. out coin-operated Democracy) but.... The internet should be an even playing field for everyone. Big corporations do not deserve to have a better field than the people of this Democracy. I urge you to reclassify ISPs as common carriers, as they should be. I dare you to prove me wrong. We, the people, want net neutrality.

—Patti Rose, McKinleyville, CA

Please do not let corporate money control accessibility to what the public views online. It is essential to keep the internet equally accessible to all in order to preserve freedom, just competition among all business enterprises, democracy, and free speech. If you grant greater access to the internet to those who can pay more for such privelege, your office would be nothing but a tool of the destructive plutocracy whose damaging actions we need to reverse.

—Grace Tumang, New York, NY

The Internet is, essentially, the last source of free speech, free press, and uncensored free information information. As a mobility impaired and impoverished senior, the Internet is my lifeline for both social and mental health and vitality. To turn my access over to the profit-motivated choices of major corporations is to cut that lifeline.

—Jeanne Young, Sequim, WA

Does your perspective change also come with K-Y jelly? As this time I would like to be prepared for the ass fucking your intending to dish out to the American public? Whom have been struggling to keep their heads above water to just be part of our society and now you like our government have found YET another way to suck our meager pockets dry so that you may continue to have over stuffed ones. You always want MORE, MORE, MORE!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Because you think so LITTLE of the average person and our quality of lives. We are meager idiots to you. One day your soul shall reside in a very hot place where those pockets of gold shall melt and burn you to your rotten bones.

—Pamela Lasick, Dewey, AZ

An old adage for Tom Wheeler and the FCC - If it isn't broken, don't fix it. The Internet has been working marvelously well around the world - it isn't broken, so there is NO NEED to change it (other than AT&T, Comcast & Verizon want to make more money off of it - money grubbers)!

—Diana Saxon, Salem, OR

Stop big corporate greed... Trends toward metered access will limit access for the less wealthy and stifle new and creative business. Thanks you.

—Travis Nyberg, Philomath, OR

CONSUMERS DESERVE THE SERVICES THAT THEY HAVE BEEN AND WILL CONTINUE TO PAY FOR. NO MONOPOLIES! NO SPECIAL FAVORS! INCREASE QUALITY AND SPEED TO THAT OF THE PROVIDERS IN OTHER COUNTRIES. PROMOTE THE FREE EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION IN THE USA!

—Ms. Meredith Richmond, Battle Ground, IN

Allowing ISPs to preferentially allow faster bandwidth to the highest bidder undermines the accessibility and diversity of information that makes the internet the bastion of freedom and innovation that it has become. In addition, ISPs have a serious conflict of interest, as their primary competition for cable TV comes from the internet. Cable TV is already heavily monopolized, with the high prices and poor service you would expect from a monopoly. Most innovations in cable service have been forced by the need to keep up with internet based television services. Keep the internet free!

—Christopher Edwards, Tucson, AZ

Internet service is a utility, and should be treated as such.

—Gretchen Dulong, Georgetown, MA

We insist on controlling our own internet. Let's not leave it up to the moneyed interests who already control enough of our lives.

—Arvin Blakeney, Centennial, CO

WE CATEGORICALLY AND COMPLETELY OBJECT TO CHAIRMAN WHEELER'S PLAN !!!!!!! WE WANT A COMPLETELY OPEN NET NEUTRALITY WITHOUT EVEN THE SLIGHTEST ADVANTAGE TO SOME! EVERY ONE WITH EQUAL ACCESS !!!!!!!

—Howard Miller, Ventura, CA

How about for one fucking time you look out for people and not for massive companies.

—Kevin T Walsh, Silver Spring, MD

The Internet needs to be treated like a public utility, like a resource equally accessible to all of us.

—Robert Reichard, Olympia, WA

In 2010, the FCC's Open Internet Order forbid Internet service providers from blocking or discriminating against services or charging content providers for preferential treatment. Verizon challenged those rules and won; The US Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit ruled that the commission improperly imposed "common carrier" obligations on Internet Service Providers without first declaring them to be common carriers. With the freedom given by that ruling, the FCC is set to propose rules that would allow broadband providers to give some internet traffic preferential treatment, so long as such arrangements are available on 'commercially reasonable' terms for all interested content companies (to be determined by the FCC on a case-by-case basis). This is a massive backwards step in the protection of an open and neutral internet. I will steal words from the FCC's own Open Internet Order mentioned above: "if broadband providers can profitably charge edge providers for prioritized access to end users, they will have an incentive to degrade or decline to increase the quality of the service they provide to non-prioritized traffic... Even more damaging, broadband providers might withhold or decline to expand capacity in order to 'squeeze' non-prioritized traffic, a strategy that would increase the likelihood of network congestion and confront edge providers with a choice between accepting low-quality transmission or paying fees for prioritized access to end users." Net Neutrality is critical for innovation, communication, and education in this country. It is what has allowed the internet to grow to and become what it is today. I strongly urge you to collaborate with your colleagues in congress to protect Net Neutrality. Specifically, I ask you to work to have the FCC classify broadband access as a Title II Telecommunications Service, allowing the protection offered by the Open Internet Order. The Internet is our most democratic medium. It has grown exponentially, fueled innovation and altered how we communicate. Complete Net Neutrality is absolutely necessary for that to continue to be true. Thank you for your time.

—Barbara Gray, Los Angeles, CA

I use the internet to find information I need. I do not want to deal with slow download speeds if the information is from a small user who doesn't pay extra for faster downloads. Most of my internet use is not with big companies. All data should be treated equally. No two tier internet.

—Theo B. Giesy, Norfolk, VA

It would be a disaster if the Internet were controlled and commercialized by two or three huge companies, which is what will happen if a "two-tiered" system is approved. This would not just ruin the Internet-- it would be a huge setback, and maybe a death blow, to our economy and our democracy. When will our country stop getting in the way of its own progress?

—Nita Sembrowich, Cambridge, MA

Equal accessibility for everyone, not just for the privileged few!!!!

—Angel Santiago Jr, Vacaville, CA

No one, not matter what their status or how much money they have should receive special treatment!

—Brenda Michaels, Issaquah, WA

A Free and open internet is essential for america . The only way forward is to reclassify ISPs as Common Carriers .

—Philip Arnold, GLASSPORT, PA

Why should I, a senior citizen on Social Security, be FORCED to "support" a two-tier system that enforces discrimination. ISPs need to be classified as common carriers. Period.

—Rose Marie Ash, Buffalo, NY

Net neutrality has worked for decades and does not need to be 1) tweaked or 2) essentially made a pay for play environment.

—Alan Blank, Oakland, CA

Net Neutrality is important to me because big corporations and lots of money does not mean that you are more important. This whole program, the whole thing is essentially bribing people to give you more money so their stuff gets higher speed or better viewing which to me just flat out sounds like extortion and like it should MOST definitely NOT be legal.

—Sarah Terry, Orange Park, FL

Created with taxpayer money the internet was never meant to be a wholly or even partly commercial entity. It was and should remain to be about the unfettered access to information and the ability to share that information. Throw out the proposed rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Vincent Gormley, Sioux Falls, SD

As a communications professor with a business background, I am appalled at what is happening at the FCC, in Congress and in the courts, with respect to net neutrality. It is critical, both morally and economically, that fair and equal access to the internet be maintained. The United States' future, economically and every other way, depends heavily on individuals and small companies and other organizations having equal access, and I fear that what is happening at the FCC now will have serious negative consequences for this nation's future.

—James Hutton, Woodland Park, NJ

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Richard Yerby, grants pass, OR

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers!

—Nezka Pfeifer, Scranton, PA

The Internet belongs to us - The People! Get that right once and for all!

—Bob Marconi, Santa Clara, CA

I want equal access to ALL websites!

—Mary Jurmain, Eau Claire, WI

I strongly disagree with FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler's plan for the Internet. If approved, these rules would mean the end of Net Neutrality would allow rampant discrimination online. It is simply unfair for Internet service providers like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon to be allowed to 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. Once these companies have the power to pick winners and losers online and discriminate against online content and applications, no one will be able to do anything about it.

—Debra Saude, Sweet Home, OR

At age 88 there is not a great deal of activity that I can actually take part in (physically and mentally) due to age impairment but having access to the internet while sitting in my moderate, comfortable office style tilt back (with arm rest) chair in front of my adequate 6 year old Compaq laptop computer is the one thing that still affords me some enjoyment -- now the FCC has taken a harsh stance that may well end my world wide web internet connection to information and personal easy contact with other people via an open and neutral internet hosted by my presently affordable service provider! I ask the FCC to rethink it's decision on rules that propounds the depredation of 'Net Neutrality' that will deny me this fragile remaining vestige of satisfaction.

—Frederick Hodges, Castle Rock, CO

the net is so important just like tht post office was, that it is time to nationalize it

—David Fischer, ny, NY

The internet is a useful tool for both business and personal reasons. It allows us to buy and sell things, support charities, network with friends, and so much more. If companies are allowed to require pages to pay more for speed, this will mean that many non-profits, small businesses, and personal pages will disappear due to lack of funds. This will have a ripple effect not only on the internet, but on economies, charities, and even daily lives. I implore you, please do not destroy the internet! Support net neutrality. Thanks for your time.

—Connie Jo Wolf, Erie, PA

Net neutrality is important to me because today the internet is the only place to get unbiased and factual news information without big business or political organizations tampering or editing or charging extra for this information. I should be able to access the internet in the same speed and with the same freedom that I do now. Already Brighthouse in St. Petersburg Florida is now charging it's customers an extra 4.00 per month for use of their modem to get the internet!! Now they are essentially saying we will now charge you extra for the service they are providing anyway! Consumers should not have to pay twice for this service!

—Mary Yonkers, St. Petersburg, FL

Net Neutrality is a much needed if we are to continue grow as a nation. Don't let us fall behind the rest of the world by bowing to corporate interests, reclass ISP's as common carriers and let the ideas and growth continue to flow.

—Robert Durand, Milford, CT

ARE YOU NUTS?

—Ms Stephanie A Harvey, Lansdale, PA

I am one of the internet "small fry". I have a website to sell my late husband's books on his time as a Spitfire pilot in WW2 and I have a website to advertise my artwork. It is people like me (who make up most of the country) who you are trying to discriminate against and cause us to lose our audiences. When we lose money, we cannot spend money. When we cannot spend money, the economy fails. Why aren't you trying to help us instead of helping those who need no help? This projected action is absolutely un-American! Stop it!!!

—Barbara Vickers, Sedona, AZ

Keep an unfettered Internet! An equal playing field has been integral to the success and revolutionary impact of the internet

—Michael J Blanchard, Manhattan Beach, CA

Just classify internet companies as common carriers and get it over with.

—Andrew Staubly, Los Angeles, CA

The internet is a utility and as such needs full regulation and oversight. Employees who work on routers and switches for cable companies are no different than the same category- same training employees who operate cable/broadband systems. My internet bill already reflects my choice of speed and it's pricing. Without net neutrality I most certainly will pay double. Once for better speed and again to get to the sites that need that better speed. SAVE our Neutral Internet!

—Melanie Kelley, Lebanon, TN

make it a public utility and have done with this mess

—Lori Stoner, Bryan, OH

The Internet is an important source of not only entertainment, but of education. It would do so much harm to our nation to hinder access to it, and to allow corporations whose only consideration is their own bottom line to pick and choose its content.

—Natalie Ryan, Conway, AR

Stop corpotactracy....Keep the net Neutral

—John Naylor, makawao, HI

Hey Tom Wheeler, you piece of shit (apologizes to fecal matter, you should not be compared to something as terrible as this individual) Americans are on to your betrayal. You have sold yourself to the highest bidder and you intend to go against the best wishes of the American people. Be warned that you are about to awake a sleeping giant if you continue to attack net neutrality. Society will thrust a collective sword through your heart (or rather the empty space where you should have one) and leave you in a ditch to die.

—Nicholas Bevins, Rio Rancho, NM

Do NOT approve the Wheeler plan, please. The American people are brain washed enough. Don't add to the ignorance!

—Susan, Malvern, PA

I'm an IT developer, and by removing REAL net neutrality I know you will stop all innovation coming from independent sources. Remember that net neutrality is what made the internet as it is today!

—Matias Porcellatti, Bahia Blanca,

Reclassify ISP's to retain Net Neutrality. There is already too much corporate control of my life! Thank you

—Liane Clemen, san diego, CA

There is no reason for me to live under surveillance.

—Claudia McNulty, climax, NY

FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler should resign and return any money he received as regulator. The proposed changes are a give away to the established ISPs and an abomination to free enterprise.

—Vincent incent Wilson, Pomeroy, IA

please protect real net neutrality

—Enrique Montoya, santa fe, NM

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

—Joan Boudreaux, Gray, LA

The internet belongs to everyone and should be a level playing field for all. Preserve Net Neutrality!

—Linda Spurrier, Hamilton, OH

The FCC does not need to protect the mega-corporations that want special treatment and faster lines only to increase their already exorbitant profits. It is the common household that needs protection from their greed, not the corporations! And regarding Wheelers previous canned responses averring that he is a supporter of "Open Internet": Guess what Tom? Open is not the same as Net Neutrality, and you are only obfuscating the issue. The FCC was created to protect the public, not corporations!

—David Ross, San Francisco, CA

No one should be allowed to charge for a fast lane on the internet.

—William Guppy, Fullerton, CA

Please, do not let one more BIG COMPANY control. Thank you

—Tom Goddard, Holyoke, CO

You need to stop breaking our country. 95% sure American soldiers won't stop an angry mob.

—Mr. Fuck You, you, ND

You know what the right thing to do is, why am I having to tell you?

—Dearis P Anthony, Lafayette, LA

Treat the internet as a public utility. No "pay to play" for faster service. Equality for all. Period. We are not fooled by Chairman Wheeler's claims of fairness within the plan he favors. Keep President Obmams election campaign promise - true net neutrality.

—Kelly James Blank, Comstock Park, MI

Don't let the Internet be controlled by a few big corporations.

—Richard Guernsey, So Wellfleet, MA

As someone who is already fighting to pay for my internet bill, the idea of it increasing for me to get the upper tier and see what I want to see at the rate of speed I receive those viewings now makes me sick. The Internet should be classified as a common carrier!

—Sharon J Smith, Evansville, IN

I cannot afford to pay more for internet access - you will be discriminating against poorer people, against schools, and allowing certain corporations to have more power. Don't add to the inequality.

—Amanda Martin, Sherman Oaks, CA

I want the net to remain available equally to all, not more for the haves and less for the have-nots.

—Gary Hennemuth, San Francisco, CA

A free and open internet is the best tool for spreading democracy we've ever had. And this is the first time in history that information is available to all, no matter their means, status or place in the world. Please don't return us to the dark ages by allowing tiered, pay-to-play internet structures that benefit only large corporations. The people of the world are counting on you to make the right decision and say "yes" to Net Neutrality!

—Joanna Bonnheim, Berkeley, CA

Don't create yet another horrific means of developing and supporting inequality in our world. Do the right and fair thing for EVERYONE and keep the net neutral.

—Patricia A Parsley, ,

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers! We need net neutrality!

—Paul Harvey, Derry, PA

Net Neutrality is the 21st century version of free speech. To limit access speed is to create a two-tiered system that hampers the ability of the citizenry to have a voice. We "vote" with our blogs and opinions on-line; we "vote" with support for cyber entrepreneurs; we "vote" when we choose direct access to source material. With each of these votes we, who can not afford lobbyists, have our voices heard. Support Net Neutrality. Do not give into the temptation to create a society of "soft authoritarianism."

—Dorothy Deasy, Vancouver, WA

Those with the concentration of wealth already have all the advantages, so they do not need more help. In this one area, which is so important for all our futures, let's keep the playing field level.

—Richard Corbeil, Fremont, CA

No more consolidation and narrowing, and reducing our choices, the internet works fine , no need to change it and monopolize it. I strongly disagree with this rule change.

—Max Mensing, yachats, OR

I am disabled. I live alone and have no family close to me. My daughter lives in Scotland and I use my Internet to keep in touch with her. Most of my communication to the outside world is in the Internet. Much of my shopping is over the Internet. I know I'm not the only person in tubs position. You sacrificing my critical communication medium in order to satisfy the fat cat corporations!

—Debra S Davenport, Nevada, IA

We have limited bandwidth with high demand where I live. We will create cyber ghettos if those in control in effect auction off access and speed to the highest bidder. A thriving cyberspace demands equal access with egalitarian "rationing," not priority access to "preferred" customers, or bandwidth allotted by "pay more and go to the front of the line."

—Tim White, Friday Harbor, WA

In this country, every citizen counts. Give all an equal chance.

—Robin madden, Cincinnati, OH

I want to protect my freedom of speech and ability to choose what I view. In an affordable manner that allows all to have access.

—Kelly Hutton, Hinesville, GA

Watch John Oliver to see why!

—Walter Sedriks, Palo Alto, CA

Keep the internet opens to all and no economic descrimination.

—Paul Baskis, Vero Beach, FL

Please protect our internet. It has become an essential component of a true democracy. It should not be held hostage by the big service providers. Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Thank you

—Kathleen Calberson, Jamaica, NY

The FCC must support real net neutrality and not the cable company rear-kissing two-tier system! Keep the net neutral to everyone by reclassifying it as a common carrier or we will have Tom Wheeler resign!

—Levi White, Lakeland, GA

I should not be charged more money at both ends when nothing more is being provided to me for that money.

—Richard Thomas, Warren, OH

No no never.

—Apollo Broom, Washington, DC

ISP's are Common Carriers, period.

—J David Tholl, Needham, MA

For America to stay competitive and innovative we need easily accessible, affordable, secure, unrestricted high speed internet for schools and small business

—Adam Singer, Chicago, IL

I PAY for internet services and those that display on the web PAY to show their services. Those two fees are enough. DO NOT limit what I can/cannot access by 'tiering' the internet.

—Jennifer S, aurora, IL

An open and free internet in which all people can participate equally without regard to cost or other factors.

—Sam Lindberg, Bishop Hill, IL

We need broadband internet to be classified as a common carrier service because if it is not, the very innovations that made it into what it is today could easily be squashed by small innovative companies not being able to pay enough to reach their consumer base. It is no different than telephone communications and should be regulated as such.

—Ian C Schempp, Shoreline, WA

Do not turn internet service into a monopoly like cable companies. There are way more smart people at Google, Microsoft, Amazon, etc. We need to follow their lead on this issue.

—Jacob Thomas, BRONX, NY

Net Neutrality = Democracy Please don't kill it

—Antoine Tannous, bloomfield, NJ

Because the truth is what is important and an open internet guarantees the truth to everyone. Keep the internet OPEN.

—Barbara Nadel, Milford, PA

Net Neutrality is important to me. I use the internet to catch up on global events. I use it to learn how to do things. I am working on developing an online platform for my art. The government funded the development of the internet. It was made for the people, not for greedy corporations. A vote against a free and open internet is a public admission of your own corruption.

—Chris watts, Anchorage, AK

Corporate America and the extremely rich already control and influence too many aspects of our democracy reducing our democracy to a word only, with little meaning. Corporations have no right to determine control and usability of any aspect of the internet. The FCC should throw out any possible rules it is considering and reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Suzanne Wooldridge, Gravel Switch, KY

everyone should be treated the same and the prices should remain the same not just a few

—Joyce Conway, parkville, MD

Net neutrality is essential to protect the vibrant traffic by our small businesses and our citizens. Big money should not be unfairly advantaged.

—John C. Wiesner, Castro Valley, CA

This is one of the biggest corporate sellouts of in our Federal governments history!!!

—Luis Castellanos, Selma, CA

Access to information is vital to a functioning democracy. It does not make sense to increase the power of telecommunications companies to control information. Instead, it's time to increase regulation of these oversized organizations. They should be regulated as public utilities - and become truly useful providers of a public service.

—Mary Stewart, Wilmington, CA

Don't give companies the power to pick winners and losers online and discriminate against online content and applications. Throw out these proposed Internet rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Natalie Terry, Orange Park, FL

Please listen to the voices of those who don't fill your wallet. You're a government agency, please listen to the people.

—Daniel Cesarano, Worcester, MA

The internet was created to be free for all, not monopolized by a few.

—Chrissie Barnett, San Diego, CA

FCC: Please implement Internet rules for net neutrality, so all data would continue to be treated equally. Re-classify Internet Service Providers as common--not preferred--information carriers.

—Ali O. Lee, Bayside, CA

Net Neutrality is important to me because I prefer to not have my supposedly democratic country run by lordly white men in suits who can apportion out information by fiat and routinely lie through smarmy PR people about their intentions and the bad outcomes of their actions. WE developed the internet. American taxpayer money MADE it. It is a tool for all of us. Divvying it up so that the wealthiest oligopolies can sell it off to whomever can pay is a betrayal of one of the best investments this nation has ever made in its future.

—Matthew Grimm, Madison, WI

The neutrality of the net is key to providing the Infrastructure allowing small business to compete. With out it we create an automatic disadvantage to small business.

—Harriet Pea, Superior, CO

Without neutrality the internet cannot grow and change. The same old, same old will dominate and new start-ups will find it difficult to get off the ground. The internet will stagnate and people will lose interest.

—Ian Brown, Cheadle,

This should Not even be an Issue. ANY Thinking person would see that NET NEUTRALITY is vital to our society. Anything less will evolve into harmful business practices, and rampant discrimination (especially possible for people who have a lower income).

—Patricia Adams, Celina, TN

Net Neutrality is bad for the consumer and will add even more power to the few big providers. It is bad enough already that we don't have a choice.

—Hans van Huijkelom, Collegeville, PA

We demand that you cease efforts to undo "net neutrality" !! How about spending a few moments and thinking of, and then acting for we ordinary John & Jane Does of America. DO THE RIGHT THING !! KEEP NET NEUTRALITY !!

—Richard & Gale Pfahler, Elverson, PA

I believe in Democracy, not Oligarchy.

—Benjamin Martin, portland, OR

Universal non-discriminatory access to the public internet is as important to the US economy in the 21st century as universal non-discriminatory access to the public telephone network was in the 20th century. Government regulation of both is required to insure that the public good is never sacrificed to private greed.

—Joseph C. Ghiloni, Londonderry, NH

I am a retired person with a low income. I use the internet everyday. Please do not regulate it so I have to pay more.

—Jean Boyd, Spokane, WA

Net neutrality is crucial to freedom of expression as the digital age is now so integral in how we socialize and communicate. For once please don't allow utilities lobbyists to take advantage of the public. We already are way behind many developed countries' bandwidth because ISPs have such a monopoly from region to region. This is just the phone/cable companies death cries because technology allows us to use all of the services they could control and charge us individually through a single data connection.

—William Petersen, Oceanside, CA

Please do not let the big corporations run the Internet into the ground. I am a college student and cannot afford high quality Internet to begin with, and making it so that there are "fast-lanes" is quite prejudiced to begin with, how is this proposed bill even getting through to the FCC? Somebody must be in bed with them, and classify all Internet Service Providers (ISPs) as common carriers so other, cheaper startups can have a chance at this already growing monopoly (I thought monopolies were illegal? What I learned in public education must've been wrong then?). By leaving this comment I'll probably be thrown on the "Slow Dirt Road" haha...the irony, going to government to fix a problem about discrimination to be discriminated against....

—Louis Rasic, Anchorage, AK

We own the airwaves. Our taxes paid for the research that created the Internet. You are supposed to protect our property in this area. Your promises are worthless because they have been proven not to work, every single time. Stop fixing what isn't broken. Do your job and protect net neutrality, properly.

—Mark Richter, Santa Ana, CA

The internet has been the most democratic creation in history. By creating a tiered system, our last vestige of democracy in America will be destroyed. It will increase the divide between the haves and have nots which is already very close to a record high. It would be an enormous and costly mistake to treat ISP's as anything other than common carriers.

—Catherine Kilgore, Huachuca City, AZ

"Why is a free and open internet important to a healthy democracy?" This is the final question to my Mass Communication exam -- doesn't the FCC know the answer?

—Jacqueline Guzda, bronx, NY

The internet should not discriminate.

—David Favello, Walnut Creek, CA

Customers with less money should be just as important. Please don't politicize our right to communicate.

—Nancy Kneip, Hampshire, IL

Reclassify the internet as a public utility, which it is. Stop monopoly control of communication. History is watching you.

—Barbara Whipperman, Richmond, CA

How many monopolies does it take before enough is enough. It's not like most people have options for Internet service.

—Tom McDonnell, Warwick, NY

I WANT ALL DATA ON THE NET TREATED EQUALLY. I WANT TO BE THE ONE TO DECIDE WHAT TO READ, WHAT TO WATCH AND WHAT TO DO WITH ALL THE DATA ON THE NET.

—Piero Zoro, Houston, TX

You stopped the fiber optics. Now with broadband the only choice, you want to enable big companies to rip off the American people some more. I am going to put a sheep and ram on my alter tonight, just to make sure you will do the right thing for the American people.

—Robert Rogan, Detroit, MI

Support Net Neutrality. If you fail to uphold the views of the people, the people will fail to support you.

—Anthony J Tully, Las Vegas, NV

I want to be able to surf websites of organizations that will not be able to afford fast lane fees. Corporations should not be dictating what all of us can access.

—Linda Alfredson, Asheville, NC

PLEASE, MR. WHEELER AND FCC, DO NOT GO THRU WITH THIS DISCRIMINATORY 2-TIER PLAN AND GIVE US BACK REAL NET NEUTRALITY. EQUAL ACCESS TO BANDWIDTH TO EVEN SMALLER, NEWER PLAYERS ON THE INTERNET FIELD. THANK YOU!

—Ms. Susan Jones, Portland, OR

The Net is an important source of unfiltered facts and information. It is important to have a balance between the filtered, mixed, mashed and, additive filled "official" news, and news and information from independent sources.

—David Kelley, Marlborough, MA

Corporate greed is so rampant and toxic that theft comes natural to its adherents. The WWW Internet (as we know it, is a universal, free to use via established and accepted protocols. These new proposals, which by the merest of coincidences are designed to enrich the already corrupt crooks, liars, thieves and even the nicest among them are nothing less than Corporate parasites who appear to believe that if THEY want it, then it is theirs as of a natural right. This is Wall Street chicanery that will, if implemented, create super extra riches for the overfed parasites that head boardrooms all over the fiscal world., while forcing undeserving victims of poverty further into the gutter of enforced distress., as they are denied access to what they will not be able to afford. Shame on you and your kind. Robert Hooper

—Robert Hooper, stamford.

Net neutrality is an integral part of a free and democratic society.

—Arthur Zaloga, Washington, DC

Diversity in learning, is what stirs creativity and sparks innovation! In order, for our country and us, it's citizens, to excel and contribute, we must not allow monopolizing of the Internet, by the few corporations who seek to undermine its free and open availability of information! The Internet belongs to everyone, equally and your job is to keep it that way!

—L Bagley, Albuquerque, NM

The web is a place for people to share information freely. If net neutrality is abandoned information and commerce will be hindered, the only businesses and institutions gaining profiting those with already too much power.

—Krista Amigone, Los Angeles, CA

Please don't ruin something that is good for everyone.

—Mary Stoll, Las Vegas, NV

To follow through with the rules proposed, the FCC will be performing another form of segregation, which would only apply to those who need the internet the most. While many people use the internet for things that would be considered a luxury, or superfluous, the internet itself is not a luxury. People use it for everything, and every reason, from buying clothing or groceries they wouldn't have access to, or paying bills, looking for jobs, or finding homes, sharing videos with friends and the first pictures of their child. The internet provides people with information that they can use in their everyday life, that they would otherwise not know of, or have access to. These rules will inhibit the flow of information, and regardless of how people use the information they receive in their everyday life, information is more important than profit, because it harbors the potential of creativity. If the FCC goes forward with these plans, they will be setting back progress into the future, for nothing more than profits of an all too unequal economy today. I would hope that an agency of a government that is for, and by the people, would protect those people's ability to seek out, and create better lives for themselves.

—Benji Ratliffe, Columbus, OH

"Fast-lanes" are contradictory to the very nature of the internet. It's nothing more than a corporate grab, analogous to preferential sales of the air that transmits the sound waves carrying our voices. Let them get paid for the overall services they provide, as if they were providing hearing aids--and no more.

—Alan Podber, Brattleboro, VT

Stop tilting the playing field in favor of established wealth. You cannot have one speed limit for the ultra rich and a lower speed limit for everyone else.

—Robert Binion, San Francisco, CA

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. This plan is made for corporate interests only. The FCC is obligated to protect the Public's interests, not the corporate interest's at the expense of the public.

—Howard, Santa Fe, NM

As a person in the process of starting a new farm in rural SWVA which will recruit beginning farmers to the area, I am very conscious of the fact that the internet neutrality is absolutely necessary for us to succeed. The internet will be our primary source for a lot of our research and exchange of information needed to make our farms financially viable. It will be the means by which 1) we access a lot of the information needed for us to succeed, 2) we stay connected with other participants in the local healthy food movement, and 3) we access the network of business and services needed for us to thrive. Simply put, this is a "no-brainer." Do you your job!

—Harry Hamil, Black Mountain, NC

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—K Lucas, Westminsrtter, CA

Do your fucking job! Being responsible to the citizens of this nation, not some fucking corporation!

—Ron Russell, Pacific Grove, CA

This is a perfect opportunity to begin the process of reclaiming our rights as consumers to choose what products we want to buy and what information we choose to seek. Please let's leave the powerful corporations out of it and get back to the basics of capitalism, which can work in your favor and mine. Aren't you tired of kowtowing to big corporations? Who's in control here?

—Kristina Parks, Lenoir city, TN

I want to be able to access any content I choose, rather than relying on my provider to give me whoever has paid them the most.

—Maurice Restivo, Angleton, TX

It would allow Big Companies/Corporations to dominate and control the Equality that this nation (supposedly) represents. This is Totally UNEXCEPTABLE!

—Sharon Palmer, Petaluma, CA

It's important that everyone has fair access to the internet and most of all that it's free.

—Heidi Schwarz, Lisle, IL

Please save the only tool we have for us to express yourself and see how others can do the same. Share ideas is the most important thing for all of us understand the world and it self. Thank you

—Roger Farias, redondo beach, CA

NO INTERNET SLOW LANES!

—Nathaniel J. Watkins, Addison, TX

I don't want any fast lanes. Let's make it a common carrier.

—Howard Gordon, Bowie, MD

Money should not be the basis for access, and yet that would be the case if this putrid standard was established. Please, shape up and represent all people's interest.

—Chris B. Doob, woodbridge, CT

Net neutrality is essential to the free flow of information in a democratic society.

—Gaia Mika, Taos, NM

Net Neutrality is important to keep the internet available and operating at speeds everyone can afford

—Jonathan Kronske, belgrade, MT

Net Neutrality gives the average citizen a chance to be informed.

—Lenore Swaim, Colorado Springs, CO

Save net neutrality. Proposed rules would allow rampant discrimination online.

—Susan Shaak, Reading, PA

The air, the water, God, our souls and the airwaves are and must always be free (without cost).

—Gretchen Boise, Salem, VA

There is absolutely no reason to have a 2-tired internet. Everyone who goes online for any reason should be on the same level. This is why we elect officials and one of the things our govt. should do for us. Why does big business always have the upper hand?

—Todd Fundaro, Royal Oak, MI

Remember, this is America. Protect net neutrality for ALL Americans. Not just filthy rich people who will pay more for improved speedy Internet. Insult to our intelligence if you choose to discriminate. Also, speak plain English when describing your plans concerning our Internet.

—Erica Wangsgard, Salt Lake City, UT

The internet is not a privatized resource to be manipulated by big businesses. Treat it like a public utility and guarantee non-elitist access for 99% of Americans!

—Trevor Hyde, Carrboro, NC

FREEDOM OF SPEECH. PRIVACY.

—Michael Morgan, Swannanoa, NC

Everyone should have a level playing field on the internet. We need to stop the monopolies and their excess powers. You as the FCC need to throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Alice Fierros, Oakley, CA

Free and equal access to the internet is crucial to a healthy democracy.

—Julia Sanford, Van Nuys, CA

It's key to an open democracy.

—Jonathan Lentz, Makawao, HI

You money-grubbing schmucks only care about the money you will get from this deal, and not about the consumer.

—Jermaine Hemphrey, South Salem, NY

It's time for you people to stop yielding to the desires of the huge ISPs regarding the two-tiered Internet they want and, instead, to reclassify them as common carriers

—Richard M. Rubio, Pompano Beach, FL

should not be political

—Mrs. Wendy H, Jax, FL

Verizon has already made it impossible for me to use Netflix. After years of no problems I now can only get Netflix intermittently. Verizon has made it so annoying to use that I may as well cancel it. NET NEUTRALITY DO NOT CHANGE IT !!!!! WE ALREADY PAY TOO MUCH TO TOO MANY FOR TOO LITTLE !!!!! BUT WORSE THAN THAT IS THE EFFECT IT WILL HAVE ON SMALL COMPANIES WHICH CAN'T COMPETE. WHAT A WAY TO STIFLE NEW BUSINESSES!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

—Hazel Kilp, Spring City, PA

Inequality in America has grown to alarming proportions . Please prevent internet inequality by supporting Net Neutrality !

—Michael Daveiga, concord, CA

THE INTERNET IS THE PUBLIC SQUARE OF THE 21ST CENTURY. PRESERVE THE COMMUNITY SPIRIT THAT CREATED THE UNITED STATES AND KEEPS US VIBRANT AND STRONG!

—Emily DeHuff, Newport, OR

Please reclassify as common carriers

—Ann Canann, Cupertino, CA

Fast lanes and slow lanes are inherently unfair and discriminatory and destroy the flow of even-handed accurate information reaching all of us! The rich already have a frightening amount of power without unfairly shackling everybody else with slower lanes! It's un-American! It ruins our freedom! It means we should elect somebody to throw you people out and put it back even-handed! The best thing about the internet is the way it is now!

—Debra Piepgrass, Honolulu, HI

We have to admit that an educated electorate--a foundation of democracy--is now endangered by Supreme Court decisions that place corporations (biology tells us these are not "people") above the "demos"--the actual persons for whom democracy was named, who are supposed to run it, and who are supposed to be served by it. The internet and the World Wide Web are now components of our educational process, for both children and adults. The demise of Net Neutrality threatens both communication as well as education, and thereby threatens our very democracy. You MUST NOT allow this to happen! Thank you.

—Toni Rorapough, Vestal, NY

Throw out the FCC rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Big Business does not deserve to control internet communications.

—Jane Hayward, Lewisburg, PA

We need to maintain equality and regain democracy in America. No more corporatism!!!!

—Mr. Chris Buchman, Gobles, MI

The principle of open access to the internet must be preserved. Paying for preferential/faster access is unfair and discriminates against anyone who cannot afford the higher rates. It also gives unprecedented control of access, and timely access, to public discourse. We the people are citizens, not merely consumers. The FCC's charter and mission may have been rewritten by fools to be all about business but it was created to preserve a multiplicity of voices in public discourse, recognizing that the air in which radio and TV waves travel is public space. **THE INTERNET IS NO DIFFERENT.** It was created as a non-hierarchical network agreement. The health and unity of the country is supported by the openness of this public sphere and the discourse that is allowed to take place there. **THE JOB OF THE FCC COMMISSIONERS IS TO DO WHAT IS BEST FOR THE AMERICAN PEOPLE AND PUBLIC, NOT INDIVIDUAL CORPORATE INTERESTS.** Reclassify the Internet as a telecommunications service and stop this reckless drive to enshrine corporate profit and control over democratic principles.

—Jackie Goodman, Ojai, CA

Everybody knows the FCC should NOT be allowed to control the Internet. As it has been demonstrated, Tom Wheeler has too great of a personal interest in destroying our rightful, lawful, and precious national treasure of a equal access Internet. Tom Wheeler, should be removed as the head off the FCC for killing off net neutrality, that symbol of the American Dream! Net neutrality spreads the American freedom and democracy around the world! **THE PEOPLE HAVE SPOKEN.**

—Christel Davies, Santa Fe, NM

Dear FCC: Please re-classify ISP's as Common Carriers. Please retain Net Neutrality.

—Robert E Smith, Citrus Heights, CA

Everyone should have the same access to the internet. It is important to a free society that access is shared equally.

—Laurence Margolis, Minnetonka, MN

It is the only place where everyone has true equality. Keep it free, safe and out of the hands of money grubbing monopolies.

—J Agata, Sebastopol, CA

Because it's America. Anything less than Net Neutrality is censorship and dictatorship.....that is NOT what this country is about and remember you work for us, not the corporations.

—Dawn Davis, Sylmar, CA

What are you waiting for? reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Edward Cruver, Shoreline, WA

In the current economy that has been deliberately destroyed by the big bank criminals on Wall Street, my only option as a 63 year old, disabled woman who lost her teaching position in 2009 thanks to drastic budget cuts at the college where I taught, I HAVE to have free and open access to the internet to be able to make a living. It is the ONLY work I am able to perform anymore due to health issues ... and, despite a spectacular resume filled with relevant experience and an excellent, graduate level education (M.Sc.), I cannot find full time employment. No University or college in this nation will hire a disabled, older woman ... and I can't physically perform the 'fast food industry/service industry' types of jobs that are available, even if they WOULD hire me! The banks and the do-nothing Congress we have at present; the corporatist, extreme right wing judges (criminals, as far as I am concerned) sitting on the Supreme Court; a do-nothing President who would rather compromise than stand up for what is right and moral; and the corporate lobbyists who are buying politicians right and left, are all destroying what used to be a democracy. This 'so-called' democracy DEMANDS that you maintain a free internet with equal access for all - it is the ONLY form of media remaining in this country at present that has remained open to all WITH EQUAL ACCESS. Do NOT allow another corporate monopoly to take away my only means of survival ... we, the public, are under assault from ISP providers like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon and we aren't going to take it anymore! IF THE WORD "DEMOCRACY" HAS ANY MEANING AT ALL, you MUST rule in favor of an open and equal access to the internet - otherwise, the REAL mission of the FCC is nothing more than a mockery and a sham!

—Pamela Overholtzer, Moscow, ID

Your proposed rules on May 15 will destroy net neutrality as we know it. Please reclassify internet service providers as common carriers and the internet as a telecommunications service so that you can regulate it in the public interest. This means that all internet content must come in at the same rate. Separate fast lanes for websites that can afford to pay for them and slow lanes for websites that cannot afford to pay are unacceptable. We must have net neutrality.

—Michael Aaron Karsh, Martinez, CA

The internet is the great equalizer...it gives equal opportunity to small and large businesses to innovate. Creating a two tier system will stifle this innovation and give unprecedented power to the cable and telcos. Net neutrality is core to keeping a level playing field for businesses, consumers, and will enable the US to remain the lead innovator of network technology.

—Straker Coniglio, San Jose, CA

Free speech is not tiered. If we have to pay for speech, it should be one price in the best interest of the people, and not like our current oligarchy government.

—Darien Martay, VICTORIA,

End the ridiculousness and start paying attention to your people. If you keep up things like this, it won't be long until Canada and/or America turn into the next Kiev.

—Nathan Smith, Vancouver,

ISPs are common carriers and should be classified as such.

—Fay Wouk, Boulder, CO

As an independent researcher in 2 fields, I need access to ALL sites at reasonable fees and rapid speed. DON'T allow discrimination re WHO can afford to use the great resource we ALL are used to and rely on. NET-NEUTRALITY needs to be a priority in a FREE SOCIETY.

—Coral J Cadman, San Francisco, CA

What's even worse, THE SORRY S.O.B. HAD THE NERVE TO EMAIL SOME OF US THAT FIRST SENT HIM AN EMAIL, THAT HE APPROVES OF 'NET NEUTRALITY' TOO! THE LOUSY LIAR!

—Jody Webb, Asheville, NC

So tired of government intervention. Don't cave in to the big monied, internet monopolies. I know Cox is planning for this to go through, as they already informed me that I went over a certain amount of Gbytes, and needed to look into paying more for my internet connection, or risk being disconnected. Keep out of it, and keep the internet a level playing field for all of us, not just the money hungry companies at the top of the heap.

—Sandra Nelsen, Glendale, AZ

Your approach to Net Neutrality is going to leave us in the back of the pack among our international partners. How is it that we are only 7th in speed and connectivity? Come on folks! Mike Wayte, Seattle, WA

—Michael J Wayte, SEATTLE, WA

Dear Chairman Wheeler, Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Dave Dunkak, Portland, OR

Net Neutrality is important to me because it fosters an environment of free expression, as well as prevents highly anticompetitive practices that spell nothing but trouble for the users and your constituents.

—Bradley Veerhoff, Arlington, VA

We need REAL Net Neutrality.

—Reverend Sandra Mackie, Gettysburg, PA

The internet needs to be a Public Utility.

—Paul Adrien, Eustis, FL

Corporations bleed us dry already in so many ways. How can you have thriving innovation AND FREEDOM OF SPEECH if you allow big corporations to EFFECTIVELY LOCK OUT SMALL VOICES.

—Tristan de Frondeville, San Francisco, CA

I run a one-woman online business. Without a level Internet playing field, I'm screwed as are millions of others like me. Quit bowing to corporate greed. Do what the majority of Internet users want. Do the right thing.

—Jen Funk Weber, Sutton, AK

Allowing the sale of internet accessibility by business interests will be the death knell of our most important form of communication in our world. Do NOT allow this to happen EVER!

—Jim L Vaughan, Pittsburg, CA

Throw out the FCC rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—ronald Green, Santa Barbara, CA

Net Neutrality is very important in today's world. The internet has become the media through which people are able to make their lives considerably easier, and making it even more difficult for those with low income to access it is simply mean-spirited.

—Brandon Wilkinson, Dallas, TX

Corporations do not like humans and corporations now can vote. Corporations make oil spills that destroy millions of miles of ocean and thousands of miles of shore life. The global media are becoming the very same type of corporations that do not like, nor will they ever appreciate, humans. Removing net neutrality is putting corporations in charge of censoring human words. Without words we will become extinct.

—Miss SM Majo De Kuyper, Amsterdam,

Net neutrality is as essential as is our basic "guaranteed" freedom and liberty! By granting cable companies the ability to charge extra or premium prices for faster internet speeds...especially in the U.S. is absurd and borders on "infringement" of my freedoms and rights in a "free" nation. I would only expect something like this in a totalitarian or autocratic regime. Is that what this "ploy" is?? Please keep the net free from capitalist exploitation.

—Mr. Randolph Whitmire, Rochester Hills, MI

Net Neutrality is important to me because access to information from a level playing field is essential to our democracy. The public needs to be able to secure the details of public policy initiatives and related commentary and analysis from all sources. Without net neutrality it is possible that sources backed by big money will drown out the more obscure and less well-financed voices.

—Ms. Debbie Aiona Aiona, Portland, OR

Net Neutrality is important to me because it provides a level playing field for ALL Americans; not just the affluent!

—Darryl M Keitt, ELIZABETH, NJ

Without Net Neutrality E-commerce will slow down to a trickle of what E-tailers now experience.

—Joan Lobell, Baltimore, MD

The miracle of the internet is that it allows everyone equal access to information that they might otherwise have no way of getting. I do not speak only of academic knowledge, although this is an extremely important aspect of the internet, but also as a source of news stories we might not get on the local channel, of opinions and viewpoints which counter those we are told to accept, and a look into other places and lives that we would otherwise never touch. It is a forum for art, music, and self-expression. There are a lot of crazies out there, but they are overwhelmed by people all over the world who are using the internet to share, to mobilize, and to learn. Creating a 'fast and slow lane' is a barely concealed and frankly, disgusting effort to destroy everything that is meaningful about the internet, for the financial profit of a few. I'd say 'shame on you', but if the FCC was capable of shame, this would never have been proposed in the first place.

—Sarah Faltesek, Falcon Heights, MN

Without internet equality, major revolutions and innovations would not have happened. And it places non-profit organizations in very precarious situations in which those with more money (=power) would be able to have a bigger voice in the Internet.

—Houston Wong, Kirkland, WA

The internet was designed by the people for the people. Now we have money grubbing corporations wanting to maximize their potential profits and screw up our internet. Please do not let this happen.

—Gary Gall, Cambria, CA

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Leland Befort, Great Bend, KS

IT IS WRONG TO MAKE THE INTERNET FOR THE RICH ONLY. THIS IS CENSORSHIP. IT SHOULD BE AN EVEN PLAYING FIELD AND ALL PROVIDERS SHOULD BE EQUAL.

—Claudia Schumann, San Francisco, CA

Net Neutrality means that we as individuals decide what we wish to access. Individual content contributors and readers/consumers of content are not discriminated against financially, politically or philosophically. ISPs must be classified as common carriers.

—Joanne Lukacher, Poughkeepsie, NY

Keep the net neutral. Keep the big money bullshit hands off the internet. Say no to comcast time warner etc - oh and by the way, those are monopolies and they still

—Mr. Marshal Garner, Euless, TX

WE'VE HAD ENOUGH OF CORPORATE TAKEOVER OF THIS COUNTRY, WE'VE HAD IT UP TO OUR EYEBALLS. IT'S TIME TO STOP AND IT'S TIME TO GET THAT 'FOX IN THE HENHOUSE' WHEELER OUT OF THE FCC. THERE IS ONLY SO MUCH THE PEOPLE CAN TAKE.

—John O'Doherty, CORONA, CA

Reclassify ISP's as an alternative to preserving Net Neutrality.

—Alison Gray, Stroudsburg, PA

There is no way that a fast lane/slow lane can be fair--small users will be pushed out by big corporate users. Web content will be edited by monied interests. The current proposed rules do not reflect the reality that the internet has become a necessary utility and should be regulated as such.

—Helen R Gabel, Bothell, WA