

Net Neutrality must be preserved and uncompromised to maintain freedom of information, competition, and creativity. Net Neutrality must only be in service of the common people and not for mega corporations whose aim is only profit and not service!

—Dan Lara, Chicago, IL

PLEASE MAINTAIN NET NEUTRALITY NOW!

—Richard Kramer, Akron, OH

Please keep the Internet open and accessible to all, not just those who can afford it and profit from it by reselling it to consumers.

—Dan Osmundson, Greenfield, IN

A neutral internet is crucial both for maintain democracy and for spurring innovation. Eliminating it only helps large corporations who need no help and who would only make things worse for most Americans if given more power. I love the internet and I frequent some pretty obscure sites. Please uphold net neutrality.

—Sarah Magidson, New Haven, CT

Don't let money buy America. Don't make citizens second class to Corporations.

—Gary Lawson, Fort Lauderdale, FL

If corporations are allowed to run the country, then the country is no longer a democracy. There is no equality if only the rich have a say in what happens.

—John Zarick, Mason, OH

Lets keep the Internet a level playing field for everyone.

—Geoff Giovan, Charlestown, RI

I live in an area that can only get television and radio through cable (a canyon). It is rural. Therefore, I don't have TV and get ALL my news, emergency alerts etc. either through the internet or on my phone (internet, basically). What about people like us? Don't we matter to ANYONE?

—Sherry L. Meddick, Silverado, CA

Keep the Internet a level playing field for all users not just those who have \$\$\$

—Karen ciavarini, mapleville, RI

It will help foster new ideas and services and help keep monopolies in check. So many of our public utilities and services have the last mile to our homes and we have little or no choice in who we get our Internet from. Keeping the net neutral will benefit the consumer and everyone else including businesses by keeping a level playing field.

—Chris fatzer, Englewood, NJ

Net neutrality is the only way to ensure that all voices have a chance to be heard.

—Tery Gohsman, Millington, MI

Keep real net neutrality. The internet should be made a necessity, like telephone communications, under FCC rules. If the FCC chairman continues this push President Obama should remove him from his position. Ending true net neutrality would be disastrous for this nation.

Sincerely, Nancy Bennett

—Nancy Bennett, Winslow, IL

GREED GREED GREED GREED. WHY? Comcast and all the other internet providers make enough damn money. Why do the rest of us have to suffer for other peoples greed? Maybe the US government wants to limit how much the people of the world communicate with each other. so it can try to contain how much people know of its dirty deeds. This is ridiculous. and tragic.

—michelle Davidson, tempe, AZ

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers!

—Robert Conant, boynton beach, FL

Net neutrality means equal access for rich and poor. So my speech is just as accessible to all as a corporation with billions of dollars. It competition vs monopoly. It is capitalism vs oligarchy. You choose.

—Christina McGinnis, San diego, CA

I have my own website because I freelance part time. I rely on an open internet that subscribes to the tenets of net neutrality so prospective clients can access samples of my work as quickly and unencumbered as possible. I'm just an individual, here, trying to do honest business. FCC, please do not punish me for this by ending net neutrality. If prospective clients can't access my website with the ease they currently do, it will hurt my prospects. Please, FCC, do the right thing and preserve net neutrality.

—Paul Hanna, Somerville, MA

The United States is for the people and by the people, not for the corporations and by the corporations.

—Kay Brown, Grand Rapids, MI

Right is Right!

—Mr. Greg Gentry, Ruckersville, VA

Net neutrality gives me the freedom to choose content providers and access information regardless of the company who ran the last mile of wire to my home. We need to ensure no conflict of interest gets in the way of non-discriminatory access to information.

—Joseph Mink, Florham Park, NJ

The internet is the greatest source of free speech our planet has ever known. It has allowed for a great opportunity to share our common heritage, share thoughts, and ideas that help all life on this planet. Please reclassify ISP's as common carriers. Thank you for listening

—Pete Andress, Omaha, NE

A free and open internet is vital to our democracy and should not be controlled by a few large corporations. Internet companies should be common carriers like any other utility company. Thank you.

—Jason White, New Orleans, LA

Net neutrality is important due to the abysmal state of internet provider choice throughout much of the country. Allowing companies to prioritize their own content will only provide more problems.

—Jonathan T. L. Riggan, Malvern, AR

I want to see the that the wolf guarding the henhouse is not just a shill for the telecoms although I am certain he is.

—James Hand, Columbus, IN

what are you guys doing ? it has been free for a long time and it works so why try to change it do you think the co op's need to make money off some thing that is free i do not want to pay for a faster seep or any more money that i am right now to use it

—Glenn D Condra, gulfport, MS

What you propose is not "Net neutrality" Im mad as hell !! This is BS

—John Lisifka, Portland, OR

I am an elderly disabled woman who believes that taking away one more right by taking away net neutrality is just another case of politicians selling out to corporations. It is our internet - not Verizon's or Comcast's.

—Eileen Casey, Rock Hill, SC

Money is power. Not everyone has enough money to be able to view everything. In this way, net neutrality protects equality. Without net neutrality, the government is indirectly controlling who can see what. That is a form of propaganda.

—Marie Techman, Charlottesville, VA

Real net neutrality is important to me and my family because we want full service internet access, not limited streaming access to only those providers who have paid more for faster feed. The end result will be that public will pay more to ISPs who are already making huge profits, who will control what can be watched without a lot of pixelation, broken audio and video. Nothing like making this a country whose information is controlled by a few large corporations. Talk about supporting inequality.

—Kent Wilson, Glenview, IL

If it ain't broke, don't fixit. Time for the law to catch up with technology..this emerging industry should be REGULATED as a utility...electric or telephone are older technology, but similar. I want all users to have equal access and speed on the net..this encourages innovation.

—Dav Jon Cooper, Quarryville, PA

It is our first amendment right to have this freedom.

—Amy, Stanhope, NJ

Net neutrality is important to me because I BARELY USE MOST OF THE STUPID SITES YOU WANNA STREAMLINE. I work for an evil cable company, I see your shady practices everyday. Its so pathetic. DO YOU EVEN LIFT FAGGOT ILL FUCKIN WRECK YOU IRL

—Nope, Donttouchmyinternetville,

Everything that has revolutionized our way of life in this country comes from entrepreneurs. The internet is the ultimate platform, by which these technologies and lifestyle revolutions have been launched in the past 20 years. Creating a 2 tier system necessarily stifles entrepreneurship and grants power to large corporations. If these rules were in place 20 years ago, we probably wouldn't have seen Amazon, Facebook, Google, or 10s of thousands of other successful startups that have since used the Internet as a launching pad. They The Internet is and should always remain neutral. It is the ultimate tool in freedom of expression, and by extension, the 1st amendment. Millions of jobs have been created by Internet start ups in the past decade and will continue to be a source of economic growth, if left neutral. I implore you, PLEASE SUPPORT NET NEUTRALITY. Sincerely, Jason A. Pedwell

—Jason Pedwell, Sammamish, WA

I support net neutrality and oppose a two-tier system.

—Jacqueline Birnbaum, Bronxville, NY

Net Neutrality is important because the Internet was created neither by nor for the companies/corporations that want to run it. It is not theirs. It is everyone's.

—Bisnca Delfosse, Coatepec,

The public should have control of the internet not corporations who only believe in the bottom line. It is outright discrimination if you go through with this. Net neutrality that everyone will be treated equally which is what this world has been striving for for ages. Going against that idea is a mockery to human history and its improvements.

—Ybb Villegas, North York,

Do not allow corporations to control the internet! The internet is us, the citizens, corporations should not be allowed to control it for their benefit! Its wrong and should be illegal.

—Jesse Drenner, Portland, OR

Keep this a level playing field for all. This is America, for Heaven's sake! Land of the free!

—Judith Prager, Redondo Beach, CA

There is a enormous need for citizens to rise up and defend net neutrality—also known as the First Amendment of the Internet, because it provides the guarantee of free speech online for all.

—Dayve C. Torres, San Antonio, TX

Community is more important than profit. Let the internet remain equally available to all users regardless of financial circumstance.

—Jenalee Joslyn, Portland, OR

Please abandon the proposed net neutrality rules and instead reclassify ISP's as common carriers.

—Marc Cogburn, Texarkana, AR

This is a direct attack on one of the founding principles of the United States. The idea that anyone with a good idea can work to make a better life for themselves goes out the window when only rich corporations can afford a fast website. There will be no "next Google" or "next Facebook" because the little guy well never be able to compete on equal footing.

—Jeremy Harris, Charlotte, NC

Please help protect a truly free internet!

—Rick Mynatt, Overland Park, KS

I'm a caregiver for my niece & nephew due to family tragedy. We barely afford our bills with the cheapest of utilities & no luxuries like going out. If internet prices raise and/or speeds slow even more how will I be able to educate my kids? The library closes at 7pm & has 2 computers with internet. I've enrolled them in the best educational programs I can. Homework is frequently assigned to use technology, especially for my 7th grade journalism student. I can't give them much in life, but at least I bought I could get them a good education. Not without Net Neutrality. Please, consider the young kids of today & their obstacles in a failing education system. Thank you.

—Julie, St. Petersburg, FL

I write to tell the FCC to throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality.

—P Bryer, Eugene, OR

because it's what the internet is based off of.

—Logan Mailandt, Franklin, WI

Because giant corporations should not be allowed to control every single aspect of my life.

—Julie Ashurst, Springfield, MO

The internet must remain an even playing field if we are to continue to innovate. We cannot bow to the greed and power of the largest corporations simply because they can afford to lobby and ultimately sue for what they want. They're only allegiance is to their shareholders - yours needs to be for the good of the American citizen.

—Mark Vargas, Woodland Hills, CA

The government and corporations have entirely too much power in this country. The internet is the ONLY force equalizer for the freedom of speech for the common citizen in this country. Net Neutrality should be protected with every bit as much zeal as the Bill of Rights, not the least of which is the First Amendment. The FCC was commissioned to work for the public good and protect the public trust, NOT to be a puppet for big corporations who already control too much in this country.

—Robert Meservey, Seguin, TX

Please re-draft the internet rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers. There should not be a fast lane for the rich.

—Donna Rowland, Seattle, WA

We need to maintain net neutrality for all of us. Throw out the new rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Randi Smith, Salt Lake City, UT

Letting capitalists condone inequality for the sake of increasing already outrageous profits is truly criminal. Comcast, Time Warner, and Verizon have created the mythical "bandwith hog" to convince internet users to turn on each other instead of attacking the telecommunications monopolies and their strategically inadequate infrastructure. Since socioeconomic inequality is logically and historically inseparable from inequality based on race, gender, sexual orientation, and nationality, the telecommunications companies' "fast track" policy will naturally reinforce all forms of inequality on a global scale.

—Lauren Kay, West Bloomfield, MI

It's too bad the FCC has chummed up with their corporate pals, yet again. Wouldn't it be wonderful if they sided with the average American once in a while instead of the big money team they are so slavishly devoted.

—Mr. Jim Whitworth, Ucluelet, BC

Please keep the internet neutral. We need access to all information and it should not depend on whether or not you can pay for it. Our choices are already limited to a handful of players now. If you allow money into the mix we will surely lose all neutrality. The internet must remain FREE.

—Roberta Renshaw, Winsted, CT

Is this actually still happening? The internet is public space. We don't have a special Central Park for rich people. Stop embarrassing everybody. Net neutrality is common sense.

—Gregory Andrew Nasif, Brookline, MA

Selling the goods of the commons will ruin the economy. If you want to sell the future of your children for a few dollars then go ahead let the bribery system prevail. If you want to kill the last thing the American economy has going for it. Allow for privatization of the internet super highway. It is my strong belief that the only accomplishment you will make is an ass out of yourself. When prices get ridiculous competition will come in. There comes a point when people get tired of the bullshit. How long did it take for the workers during the American industrial revolution to come together and start the most powerful unions in the world? My points are simple. 1 You'd be an ass to be a sell out and allow "Net Neutrality" aka non neutral fuck the poor. 2 You would ruin future businesses before they take off.

—William, plano, TX

Net neutrality is important to me. Enough is enough. This medium, this internet constitutes the closest and only thing we the people have to give voice to our positions. Don't sell it away as so much in our country has already been. I am not wealthy. I work for a living and cannot afford TV. Considering most of the crap on commercial or cable TV these days. I'm probably not missing much. Destroy net neutrality though and you will take away what I do have... the internet as we know it. The internet is my only source of communication, entertainment, information and educational resources. Destroy net neutrality and that will be gone when corporations own it. They will not use it in a fashion that benefits the greatest number of Americans. They will do what has been done with everything else they touch... turn a profit for the fewest people.

—Patricia Watson, Garland, TX

Public Utilities are essential elements in a Democracy which protect citizens from having necessities such as clean water, energy and mail subject to the subject to the manipulations of wealth, profit and artificial scarcity. The free and open flow and exchange of information is equally essential in a democracy. We cannot allow this essential means of communication to be dominated by private concerns and commercial priorities. One of the foundations of our nation is a rejection of arbitrary and hereditary authority.

—Lawrence Jasud, Memphis, TN

Make decisions for the American people,.. not the international corporate power lobby. Or. Make a decision for corporate power and be an object of net ridicule from now on. Your choice. Somehow, I assume you are so dumb and greedy that you will grab the money flowing into your secret bank account from the corporate elite and eventually die, just like everyone else. Duh uh uh uh..uh uh uh uhhhh.

—Ron McComb, PORTLAND, OR

Freedom and democracy in our country rely on unbiased access to information. To continue having our voices heard, to continue to share injustices being done, to continue to have unrestricted access to information America needs net neutrality.

—Dawn A Pearce, Portland, OR

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We all know striking down net neutrality is wrong and that it should be up held for all the little guys and start ups to give them at least a chance.

—Neil Laljie, winter garden, FL

The internet has spoken, make broadband internet ISPs common carriers.

—Howard Hicks, Virginia Beach, VA

This proposal is outrageous. Enough is enough. Leave the internet alone and let us all continue to use the internet equally without tiers or levels equated to financial cost. Things are expensive enough. Net neutrality is absolutely essential for the ability of all Americans to continue use this amazing resource without placing limitations on anyone for any reason. I am sick of being controlled by big business. It can't ONLY BE ABOUT WHATS GOOD FOR THEM. WHAT ABOUT WHATS GOOD FOR US ??

—Joan Seiden, Westbury, NY

There is no single person in any home, any town, any city, any state, no region of the United States and no region of the world, where people will not be outraged to discover how deeply this proposal will bring us even further into the depths of failure as a nation and a society as a whole.

—Emily Nguyen, Platteville, CO

Creating monopolies is the worst. With competition, everything can flourish and more money can be made in the long term.

—Chris Texidor, Guayama, PR

It just is. How is it not?

—Rocknrobert06@hotmailcom, Anchorage, AK

WE DEMAND REAL NET NEUTRALITY!!! No fast or slow lanes. Everyone at the same speed, just like phone calls.

—Lawrence Tetenbaum, Plainview, NY

everyone needs to be able to access info they need without outside limits

—Fran, lindenhurst, NY

Everyone should have equal rights to express themselves the way they need to and do the things they need to do! I have a slow Internet as it is due to my financial challenges and slowing down my Internet \*more\*---that makes it even worse! I need to be able to do things and to express myself (the Internet has enabled me to do things I never have done before!) so please hear this and do the right thing. NET NEUTRALITY!

—Carolyn J Cox, San Diego, CA

Be honest FCC internet service providers are common carriers. For right by the American public.

—L Parker, Everett, WA

Keep the net neutral, don't let Chinese mentality ruin a part of the "free" Western culture!

—Douglas Rice, Cincinnati, OH

dear fcc please preserve net neutrality

—Dave Delson, boca raton fl., FL

Back in the 1980's or early 1990's, a case could have been made that the internet was not an essential public utility. The case was weak even then, as the net was quickly becoming ubiquitous. To make such a case today is absolutely absurd. As an essential feature of the world we live and operate in today, it is crucial that the internet be open to all on equal basis. To allow a two-tiered structure is totally incompatible with any pretense of fair and equal treatment of all traffic, which is absolutely necessary for the net to function properly for all users. Make no mistake - - no matter what semantic dressing is put on it, a two tiered net is not neutral. To say that you will allow priority service arrangements but not allow carriers to disadvantage non-prioritized traffic is an inherent oxymoron -- the carriers will simply define an unusably slow lane as "standard" service, thereby forcing anyone who wants acceptable service to pay more. This will totally destroy the net's usefulness for most users, both providers and consumers of services, with unknowable but undoubtedly serious consequences. It will also likely do serious damage to the US economy as the rest of the developed world is unlikely to fall for such nonsense, and will therefore gain a tremendous competitive advantage by having a more usable system.

—Robert A Console, Stow, MA

America's citizens need the FCC to reclassify Internet service providers as common carriers in the interest of fairness and protecting net neutrality for everyone.

—Lana Andrea, Pearland, TX

The internet is a resource that collectively belongs to the citizens and no business entity (or entities) has the right to tilt the entire pinball machine, so to speak, towards their own interests. The citizens of the United States paid, through their tax dollars, for their development of the internet, and their use of it, whether in content/service consumption or in content/service creation and dissemination, must never be diminished to a second class degree of access, reach, or speed.

—Jamie Bryan, New York, NY

Pure and simple corporate greed....The whole idea of it simply disgusts me

—John DeVoe, Monmouth, OR

To the FCC.... Please throw out the current rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality. NE....

—Nicole English, Kansas City, MO

It is important for me to have the freedom to choose to listen, watch or read religious programs and material at the same bandwidth regardless of who has the ability to pay more money to push their own agenda. The same can be said for other types of programs, movies, books or any other material. All people should have the right to the same privileges regardless of wealth, race, religion, sexual orientation or any other difference. Keep the Internet in the domain of all people at the same speed which the people themselves are paying the ISPs to have. Corporations rely on the people not the other way around!

—David Viles, Alma, AR

The internet is an important venue to obtain information without interference and biases designed to favor large corporations. This must remain so.

—Kelli Winslow, San Diego, CA

I use the internet daily. If it were slower for me because big users paid for faster service, it would impact my life (and surely millions of other users) every day.

—David Stickell, Tampa, FL

The internet is one of mankind's greatest achievements. It allows people from all over the world to share information. To allow it to be corporatized would jeopardize access to individuals who have good information to share but lack funds to publish it.

—Joel Weisberger, Fallbrook, CA

Don't destroy the internet! We want the internet to be available to everyone at reasonable rates. The control of the internet should not be in the hands of a few large corporations. The internet should not become a toll highway.

—Eugene Shepherd, Silver Springs, FL

Keep the internet open and free for the people! Stop this ridiculous and obvious abuse of corporate power. This is a sham and is not democracy.

—Britt Holdren, Holiday, FL

Commissioners: The internet belongs to the public and should not be for sale. Say no to the special interest and do what is right for the public that has placed its trust in you.

—Linda Thompson, Houston, TX

The internet must not become yet another exclusive property of the rich; don't unjustifiably take more from those who have the least (but are the vast majority of Americans). Reclassify ISPs as common carriers, rather than creating an apartheid internet!

—Donna L Allen, Glendale, AZ

To favor the wealthy (read corporations) over the single user (read limited funds) is cynical, unfair and un-American. Please keep the internet as it is. Thank you.

—Elizabeth Cotton, Encinitas, CA

Please do not allow net neutrality to die!! The democracy of the internet is unbelievably beautiful and should not be ruined by cable companies greed. We are paying attention. Do not fuck this up.

—Margaret Hannah, Athens, GA

The internet belongs to the people, not to large hypocrite companies who would take advantage of us.

—Murphy Thibodeau, Barboursville, VA

Let's keep the Internet democratic.

—Angela Palmisono, Hiialeah, FL

Net Neutrality is important because it levels the playing field of American innovation without ripping people off financially. It is a UTILITY and should be governed as such.

—K Christensen, Baldwin Park, CA

Net neutrality allowed innovative start-ups to challenge and eventually overtake dominant brands (as Facebook supplanted MySpace). That won't happen any more under Chairman Wheeler's plan. Is it any wonder that the economy remains in the tank when Democrats and Republicans collude to do the bidding of lobbyists, thereby expanding Washington's anti-small business, anti-middle class policies? ISPs must be reclassified as common carriers.

—Thomas Denman, New York, NY

Tom Wheeler, I do not approve of the proposed changes to the current Internet rules. Internet Service Providers should be classified as common carriers. The proposed changes are against the wishes of the majority of the users of the Internet and are not in their Interests. You clearly represent other Interests. Mr Wheeler, you appear to be a delivery boy for the large service providers, and should not be in the job if you push the proposed unwanted changes. Shame!

—Rod Spencer, Bayswater,

Without Net Neutrality we have no democracy. We cannot allow the corporations to end Net Neutrality.

—Miriam Mellman, Oakland, CA

I am a librarian, and know that an informed people and viable civilization need free, open-access to a variety of information unhindered by prohibitive corporate pricing and corralling into information-poor consumer-ghettos.

—Jonathan D. Boyne, Honolulu, HI

I am a 94 yr. old female and being able to use my computer is very important. I am able to keep up with family and what is going on in this world, Don't take away my one important pleasure in my old age. And, so it is with my friends.

—Jayne Beck, Verdugo City, CA

Do not end net neutrality. DO NOT ALLOW these companies to have the power to pick winners and losers online and discriminate against online content and applications. Throw out the rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Kervyn Dimney, PEYTON, CO

Free speech should be "free"

—Sarah Wilson, Republic, WA

Thank you for accepting comments. Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Please don't listen to special interests, but to the common people. We are America!

—Stephanie Unick, Kearney, NE

We already have a police state...a free internet preserves a bit of democracy.

—Jim Bowne, Ashland, OR

Keep the internet fair for everyone!

—Rosanna Lam, Sydney,

Keep net neutrality. I work at home and need access to internet for work. Dividing the net into a slow lane and a fast lane would mean higher work related expenses.

—Marie Garside, Simi Valley, CA

The corporations have done enough to hurt, cheat, and steal for the general population. Allowing this is just another tool in their toolbox to defeat us and keep us down farther.

—Leslye Thomas, Homosassa, FL

This is the United States of America, not the Corporate States of America. We the people are the voice and strength of this nation, and the rules being proposed for the internet are designed solely to support the desires of the corporate state. The net is the ultimate expression of freedom of speech and commerce, and should remain neutral to all, with no group ever receiving favoritism of any kind. The net should remain open and free!

—Michael Heinsohn, Minneapolis, MN

Having a tiered internet wouldn't be a fair system for everyone.

—Derek Srisaranard, Elmhurst, NY

Dear FCC: Net neutrality is necessary for democracy. Please deny discrimination on internet. Henry Hulter MD

—Henry N N, san rafael, CA

Dear FCC, Are you trying to slow down the improvement of our education and advancement of knowledge? Passing these rules is absolutely absurd and will do just that. Why is it that when our economy is down, the middle class is non existent and the only upper class are the 1 percenters, you are trying to pass these ridiculous rules for the internet and kick us while we are down. This process is completely backwards as well. I can sort of understand why cable companies are charging more for HD channels, its a newer technology and therefore more expensive, but this is ass backwards. You will be making the good internet worse. You are trying to change the internet for the benefit of larger companies.... do you not see the issue with this? What about the smaller ones which the entire country relies on to have a strong economy? Or the children that in order to finish their homework in a timely manner, they need to research information on the internet... now it will take them longer because huge companies "need more money"? Why would anyone even think of changing something like this for this reason? It would be a catastrophe. Please hear our words and DO NOT PASS THESE RULES.. Thank You, Stephen Way

—Stephen Way, Boston, MA

Don't let these companies rule the internet and it's access and speed. We should all be entitled to the same quality internet for the same cost, internet is freedom, internet is education and it is our future.

—Cassandra-Lee March-Brown, Gold Coast,

The USA should show the rest of the world the meaning of freedom instead of selling out the future of the Internet to the highest bidder.

—Dr. Matthias Doblies, Glienicke,

We need neutral Internet to allow us to see and do anything we please without large companies moving in and controlling what we can do or how fast we can do it.

—C Warren Pope, Asheville, NC

I depend on the Internet for my daily entertainment, and implementing these new rules would be very disastrous.

—CB Horton Jr., Old Hickory, TN

If your proposal goes through, not only will there be a two-tiered Internet, ISP's will charge customers more as well as companies like Netflix. As a senior on a fixed income, I would no longer be able to afford Internet access. The United States is already behind in access to the Internet. We also pay a higher price for what access we get. And, our speeds are slower. Your proposal only makes things worse, not better.

—D Bell, Veradale, WA

Net Neutrality means that everyone has the freedom to use the internet and not be discriminated against. With the internet being such an important tool in the 21st century, net neutrality is extremely important to everyone, not just me!

—Livne Ore, Auckland,

Without Net Neutrality, when trying to watch a show on Netflix, my provider could show it down or stop it, because I am not using their service. Or a Large Company could pay the provider 'an extra fee' to be sure they get the data faster than my company and I look out on a bid for a contract.

—Michael Pennington, West Palm Beach, FL

The Internet is a stronghold of the First Amendment. We, the people of the U.S.A., need a free and open Internet more than any corporation needs excess money.

—Caitlin Savino, Ithaca, NY

Small business cannot survive a change that abandons NET NEUTRALITY - the dominant players got there and some of them want to freeze the playing field to maintain and improve their present advantage that size and existing position gives them.

—Richard C Dacosta, FONTHILL,

It is time our government agencies started looking out for the general population instead of the Corporations. It is VITAL that those of us with fixed incomes and most of the population be able to have access to the same internet quality. Corporations do not have a social conscience and eventually the fees would be way too high. Thanks for listening.

—Yvette Schultenover, Grand Rapids, MN

Your website crashed Monday due to volume. I guess you need to pay more for your internet access.

—Todd Kerekes, Manchester, NH

I am an entrepreneur. My business depends on affordable access to the internet to grow my business. Ending Net Neutrality will be a big setback to thousands of small businesses across our country. Therefore I am asking the FCC to throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. We can compete under this standard.

—Ume Opara, Piscataway, NJ

Mega-Corp Emperors are systematically removing all competition, consolidating their monopolies and pumping cash and personnel into the regulatory system. These actions are un-American, anti-free market and are corruption based power grabs. Lack of action by the FCC to crumple these proposed rules and toss them directly into the trash demonstrates that it is now nothing more than a department within the mega-corp infrastructure. The fact that these rules were even proposed is disgraceful, despicable and unworthy of respect. Resign now before you further dishonor your offices.

—Jeff Gourdouze, BOYNTON BEACH, FL

An open and free internet is vital to our democracy.

—Trisha Steel, Laytonville, CA

It's outrageous to allow tiered access to a communications system that has become essential to the way every person in the developed world conducts their daily lives. ISPs should be common carriers and mega communication networks must not be allowed to interfere even more than they already do with the distribution of information. This kind of servitude to monolithic corporate interests is how capitalism has become a dirty word and democracy a fading notion.

—Mary Read, London,

The internet clearly functions as a public utility and must be reclassified as such. Net Neutrality is essential to truly preserve, because we cannot sustain a society in which access to this method of communication depends on one's wealth.

—Tora Huntington, Pittsfield, MA



All Internet users should have equal access without preferential high-speed services going to corporate users.

—Doug Musick, Walnut Creek, CA

Net neutrality created our tech boom--don't kill the goose that lays golden eggs.

—Martha Koester, Seattle, WA

Using the words, "Net Neutrality," to sell a plan that is the opposite of the meaning of the phrase -- a plan in which there is more than one speed available depending how much is paid for the service, is lying! The only true net neutrality comes from all users' data travelling at the same speed. The corruption and manipulation involved in these lies is, unfortunately, typical of our society today. Today's internet may be the only example of a level playing field extant. It must be kept "pure" in this regard.

—Stanley Naftaly, Santa Barbara, CA

The internet is a public domain; where every person in the world is able to connect to many other people and businesses. The possibilities are endless when connected to the internet. People use blogs to express themselves. Troubled teens can reach out for help and ask questions that their parents would never answer. Small business owners can advertise to a wider demographic than before. Artists and writers can publish their works online. In today's world, people can reach out through the internet to share their stories and experiences that would otherwise go unheard. Currently, hate crimes are being committed every few minutes around the world. The people in these countries are able to share their stories through the internet, because Western media would never think to advertise the rape and hate crimes being committed in other countries. Through the internet, these vicious crimes are being brought to light. And the criminals and political leaders are having a harder time sweeping these events under-the-rug because of the public outrage that follows. Again, this is all thanks to the internet. In the last two decades, the internet has become the voice of the people. And not just the American or Western people-but the people of the world! By fighting for Net Neutrality here in America, you in the FCC are helping to preserve the rights to everyone on the planet. You may think that bowing down to the big companies won't mean much. But without Net Neutrality, internet providers can, and will, turn biased against certain websites that have either partnerships, or are even owned, by their rivals. Without the right internet provider, a consumer might not be able to access the very website that they depend on. The internet should be listed as a public domain to prevent this atrocious act of greed. And that's all this is; the greed of the corporate conglomerates that wish to own everything-which, by the way, is completely illegal under the Sherman Act and shouldn't even be discussed in the first place! So, please, come to your senses and keep the internet neutral. For all our sakes.

—Hannah Brown, Olympia, WA

Net neutrality is the way people can connect, without discrimination or bias, and speak their mind and truly be free. If you take this away then you are what is wrong with our society. Bowing down to these corporations. Keep the internet free.

—Mark, Gray, TN

Without Net Neutrality a few giant corporations will control the speed and bandwidth of the Internet, thereby causing a de facto censorship on content they don't like silencing voices that deserve to be heard. Only those with enough money and power will have the speed to have their voices and opinions heard in a reasonable timeframe if at all.

—Kenneth Carolus, Cincinnati, OH

Access to information is a right.

—Carolyn Waker, Louisa, VA

The internet has become almost impossible to use as it is. anyone with enough money is able to stick their nose into anything a person is trying to do. Pop Ups here, giggling to distract, Unwanted , unasked for butting in to show commercials. there is no end to it. MONEY talks, anything else, is cast aside, in a mad race to get attention. Throw them all out, Make one Public internet for everyone Public radio and TV has shown the way.

—Elmer Stenger, Bethel Park,,PA, PA

everyone should have free access to the internet and the services it provides without having to pay a corporation for the privilege to use it.

—Karralena Castaway, Limestone, ME

The Internet should be a public utility! Stop trying to hijack it for the rich. I am not rich and I use the Internet to earn money. I need Net Neutrality protected!

—Laura Frame, Huntington, NY

ISP's are common carriers. We demand no preferential treatment. Enough of this country has been sold out already. It is time to put a stop to this corporate madness.

—Timothy Hayes, Trenton, NJ

Please protect net neutrality, and please reclassify broadband as telecommunications so that ISPs are common carriers subject to increased FCC regulation!

—Peter Gorsuch, Seattle, WA

the internet is a basic utility now. for me the internet is more important than heat. let's acknowledge that and not waste the next five years arguing about it.

—Charles Witkowski, San Francisco, CA

The internet is our second life. Just as in real life everyone should have equal rights to all public services, so should it be on the internet. Whether you are rich or poor or what ever your socio economic status may be, it should not make a difference to the content and the availability of content (including speed) available.

—Filip chlipalski, Rotterdam,

Making small businesses around the country pay more to stay competitive on the internet is crazy! It restricts competition. And given the importance of the internet in everyone's lives today, it is painfully obvious broadband providers serve as utility providers. Please do what is right and protect equal access to the internet.

—Marc Clark, Eureka Springs, AR

The Internet belongs to all the people, not a small number of corporations. That requires that all people, groups, and businesses have EQUAL access to the Internet. This requires FULL net neutrality.

—Roland Buck, Arlington Heights, IL

Internet should remain as it is, FCC do not change it...

—Angie Weiland, Cedar Rapids, IA

A uncensored and unbiased medium to exchange our thoughts and ideas is crucial to our right to free speech and a pillar of our democracy. Money is not free speech, the unhindered exchange of thoughts and ideas is free speech. Please protect our internet -- and respect our rights.

—Scott Whittington, Eureka, CA

Free speech is the foundation of true democracy. Net Neutrality is the modern version of the public square podium. Political division threatens to shut down the public square to certain people and not to others. That is discrimination.

—Rash WmFreePress, Denver, CO

Please give all online content a fair chance - don't give a fastlane to those who can pay extra!

—Richard Truong, Irvine, CA

The "fast lane" is for those who buy up and tie up politics.

—Dan Roderick Myers, Los Angeles, CA

The net belongs to the people, not the robber barons!

—Phil w, woodland hills, CA

The people are getting angrier as more and more of the freedom we have enjoyed in the past are being taken away. Now here is another proposal to show the middle class American people that they are about to lose again. The rich will afford it and the poor will get it for free. So who is really going to lose. The working middle class. ( if there really is such a thing anymore)

—Lorri Vera, South Elgin, IL

Please classify the ISP as common carriers instead of letting them control the whole world. That is the kind of power controlling the internet gives them.

—Jonathan P Leone, San Antonio, TX

The proposed rules will devastate net neutrality and destroy equality of access. Vote for a democratic internet. Tom Wheeler is beholden to industry.

—Linda, Mechanicsville, MD

Compared to other countries, we have slower internet service at higher prices. Oh, and customer service is atrocious. And I have lived in two other countries, so, yeah, I have comparable data points.

—J, Pittsburgh, PA

The Internet is a Public Utility much like electricity and water. I demand neutral and equal access !

—Lisa Artino, Cleveland, OH

The world does not end at the providers' fingertips.

—Michael House, Redwood City, CA

Capitalism is broken, it's already proven how mega corporations have only benefited the upper management and politicians they buy out. It should be a CRIME for lobbyists to exist, to persuade people who are meant to represent and preserve equality for its citizens, by turning against them and turning our government into a large financial mafia. It is morally wrong, it is irrational, unreasonable, and disgusting.

—Violet Whitworth, Elk Grove, CA

Dear FCC, please reclassify the ISPs as common carriers. The future of the freedom depends on this!

—Federico Pantuliano, Buenos Aires,

The Internet is the finest tool of a true Democracy please don't sellout the American people for the sake of corporate profits!

—David Cencula, Sparks, NV

Net Neutrality mean ease of access. It also means standing against the textbook definition of a monopoly that has cropped up in the mainstream ISP providers.

—Michael D Loughner, Marietta, GA

THERE ARE FEW AREAS IN OUR LIVES WHERE THERE IS TRUE "EQUALITY" FOR ALL PEOPLE ANYMORE, IF IT EVER EXISTED AT ALL?!! THE INTERNET, FOR THE MOST PART, HAS BEEN ONE OF THOSE AREAS AND IT "MUST" REMAIN SO FOR ALL PEOPLE!! THERE SHOULD NOT BE FAVORITISM, DISCRIMINATION, SOLD FOR A PRICE, EVER!!!

—Kevin D. Ogborn, MESA, AZ

The Internet belongs to the people, not the government, not corporations. Reclassify ISP's as common carriers.

—Brenda Hibdon, Evansville, IN

The Internet was built with all of our tax monies, and all the other ways we tax ourselves. It belongs in the Commons, free to all at the exact same speed. Any other use of this technology is privatization. We must start re-building our Commons. This would be a very good start. I urge that this proposal be removed permanently. We are not going away.

—Zk Kastl, sf, CA

The Internet is the de facto utility of the 21st century and must be treated as such. Please don't "fix" something that's not broken. Thank you!

—Mark Durante, Houston, TX

Net Neutrality is needed to assure freedom of speech.

—John Paul Bucki, Buffalo, NY

It violates my first amendment rights and 18 usc 242 if two or more conspyer to .....

—Michael N Sexton, Bolivar, NY

If there is no net neutrality then smaller business on the net will not have the visibility needed to be successful. In addition, I would like to have control over what I can access on the web.

—Tammy Miller, nottingham, MD

The internet is the undisputed source of the mass bulk of worldly information in this digital age. It is the modern-era outlet of free speech and the expression of opinion, the dissemination of knowledge and ideas, and the collection of data. Allowing corporate interests to hold sway over which information deserves accessibility by individuals is a very direct infringement upon free speech, because the internet has, to this point, evolved openly as a forum for all information to be accessed equally.

—Paul Richard Dulaney, Fort Worth, TX

This proposed 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 everyone else. 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 is wrong.

—Suzanne Saunders, St. Petersburg, FL

Accessibility to information exchange should not be prioritized by socioeconomic status.

—Misty Auton, lenoir, NC

Do not cave in to corporate greed. The degradation of society is disgustingly evident. Keep net neutrality!

—Kelli, Palm Bay, FL

The internet should be PROTECTED as interstate commerce, as free speech... it should NOT be sold to the highest bidder as a vehicle for profit ( another fine TEAPUBLICAN ideal!) It seems to me that FCC stands for Federal Communications commission, not FOOLS and CREEPS who screw COMMONERS! Rule for the PEOPLE, not for DISCRIMINATION on behalf of BIG MONEY! Live up to your duty! Quit even thinking of selling us all out to the highest BRIBERS!

—Richard Abel, DUBLIN, OH

This legislature will destroy an important freedom in this country. The internet needs to remain open.

—Rachel Birkentall, jersey city, NJ

Keep free speech free

—Don Webb, St Peters, MO

Equality for all makes internet work. Corporations do not need to run the system, people do.

—Inger Acking, Berkeley, CA

The FCC needs to do what is right for EVERYone, not just those who stand to make the most money in order to bribe their way into making MORE money.

—Rachelle Stults, Wichita, KS

considering that the most all main stream media is owned by 6 corporations the internet is the last stand for free speech, freedom to choose news sources and our ability to read "both" sides plus left and right of what is going on in the world. had you been doing your job in the first place and preventing monopolies within the media this problem would not have begun in the first place. when lies, half truths and smoke screens are the norm from the news medias is there any wonder that the people of the world no longer look up to and trusts the USA?

—Diana A Seymour, Johnson City, TN

It's bad enough that America is trailing so many other companies in internet access due to a lack of competition, don't let those few companies with a monopoly make things worse. For once it would be nice to see the government do something for the people besides shafting us in favor of corporations.

—Scott Peach, Energy, IL

Net neutrality protects the small players, the consumers and freedom of speech. Don't let the corporations control it.

—Helen Johnson, Ventura, CA

Net Neutrality, real net neutrality is important to me because there shouldn't be a monopoly on the internet, no one should be allowed to decide for you what kind of sites get faster internet or get so little speed that they become useless to the normal users of it. This line of thinking is not the same as when an employer decides if a woman can have insurance to birth control but it is in the same mental path. Someone else deciding what you can and cant do even though it wouldn't effect them if you had proper, neutral internet. We need that. For our businesses and capitalism in general.

—ariel Moore, Lake In The Hills, IL

Letting companies control who gets access to higher internet speeds, by paying a lot more, is unfair to those who pay for internet for housing use, but don't have the income to buy faster internet,

—Jeremiah Israel, Apple Valley, MN

Let the internet be what it was meant to be, a medium to freely inter-communicate. The lack of competition and common interests between Time Warner and Comcast, At&t and Verizon, and large conglomerates as well as Tom Wheeler, who worked with positions including President of the National Cable Television Association (NCTA) and CEO of the Cellular Telecommunications & Internet Association (CTIA) seems to be quite frightening. Wikipedia in Tom Wheeler's page [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tom\\_Wheeler#Net\\_neutrality](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tom_Wheeler#Net_neutrality) shows: " In May 2014 over 100 internet companies including Google, Microsoft, eBay, and Facebook signed a letter to Wheeler voicing their disagreement with his plans, saying they represented a "grave threat to the Internet".[12] As of May 15, 2014, the fast lane bill passed voting with a 3/2 vote. It will now be open to public discussion that ends July 2014.[13]" Even the prior [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Julius\\_Genachowski#Net\\_neutrality](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Julius_Genachowski#Net_neutrality) Julius Genachowski was a strong advocate of a net neutrality principle. Important, also was Michael Coops, the previous Chairman of the Federal Communications Commission displayed a prediction of what is happening in his [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Michael\\_Copps#Comcast.27s\\_acquisition\\_of\\_NBC\\_Universal](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Michael_Copps#Comcast.27s_acquisition_of_NBC_Universal) statement : I searched in vain for the benefits (...) Pardon me, but a deal of this size should be expected to yield more than the limited benefits cited. (...) In sum, this is simply too much, too big, too powerful, too lacking in benefits for American consumers and citizens.... I would be true to neither the statute nor to everything I have fought for here at the Commission over the past decade if I did not dissent from what I consider to be a damaging and potentially dangerous deal (..) At the end of the day, the public interest requires more-much more-than it is receiving. The Comcast-NBCU joint venture opens the door to the cable-ization of the open Internet. The potential for walled gardens, toll booths, content prioritization, access fees to reach end users, and a stake in the heart of independent content production is now very real. P.S. video at: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player\\_embedded&v=fpbOEoRrHyU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=fpbOEoRrHyU)"  
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—Jon Boren, Temple City, CA

Net Neutrality is vital to the continued efficient use of the internet by all! Internet users do not need to be forced into the proposed two-tiered program by large internet providers, so that only those who can afford the added fees will have access to high speed internet, while the rest of us are relegated to slower, inferior service. These large companies do not need more power...they simply need to provide reliable internet service at reasonable cost. We all need Net Neutrality, with internet service providers that are providers of a reasonably priced service----available to all, not only those who can afford extra fees, and internet service providers that are not watchdogs for online content and application. Please review and revise the FCC's proposed Internet rules. The rules need to work for the consumer--not the large internet companies!

—Catherine Riewer, Paradise, CA

It will help keep information and differing opinions for users to make up their own mind

—Mrs. Barbara G, Naples, FL

Please do not pass rules which allow internet providers to offer higher data speeds for those who can pay more. These providers must be nothing more than common carriers. Linda Keir

—Linda Keir, Sandy, OR

The global Internet is as revolutionary as the invention of the printing press. It must always remain free for all people and all communications. Never, ever should there exist any 'authority' over, nor restriction of, the Internet. There must be absolutely no imposed fast/slow speeds or restricted sites. Neither governments nor corporations should EVER be allowed ANY control over the global Internet. NOT EVER.

—Billie Wolf, Skyland, NC

Net Neutrality is important because it is fair to everyone. The proposed internet rules of the FCC are obviously discriminatory.

—Lisa Nelson, Ada, OK

Sharing information and information accessibility is the only thing that will make our survival as a species possible. Education will be key and the internet is the best opportunity we have to create partnerships that will make the biggest difference in our world's future.

—Alison, Chicago, IL

We need to be able to access all sources at the same speed and price. If people can pay to have their sites given priority, then it will make it easy for people with money to spread rumors on the internet without anyone refuting them.

—Frederick Paper, Ann Arbor, MI

I believe Net Neutrality is directly linked to the success of small businesses. With Net Neutrality compromised, it is only a matter of time for the internet to become a bias source and skew users to well established company websites. This will consequently eliminating fair and much needed competition in all business sectors.

—Anna Abolian, Burbank, CA

The internet needs to be freely open to all. If you let it be controlled by corporations, only people with money will be able to push their agenda and their products.

—Angela Barkman, Saucier, MS

There must be an equal playing field on the internet. Don't let corporate fascism be the way of the web.

—Sharon Robinson, Tesuque, NM

Please don't allow cable, phone companies to control internet speeds. They provide a service to access the net, they don't own it.

—Julie Johnson, Union, OH

It is a paid for service that should not be regulated or controlled by third parties that have a severe conflict of interest.

—Hector Ariceaga, Albany, OR

A free and open internet is the last best hope against a 'Big Brother' type future. If you are having a bandwidth problem you need to create more bandwidth not unnaturally restrict ours.

—David Gignac, Norfolk, VA

Leave the Net alone! Let all of it be freely accessible to all of us without subscription.

—Jo b. Mitchell, Seattle, WA

Please do the right thing here. Don't find another way to put the rich ahead of everyone else. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Thank You.

—Larry Wright, Hammond, IN

How can the FCC not understand that the essence of free speech is the free and unfettered expression of opinion - popular or not - ruled "obscene" or not - FREE speech! Good heavens - without the FCC 's awareness of that - all First Amendment Rights are in jeopardy. WAKE UP FCC!

—Steve Marvin, Pensacola, FL

I oppose telecom plutocracy.

—Mitchell Diamond, Sunnyvale, CA

The internet must remain neutral. The cable companies already have monopoly status, charging exorbitant prices for sub-par service and connection speeds. The government does not need to fix something that is not broken. The proposed rules should be discarded - immediately.

—Kevin Keyes, Denver, CO

Access to the wealth of information which is available on the internet should be openly available to everyone, without discrimination.

—Laura Strugnell, Madison, WI

When special interests gain control of the Internet, prices will go up and many of us will no longer be able to afford access. Please do not sell us out to the highest bidders.

—Nancy West, Rio Rancho, NM

The internet allows me to keep up with studying, educating my children, and sharing family memories. The internet should be used for that, and sharing the truth.

—Denbigh Perry, Bellingham, WA

Net neutrality is essential to what was once considered the American Way. Small businesses need equal exposure to compete with multinational corporations. Citizens need access to information that hasn't been filtered or altered by corporate media. ISP's need to be classified as common carriers so they are unable to discriminate against companies with less money or information they would prefer not be released to the public.

—Jane Oberlander, Edmonds, WA

It ain't broke - so don't fix it.

—Terry Auping, Fitchburg, WI

We are more important than the corporations. Leave the internet to us!

—Robert Wellemeier, EAST LYME, CT

The FCC Won't Stand Up for Internet Freedom The Federal Communications Commission won't stand up for internet freedom. In February, FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler announced that he will not appeal the recent court ruling that struck down net neutrality. Instead, the commission will attempt to regulate internet providers on a "case-by-case basis." In addition, the Obama Administration announced Tuesday that the president cannot order the FCC to reclassify internet providers as so-called "common carriers." Overall, it appears that the President and the FCC are siding with giant corporations, rather than the millions of Americans who demand a free and open internet. Since net neutrality was struck down last month, there have already been numerous reports of internet traffic being slowed down by carriers, in a blatant attempt to extort more money from content providers like Netflix. To make matters worse, Comcast also announced a merger with Time Warner, which would give that carrier even more extreme power to create a pay-for-play internet. Instead of protecting our right to freely exchange ideas and information on the web, our government appears ready to allow corporate control of the internet, and the creation of an another monopoly. Apparently, more than a million people speaking out against the recent net neutrality ruling wasn't enough to wake up government officials. We must keep this movement growing, and keep demanding that our internet freedom is protected.

—Paul Servizio, Albuquerque, NM

Please throw out these rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Chris Worcester, Truckee, CA

The FCC's top priority should be to serve the people of the United States. The interests of ISPs should come second. The internet should not be for sale to the highest bidder, as the ISPs desire. Please safeguard net neutrality.

—Micah D Hintz, Walnut Creek, CA

I don't want to be put at a disadvantage simply because a few corporations are willing pay to access a faster internet, which would by definition, put the rest of us at a disadvantage because we cannot afford to "pay to play" for service that only the wealthiest corporations can attain.

—Anthony Glover, Bronx, NY

Throw out your rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers !!!

—Michael Davis, Albuquerque, NM

The net has evolved as everything does in life; in this case for the betterment of all. Let's keep it indiscriminately free, and as open as possible for the enjoyment of the populace, the enrichment of our minds and the pleasure of our souls. I, for one, look upon countries that harness the net, and only allow partial access, as countries that are systematically and intentionally withholding knowledge and information from their people; please don't let us here in the USA fall into that category simply because (once again) there is something that can be controlled by the amount of money available to purchase it as a discretionary item. Remember the premise that founded America, the Land of the Free ,and shout it to the rooftops! Keep the Net Neutral for the benefit of many and the good of all. Thank you.

—Melody Starr, Redlands, CA

My privileges as an American citizen are being infringed upon indefinitely! How can we spend the same amount for internet as other countries but settle for subpar service! And how can we arrest people for speaking there hearts and defending rights given to them over 2 centuries ago? Our government is a joke, people have lost faith in it and change is coming, in one form or another. It was created by the people, for the people, not big business and greed! Neutrality is important and so are our rights, in OUR Country!! And it is OURS!

—Tyler Greene, Aurora, CO

This country was founded to escape among many things tryanny. No one person, no one company should control free speech, pursuit of happiness or limit communication in any form between Americans. This must stop! The FCC must stop this from happening and they must work for the total good of all the American people. . . those are the people you are supposed to be representing.

—Jack Hadel, Olathe, KS

Please do not allow this discrimination against those who have less money.

—Michele Reese, Reading, PA

Please save the internet for people who are handicapped and can not get out.

—Michael E. Heffron, Durham, NC

I am a very low income senior citizen who lives on a fixed income. I cannot afford to pay more for anything.

—Sissy Wallach, Palm Springs, CA

What the US cable/internet system has compared to the rest of the world is an embarrassment. And the fact that ISPs repeatedly hinder municipalities from competing with them as providers clearly signals their monopolistic intent. Reclassify them as utilities. NOW.

—John Tunison, Sacramento, CA

It is best to give the people a slice of the bread or we may take the whole damn loaf. Corporations have almost everything now this is one of the few things we still have

—Scott Wells, La Vergne, TN

The Internet should not be ruled and manipulated by corporations with deep pockets, millionaires or those who could get rich just by limiting what the middle class gets to see by what they can afford to pay. Net Neutrality is important for a well-informed public. Granted, much of the content on a given day may be biased or trash, but it should be up to the individual user to search for the facts and educate themselves!

—Christy Blackburn, San Antonio, TX

We are moving through a very ugly phase in America...the attempted coup d'etat of corporations to make our country a corporate controlled fascist country. But in every corner and every population sector, people and organizations are rising up to speak for a future beyond corporatism, beyond filthy fossil fuels, old mechanistic technologies. We are finally in the information age. Already the smart money is on a cleaner, more open, more just and more peaceful society. We are highlighting the individuals on the FCC who are instrumental in making the decision to LEAVE the INTERNET alone...or try to gag it. Be extremely careful that you are going to go to jail if you collude in the overthrow of free speech and democracy. You will not slip through the cracks of justice as we take our voting power our spending power and our united voices back. Our fathers, sons, brothers did not serve this country and put their lives at risk so you could line your pockets with payola from lobbyists and fat cats.

—Mary Marinkovich, Port Townsend, WA

The United States is becoming a corporate oligarchy. What the heck is going on here? If the FCC allows big money to buy internet speed, or money to change it, then along with our voting rights, our political representation, and our freedom to speak freely, goes to the highest bidder. If the FCC allows this, then it's true that money can buy anyone.

—Robin Beckwith, Littleton, CO

For acting on the Protecting and Promoting the Open Internet proposal, the FCC should do its stated competency of "Promoting competition, innovation and investment" and fix the broken requirements by stubbornly requiring complete Net Neutrality for any and all content providers. Favoritism is the role of the end user, not the plumber!

—Justin Brown, Monterey, CA

The internet needs to remain uncontrolled and unregulated. The American people DO NOT want this type of control. It is NOT okay. Leave the internet the way it is - neutral. It is not okay to regulate such an amazing tool. It's not yours to give and it's not yours to take away. Period.

—Cindy Collins, Blue Springs, MO

Net Neutrality is very,very important to me. Because it keeps me in touch with my friends and family all over. Net Neutrality is exremely important to people like me and everyone else who uses it.

—Robert Hernandez, Brooklyn, NY

Keep Freedom of speech equal to all esp on the internet

—Ms. Denys Cope, Santa Fe, NM

The internet has always been free and should remain so.I am consernd this is just the first step for our government too take control of this media.Large corporations all ready make huge sums of money,after this first step , what's too stop them from charging for faster service text messages or anything else.I am against this !

—Lawrence Rubidoux, Garden Grove, CA

The proposed rules by the FCC are terrible. As a small business owner, any chance for big companies to discriminate against the little guy is a horrible thing. Please do not ruin what is a great future for small business.

—WJ Vincent II, Eau Claire, WI

Please do not rule in favor of corporate interests regarding net-neutrality. The internet as it stands is commercialized enough already, by giving in to the interests of those who stand to make the most money you disregard the vast majority of us who benefit the most from an open and free internet. Be ashamed if you support corporate America to the detriment of the American people...shame on ya.

—John, elkton, VA

Freedom and equality. This could quickly turn into a North Korea kind of discrimination where anything not in alignment with the top dog or its constituents is kept from the public.

—Matthew Hunsinger, Winter Park, FL

I use the net to keep in touch with the world, both to learn and to communicate. There is already enough pollution from advertisements that refuse to go away; we do not need slower speeds as well. The net is a common utility, shared by all, and should be kept as such, not as a prerogative of the wealthy.

—Diane Drummond, oak hill, VA

Have the large carriers not been given enough concessions at the people's expense? Virtual monopolies, endless rate hikes. Let's do something that benefits the American public for a change. Please treat transmitters of data as common carriers, which they are, as surely as power transmission.

—Robert Goldberg, Casselberry, FL

I believe the internet should be free and open to everyone. Throw out your proposed rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Margaret Ortiz, Hayward, CA

The internet is a utility- a tool like gas or electricity that allows people to Then do other things. Everyone should have equal access to it.

—Cassandra Firemark, Santa Clarita, CA

Designate ISPs as common carriers. Stand up and protect the public interest as you've been charged to do.

—Ed Arenz, Isanti, MN

Keep the internet FOR THE PEOPLE - as it was designed! Corporations already have to much of whatever they want.

—Mrs. Tamra Johnson, Columbia, MD

I don't want my internet service provider to have control over what sites i can or can't visit. You need to classify the ISP as common carriers. Big corporate monopolies and it's lobbyists in Washington shouldn't have more power that the people people of the US.

—Agustin Zubillaga, San Antonio, TX

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Niall Carroll, Astoria, OR

Because not everything should be turned into a money machine. Let us peons enjoy one of the very few things in life that hasn't been monopolized by the rich and/or corporations.

—Jackie Anderson, Iowa city, IA

Please, continue deregulating the internet. I run a popular blog on pests. Previously, my blog was primary in readership in my region, and many companies paid me to speak for their products. Now, there are about a hundred blogs of equal or greater quality on this very same subject. What I would like is to be able to pay, as the already established blog, a fee to access internet speed the other blogs will be unable to match. My advertisements will run at the speed of thought compared to theirs. In this competitive environment, I do not feel the need to innovate my voice or vary my content or the quality of the content, so I need another way to stay ahead. Please, approve the striking down of net neutrality so that my voice may pay to be greater than that of other voices. Otherwise, god knows, I may need to come up with another business model and cut costs somewhere. Thank you.

—Daniel Saunders, Edmond, OK

everyone deserves access to the internet no matter who they are.

—Linda Sperber, minnetonka, MN

The internet shall be kept free! Technically it isn't free; it still managed by big corporations that controls all the data, so what the FCC is trying to do would be a disaster!

—Ronnedith Padron, North Palm Beach, FL

Maintain Net Neutrality!

—Paul Cameron, Carrollton, TX

It is an essential tool for people in a democracy to be in communication about what is happening in their surroundings. It must be available for everyone at costs that are manageable and fair.

—Patricia Orlinski, Sun City, AZ

The internet allows ordinary people to express their views. This is true because it is free once the connection is paid. The proposed changes would make it easier for wealthy people and corporations to spread their views than for ordinary people. With the Citizen's United Case and the McCutchen case, the other commonly used avenues of political expression are limited if not closed. For the sake of democracy, please define the internet as a common carrier.

—Charles C. Langford, Corvallis, OR

HEY YOU BIG CORRUPT ASSHOLES, DON'T TRY TO PULL ANY BULLSHIT ON US, WE KNOW EXACTLY WHAT YOU'RE TRYING TO DO, AND WE ARE FUCKING TIRED OF YOUR SHIT. YOU WANT US TO WEIGH IN ON THIS ISSUE, WELL HERE'S WHAT WE HAVE TO SAY... WE DON'T WANT YOUR PLAN, WE KNOW WHO'LL BENEFIT, AND IT WON'T BE US, YOU JUST WANT MONEY. THAT'S WHAT IT ALWAYS COMES TO, MONEY. FUCK PEOPLE AND THEIR BASIC RIGHTS, IT DOESN'T EARN YOU ENOUGH. GO AHEAD AND STAMP ALL OVER THE FREEDOM OF PEOPLE, I'M SURE IN THE END, WHEN YOU'RE SURROUNDED IN YOUR WEALTH IT WILL MEAN SOMETHING WHEN YOU'RE BURIED IN THE GROUND. ALL YOUR RICHES AND WEALTH AND POWER MEANS JACK WHEN YOU ULTIMATELY GROW OLD AND DIE. YOU WILL BE A MERE AFTERTHOUGHT TO THE GENERATIONS TO FOLLOW OURS. INSTEAD OF MOVING THE WORLD TO A BETTER FUTURE YOU JUST HOLD IT BACK. YOU ARE PART OF THE PROBLEM, AND EXAMPLE TO PEOPLE THAT MONEY IS EVERYTHING AND THAT THE BASIC RIGHT OF A HUMAN BEING CAN BE SOLD TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER. YOU DISGUST ME, BUT I CAN TAKE SOLACE IN THE FACT THAT THE REALTIONSHPIS I'VE FORMED WITH PEOPLE HOLD MORE MEANING THAN YOUR RICHES AND POWER. YOU'LL DIE BITTER AND ALONE AND I'LL BE SURROUNDED BY PEOPLE WHO ACTUALLY CARE ABOUT ME. I FEEL SORRY FOR YOU, YOU SAD TWISTED EXCUSE FOR A HUMAN BEING. ALSO YOUR MOTHER WAS A HAMSTER AND YOUR FATHER SMELLS OF ELDERBERRIES! I FART IN YOUR GENERAL DIRECTION!

—Sean Michael Pepin, Gilbert, AZ

I get most of my news via the Internet and Wheeler's plan has the potential to effect de facto censorship.

—Eugene Bersing, St. Paul, MN

WE need to keep our only, not controlled media of information. If corporations take controll of it, we would loose our last place where we are truly free.

—Jose Caro, Tampa, FL

I'd like to actually be free from something in this, the "Land of the Free". When I was growing up I never imagined I'd be living in a country that could consider police-state measures.

—Dirk Hoekstra, San Francisco, CA

The internet is not broken and there is no need for you to "fix" it. Please please please please (I'd fill this box with "please" if it would make a difference) provide equal access internet to all. Keep Net Neutrality. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Cheryl Aufderheide, College Station, TX

Not another word from you FCC. Don't mess with the internet and make me pay a cent more for content I want!

—Brock Auerbach-Lynn, Chicago, IL

This is our country. Not yours. If you take our rights away, we will take them back. We will take them back. This is a shameful bastardization of democracy. Nobody wants this. We deserve an honest government and YOU ARE NOT AN HONEST GOVERNMENT. SHAME ON YOU.

—Nathan Smith, kalamazoo, MI

No this is not fair. This is again middle class American people being thrown under the bus. There are two classes now, The very rich with all the power and everyone else as peons.

—rosa Batista, Orlando, FL

It is unjust and a misuse of American taxpayer dollars (which were entirely responsible for creating the Internet), to permit private corporations to enrich themselves by creating an undemocratic, two-tiered Internet system. The Internet belongs to ALL Americans, not merely the wealthiest and largest IT corporations. Thus, it needs to remain neutral, free from extra fees/taxes/discrimination, and user-friendly for individual and small organizational users.

—J D. Staton, Beaverton, OR

The Internet is invented for the great future of our world, NOT corporate greed!

—Tony McCarson, Durham, NC

This latest attempt to punish the less financially well-off and to reward both the rich and big business (but I repeat myself) is another way to divide the country, to promote economic inequality and to arbitrarily prevent a whole segment of society from information access. The barefoot, pregnant, ignorant, low-income (and therefore clearly shiftless and lazy) need not apply.

—Judith LaValley, Gibsonia, PA

It is a freedom of speech issue.

—Douglas Hadley, Madison, WI

I have never responded to a call to action, but this violation of common sense and the monopolistic actions of cable companies in the USA have to come to a halt. THIS IS A TOTAL CROCK! DO NOT END NET NEUTRALITY!

—THOMAS littleton, HIGH POINT, NC

We are losing our freedoms enough - leave the net community alone.

—Lee Miller, High Camp,

Net neutrality is very important because it provides a voice for those who would otherwise be voiceless; those whose concerns are simply ignored by the powerful.

—Adrian Rogers, Gawler South,

Adopting FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler's plan will significantly harm free speech on the internet & likely end the internet as a medium conducive for start-ups. The first of these runs against the First Amendment to US Constitution & the second shackles all except the most powerful of businesses. Do not take this shameful action! ISPs must be common carriers!

—Michael Burkholder, Tucson, AZ