

When the American government chooses to represent the wishes of corporate giants over American citizens it becomes very just how broken our system of democracy. The internet should continue to be a place of equality as per the wishes of the American people.

—Tess Ortega, Austin, TX

We are better than this, or so we've been told.

—Cara Clark, Apex, NC

The internet is one of the last places where ideas can be discussed and developed into great things by entrepreneurs. Not all entrepreneurs come from having a lot of money, and it isn't fair for the companies to play favorites to wealthier consumers.

—Billy, Davis, CA

The Net is a tool of true democracy and to bifurcate access to the Net is to destroy a main expression of democracy.

—Alice Dugar, Independence, OH

We need a level playing field on the internet, not a place where only those with the most money are allowed to make money. Allowing discrimination on the whims of a large company also opens the door to censorship of any opposing ideas disguised as "business dealings".

—Jason Strong, Glendora, CA

Dear FCC, Access to information that doesn't depend on economic status is essential to all.

—Karen Kowles, Amherst, MA

Treat data equally. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Piero Rondoni, Houston, TX

The internet would never have become what it is today without net neutrality. It is therefore vital that ISPs are reclassified as common carriers!

—Will Guy, Leicestershire,

It is imperative you hear the voice of the people and keep net neutrality. It is the right thing to do.

—Ms. Kimberly Patrick, Flower mound, TX

We "NEED NET NEUTRALITY"! What you have proposed is discriminatory to those with less financial means so that corporations can reap ridiculously higher profits at the expense of those on the lower rungs of society. Net Neutrality would mean equality throughout. Internet Service Providers should be classified as common carriers only. The internet was not created to be a profit making machine for corporate greed. Please reconsider your proposed rules! No tiers, everyone EQUAL!

—Don Salonis, Old Bridge, NJ

Because everyone should have equal access to similar internet speeds. The internet is not owned by any one person, corporation or organization, therefore companies should not be able to discriminate when it comes to selective service. Keep Net Neutrality!

—Kyle, Kent, OH

The internet is not broken. Don't give it away

—Hedy Helsell, Dallas, TX

Don't be a tool, be the shining light, and protect net neutrality. The internet should not be controlled by corporations, it should stay as it is, a peoples' forum!

—Jodie Ervin, Mount Carmel, TN

I am a white, well-educated, 60-something woman who 15 years ago lived in a wonderful up and coming community in northwest Philadelphia. A member of city council lived two blocks away, the head of the Philadelphia Library was a block away, the head master of a major private school lived a couple doors down, street parties drew architects and lawyers along with local small business owners, etc. There was a poor, working class neighborhood on the other end of the same zip code. I could not understand why neighbors 2 streets over had wonderful Internet service for at least a couple years and I was told by Comcast 'not yet -- it's coming' for what must have been another couple of years. When I finally set foot in a retail outlet for Comcast (instead of making telephone calls), I was told by the proprietor that Comcast had REDLINED my entire zip code for the provision of broadband Internet service. The plans he had seen out for AT LEAST SIX YEARS did not have ANY provision of service within my zip code! This is the same company that was GLAD to sell our zip code their CABLE service at HUGE prices. Therefore, if Comcast thinks something is a 'GOOD IDEA' ---- I have no confidence that ANYONE other than Comcast will benefit! PLEASE retain Net Neutrality. The big guys do NOT need ANY more help to keep down the little guy.

—Nancy Wilson, Paoli, PA

Your job is to regulate and protect the communications systems in this country, not work to support corporate greed. Please do your job.

—Erica Sohl, Ashland, MA

It's appalling that our government agencies will alter rules so corporations can amass more money and power over US citizens instead of doing what's best for the country: promoting innovation and technology.

—Lorraine Shirkus Moore, San Antonio, TX

As someone who runs a successful ecommerce business I ask you not to take this step against net neutrality. This move will hurt would small online businesses like ours by narrowing the customer base and discouraging broadband development geared towards a better online experience for all.

—Erik Hanna, LONG ISLAND CITY, NY

The internet is a utility. It is my right as a human being to have equal access to the internet regardless of my place in society. Neither a corporation, nor government should be able to limit my access in any way. Just as I pay for water, electricity, or natural gas I have the right to be notified if my provider limits my access in any way. This is a country for the people and of the people. Not for a corporation.

—Stephanie Tousley, Oroville, CA

So I can get what I paid for from my ISP

—Aaron Golden, Long Beach, CA

Corporations have owned and controlled our government and nation for the past few decades. There's no need to give them ownership of the Internet.

—Charles B. Mullen, Canton, OH

No internet fast lanes! Net Neutrality is essential to a democracy!

—Richard Roundy, Brooklyn, NY

Please treat data equally. Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Maria Rendon, Houston, TX

The internet needs to stay the way it is. Small business's and low income people will never be able to get ahead. This will discriminate.

—Teresa Pontillo, Sunrise, FL

My public investment paid to build the Internet. It is unethical to sell it to the highest bidder. It is a public utility.

—Dave Benson, Aurora, OH

America cannot afford to put a muzzle on right of ways to an open internet for all. Please do what's right here and stand up for the American people, and not the interests of corporations seeking to squeeze every last cent they can out of their customers.

—Nick Broste, Chicago, IL

As a 12 year veteran broadcaster and public US citizen for many more, it is unimaginable that the internet be restricted in any way moving forward. We must NEVER end net neutrality.

—Robert Sorrentino, Westminster, CO

Ordinary citizens are being gouged by the costs of internet access through cable and phone service providers. Internet access is a Public Utility and everyone should be able to access this valuable resource at reasonable cost. We here in the US pay more for this service than anywhere else. IT is an outrage how corporations are allowed to bilk the public for these services. These companies: Comcast, Verizon ATT and ALL providers must be stopped from consolidating in order to raise prices and reduce services to the general public.

—Dolores Foscherari, Washington, DC

Everyone should have the same speedy access to the internet. Right now Americans spend an extraordinary amount of money for service that does not compare with the rest of the world. We pay for phones that require exclusive contracts, we pay for broadband that does not always live up to the hype, we pay for cable that is full of inferior programming and constant commercials. All of these decisions benefited providers, but consumers not very much. Already ISP's limit usage because they do not have the infrastructure needed. Now they want a two-tier system that gives higher payers faster access--without the needed infrastructure, where does that put the rest of us? Already I sometimes have the speed of dial up, with these new rules, I will be permanently in the slow lane and I am angry that this has even been suggested.

—Chris OMeara Dietrich, San Jose, CA

Protect Net Neutrality and the Voice of the People. Reclassify Internet Service Providers as common carriers. Corporations are not people and they don't need protection. Impoverished kids who are studying hard and use the internet for their homework need access their parents can afford so they can have a brighter future through education.

—Ellen Tracy, Ellsworth, ME

Don't mess up the internet FCC please. It's working just fine, instead change the rules so there is more competition and naturally the through competition advancement in the sector will occur and the citizens of the country have more options and better options we need to improve our internet not take several steps backwards and restrict it more then there will less or even worse no advancements in the technology and no growth in that economic sector and our country falls further behind the rest of the world even though we invented the internet.

—Vikram Yalamanchili, Houston, TX

Don't be neutral about Net Neutrality. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Brian Brown, Vashon, WA

Our nation has always claimed to be the land of dreams come true, regardless of your beginnings. A free and open internet has been that pathway for many since it's inception. The proposed tiered system will build a wall limiting access to only the already rich and already powerful. ALL INTERNET TRAFFIC SHOULD BE TREATED THE SAME!!!!!! Giving big corporations a faster route is NOT fair nor is it desirable. And don't pretend there is competition out there. I have the "choice" of exactly ONE internet provider. That is not competition.

—Laura Bundy, Fort Payne, AL

Please find a conscience or try and ignore your sociopathic tendencies and do not hinder the progress of humanity to increase the wealth of a few. ISP's need to be classified as common carriers. Net neutrality needs to be preserved.

—Luke Schneider, Baltimore, MD

Freedom

—Brendan Park, Winchester, CA

I do not want only a few choices of providers and I want small companies to be able to compete with these much larger conglomerates. I believe that the companies would use this power to slow down parts of the internet to get a lion's share of the profits. By eliminating the current law you would be giving power to the wrong people. These companies have shown that they are not trustworthy in the past. Please save our internet from the grips of power hungry titans.

—Julie Pace, Evansville, IN

Access to information should be a right, not a privilege. Big corporations are already choking the life out of us - don't let them take away our entertainment and source to knowledge as well.

—Emily Sheldon, bklyn, NY

The internet is a public good, a utility that should be equally accessible to all. It's time to reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—James Bingley, Hatfield, PA

This should be something both sides of the aisle like. Dems- because we want everyones expression to be equal and Repubs because killing net neutrality is a perversion of the Free Market. Everyone should be on the same field and we should let the market dictate what sells most not the companies who want to buy these "internet freeways". Net Neutrality is American and putting other companies in charge of that traffic is less democratic than Egypt, Libya, even Pakistan. Seriously you are going to put our freedoms behind these muslim countries?!? How Un-American is that!?!?

—Dyanne DiRosario, Glendale, CA

Hands off, corporate douchebags.

—Brian Cleary, Chicago Ridge, IL

Internet should stay unbiased and equal for all. That is democracy.

—Faye Jamali, Mill Valley, CA

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

—Eric Fosburgh, Seattle, WA

Stop allowing corporations to control our information sources!

—Alegandra Perez, Charlotte, NC

Do not allow Internet service providers to dictate internet speed based on money. It needs to be accessible to everybody.

—Lyle Funderburk, Portland, OR

The internet should be treated like free speech - equal rights and equal access for *everyone*, not just corporations that can afford to pay more. America is supposed to be a democracy ruled by and for the people, not an oligarchy where major corporations can buy up more power and access to speech and information than the individual consumer - *especially* when it comes to such a ubiquitous and necessary public service like the internet. It is UN-AMERICAN that you would give the internet over to a handful of corporations like this, against the will of basically *everybody* who is not a major corporation. Democracy? Or oligarchy? It is supposed to be the decision of we, the people, about matters that affect us all, yet once again we are left aghast as the bodies we have put in place to represent us choose to service a handful of major corporations AGAINST the will of us all. You should be absolutely ashamed of your actions, and we, the people, are demanding that you give us back our basic access to information and free speech, as our founding fathers and every true American citizen would intend. Think about our future - do we want a smarter and more capable workforce, to the benefit of us all and the planet itself, or do we want an even further stratified society, where major corporations wield more power than the citizenry and "free speech" is no longer free? YOU KNOW very clearly what side the American public is on here. We want equal access to speech and information, just as our founding fathers intended, in the true spirit of AMERICA.

—Chance Unterseher, Seattle, WA

Keep the Internet free of restrictions that stifle creativity, and equal access to contents of all types. ISP's whether local or on the backbone end of operations, should not have the right to limit bandwidth or access to any legal content.

—Mr Todd Allen Metzger, Massillon, OH

We need to keep net neutrality because all people and businesses need to be equal. It's what this country is based on. To end this will allow certain businesses to take advantage of others as well as the the people. You know why there is a proposal to stop net neutrality. It's just so a few companies can make lots of money of everyone else. They already make enough but you know it will never be enough for them. It will just go on and on until these big shots have everything and there is nothing left for anyone else.

—Louis Wagner, Gloucester, MA

Anyone who does not support net neutrality doesn't stand for our rights as U.S. Citizens and can only be seen as ones who oppose the rights of the American people

—Seth Humphrey, St. Louis, MO

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

—Antero A., vil, VA

Save net neutrality, and support the United States Postal Service becoming the logical constitutional supplier of universal broadband and high speed infrastructure for all in the United States. The Private Sector has failed miserably, and the USA continues to lag farther and farther behind the rest of the world.

—Charles Dineen, Lawton, MI

Because the Internet should not be bought and sold Because I worry about how the little guy will fair. Because I value having a voice. Because it absolutely is not fair. Because the internet is to important to to many regular people. Because America is being bought and sold.

—Lynn Cunningham, Eastsound, WA

The internet is the last bastion here in america for the freedom of speech expression and america. Corporations. Can't own and control every aspect of our lives. This is the peoples communication giving that up. Is madness.

—James Weeks, taunton, MA

The internet is the last place to get any type of truth from media. You and every other government agency have allowed corporations to hijack everything that we are supposed to represent.

—Lee Burnett, Hamilton, OH

This is another way in which we are devolving. Allowing companies to control the internet in this way will not help our country or our people. We don't just use the internet for watching cat videos, we don't just use it for pleasure. We use it for knowledge and for necessary purposes like careers and academics. What happens to those people who NEED that resource and can't afford it? Telling people that they cannot have access to that resource because they cannot pay for it only pushes them further down into that pit of poverty. KNOWLEDGE should be free, the pursuit of it IS A FREEDOM that we have and for you to consider taking that away shows much about you and our system. It is YOUR DUTY to protect us from being abused. With each new advance in technology there are large companies out there finding ways to make a profit off of it, and for money. Only for money. The internet is one of the easiest technologies to do that with because what local or national program is there to provide it to the common people who can't pay for it and don't fall into that narrow margin? IT IS YOUR JOB to see THROUGH that and into the abuse of our rights. This is quickly becoming a caste system and if you to allow it to happen, you become a part of the cause of it. There is no amount of negotiating and rule making you can do to keep us safe from that kind of control and abuse. Those people out there, myself included, who are trying to live well and become independent, will never become that if they are not given the tools they need to get there. And YOU are taking them away. It's not just about the fact that we deserve net neutrality, which we do, it's about the repercussions of making the internet a company controlled platform. It's not just about the fact that we have a freedom of speech, it's about the way freedom of speech affects the world and furthers our humanity when used well. When you take it away you take away so many possibilities. The companies that will control us control you too if you allow this. And you'll only be sell outs. Why even have a resource for knowledge and a platform for free speech at all if you're going to say that people who can't pay for it aren't allowed to have it? What are you saying about the freedom of a person who doesn't own as much money? As a college student who's had to fight for my own freedom, freedom from abusive parents, freedom from an abusive partner, freedom from being raised in a low income household, and freedom from myself and my own fears, I cannot allow anyone to overlook the consequences of this. By turning your face and looking the other way when you KNOW that this is corruption and that this is abuse of a person's freedoms and pursuit of happiness, you're no better than those trying to manipulate you.

—Amanda Weeks, Irving, TX

DO NOT GET RID OF NET NEUTRALITY! ALL DATA IS CREATED EQUAL!

—Mr. JD Hock, Oscoda, MI

While the internet is not a right, it should be noted that these companies have formed and will continue to form an ad hoc monopoly that discourages competition and is indicative of cronyism. This is due to the inherent efficiency of only having a single point of contact with each home and thus allows ISPs, especially in smaller towns and the like, to offer poor quality internet service and customer service at an unreasonable price.

—Daniel Holladay, Fort Worth, TX

WE MUST SAVE NET NEUTRALITY! Throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Lisa Mann, Hanover Park, IL

Most of us can't afford any extra fees for anything. PLEASE reclassify ISPs as common carriers!

—Marcey Lachance, Bailey Island, ME

The Internet was the finest creation and it was wisely made free and unencumbered, Dont cave in to Big money and ruin A great service,

—Bruce Oster, Black Canyon City, AZ

Please designate broadband internet providers as 'common carriers'. Don't stifle internet neutrality. If the cable and telecom companies are worried about traffic, they can wire up fiber optic and bring South Korean speeds to their customers. Our system today gives local monopolies (Cable companies) and a biopoly (ATT/Verizon) a chance to squeeze more cash while giving terrible service.

—Reid Silvern, Tucson, AZ

Cable companies have bought and paid our government officials including the president to work against the interest of common civilians. We are currently paying more for internet and have the worst internet available because they are essentially a monopoly. I suppose corporations are in charge and there isn't much we can do about it. Here is one thing I can do and that is petition for the FCC to keep Net Neutrality, which is important for even an illusion to an actual free market. Without it, start ups and even other big corporations, will be beholden to these terrible monopolies having to pay exorbitant amounts for something that is currently free. This will destroy creativity and innovation and we as a society will lose.

—Adam Fernandez, Bakersfield, CA

Dear FCC, Please leave us with the freedom we have on the Internet.

—Billy D Lee, Durham, NC

Monopolies are not free enterprise. Capitalism thrives on free enterprise. This is how new ideas and products are developed. We need net neutrality to allow ALL ideas equal chances to succeed. The trickle down economics of Reagan has been proven a failure. This is just another form of it, only applied to thought and access to ideas. The FCC is charged with regulating communications, not selling them to the highest campaign contributors. Net neutrality is vital to the future of information access, true freedom of the press (not just mainstream outlets) and freedom of speech. Our constitutional rights are being sold.

—Lily Farmer, austin, TX

Tom Wheeler sends emails saying he is all for net neutrality, however his plan shows the opposite.

—Carol Harris, Seattle, WA

The people need a vein of free information.

—Anya G, State College, PA

Because "It's the right thing to do". It is a common carrier. We all want our freedom to choose. That's what we are all about. We don't want restrictions set by a few companies catering to the wealthy.

—Patti Lee Jordan, Blaine, WA

Please enforce net neutrality and keep big corporations from having preferential bandwidth. The monopoly cable companies are already enforcing their power by charging the user for "fast" Internet (which really has data caps), and now they want to also charge the Internet companies for having good bandwidth - please don't allow this to happen. Internet providers should be like any other utility and not get to choose who gets preferential treatment based on how much money they pay. Please keep the Internet the hotbed of innovation it has been so far.

—Jose Perez, Suwanee, GA

We don't need a slow lane for the internet. Keep the internet open for everyone!

—Clifford Johnson, Minneapolis, MN

Now is the time to give us BACK net neutrality.

—James Murphy, Pleasanton, CA

it is no business of the FCC what do with my internet. They have no control and should have no control (nor should companies such as Comcast, Verizon or other conglomerates) over what is going on my or others internet. EVER.

—Jonathan Humphrey, Ann Arbor, MI

It is emparitive the internet remain open or we the people lose all ways to protect our freedom from tyranny

—Mary Ellen Waddell, Oceanside, CA

The internet must remain free!
—Rena Morgan, Attleboro, MA

These proposed "two-tiered" rules would be discriminatory, undemocratic and not in the best interest of consumers. Abandon the Wheeler plan to favor providers who already have an unfair advantage over their competitors.
—Jay M Pinkert, Portland, OR

Without NetNeutrality smaller and less funded web sites could become a thing of the past, unable to pay for faster services for internet providers. Open source sites would probably suffer a rapid decline and the free exchange of information would suffer. The cost associated with the internet would also rise as web sites increase fees or start charging fees to offset their cost for faster lanes.
—Raymond Crannell, Hudson Falls, NY

FCC, throw out your rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers. I want real Net Neutrality!
—Ms. Carlyle Poteat, Pittsboro, NC

I am against this. Our abilities to share information are being miss directed to much already. To allow the corporate- industrial complex more control over the information we receive is scary.
—Greg Duvic, amboy, WA

The United States of America was formed as a democratic nation. As citizens, we have the right and the responsibility to maintain this country as said democracy. The discrimination that the FCC Chairman is proposing promises to make the wealthy of this nation wealthier and the rest of this country poorer. This is not democracy in action. The people of this country are demanding that the Internet stays neutral.
—Libby Parker, Rockford, IL

The increased charges for 'fast lane' access from the few companies that hand out internet access would come down to me, the consumer, who already pays more for services through the internet than consumers in almost every other country in the world. I do not trust the cable companies to treat people or organizations fairly. The FCC is an agency that should protect the consumers and equal access to the internet not the cable companies. Michael Pollitt, South Deerfield, MA
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The Internet should NOT be controlled, we are NOT in a communist country and we are NOT in a third world country! You MUST STOP the Evilness that these BIG Corp companies are trying to do! Its the right thing. No matter how much money they are giving you, DO NOT give in. the Internet was set up to be OPEN and NOT controlled by someone trying to make money off of it! it is a No Brainer!
—John Zimmermann, Fort Lauderdale, FL

Defending Net Neutrality is something that shouldn't even have to be thought about. But big name ISPs are being as greedy as ever and trying to demolish it. Don't let them have their way; stand up for Net Neutrality and protect the Internet that we have, rather than the Internet Comcast and its ilk want to impose upon us all.
—Brandon Bundy, Hopewell, VA

Net neutrality is not optional. It is imperative that it be defended.
—Lisa F., Sebastopol, CA

The Internet has overtaken the telephone as a public utility. It needs to be reclassified as such (back to where it started, if memories are really that rusty) so information remains free from the corrupting influence of money.
—Paula Lynch, Calabasas, CA

This has gone on for too long. The freedom that our current Internet services offer are fantastic. The users who are happy with how it is made and are not asking for changes that a select few companies that do not represent us want. The money that they throw at you do not represent the people. The change that a selective Internet asks for are simply selfish at heart. If a proposition comes that the people are satisfied with comes, we will not fight it, but because these company demands for change hinder most users, we do not want it. The rich already have money and power. They can thrive without taking more of our freedoms. Perhaps being at the top has disillusioned you from what the majority faces, so the people are now stepping up to let you know that these corporate demands are vile. Please give up the selfish corporate agenda. We are not sheep, we are people and we demand equality. It is 2014 so please use your brains and do the right thing. Work with us and we can work with you

—Vincent Iiyambo, New York, NY

I believe the two tier system is not constitutional. Please support Net neutrality.

—Karen DeWitt, Portland, OR

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Melody Arceneaux, Dickinson, TX

Keep the Internet OPEN and EQUAL ACCESS! No special rules for behemoth corporations or billionaire CEOs!

—Diana Curington, Portsmouth, NH

I can't believe this is in debate. The people, those who make up this country, need the ability to research and communicate effectively. We are already so limited by major corporations guiding and deciding for us; please keep some freedom for us in the age of technology.

—Mary Dietrich, Olive Branch, MS

The net is too important to allow it to change to a discriminating venue. The more we know, the stronger we are. Keep it simple.

—Kaisu Kallio Lemke, Lady Lake, FL

Equal access for all internet users creates productivity and creativity. Don't destroy that balance and preserve Net Neutrality!

—Kenji, Philadelphia, PA

1 freedom (includes spreading the truth about islam the political cult and about the illegal laws) , 2 communication with family, 3 obama and his cronies do not own the internet, it is suppose to be free not censored. 4 I pay bills online and talk to my family online since I do not have numbers for them, plus many have no phones. 5 to find information like how to get out of Domestic violence and resources, phone numbers for drs on, to buy something only online since many brick and morar stores are going out of business because of obama and his cronies

—Alisa Kurtz, Delphi Falls, NY

Please help support the rights of the American public by keeping the internet open and unrestricted by the cable and phone companies. Not everything should be about profit. It's more important that our country support net neutrality.

—Diane McCaffrey, Weston, MO

true Net Neutrality will NOT let corporations decide what content is worthy of expression.

—Karl Olsen, Louisville, KY

The internet needs to remain neutral if it is to remain true to its purpose/function.

—Mark hicks, Wakeman, OH

FCC: Keep the Internet neutral. Do not allow Internet service providers to create a two-tiered Internet. ISPs must be reclassified as common carriers.

—George Quinn, Steilacoom, WA

changing this ruling benefits corporations not the general public. please do not fall for this horrible change.

—Kathy Hague, zanesville, OH

Around the world, people enjoy far faster and cheaper internet access than we do in the U.S. The proposed changes will enrich corporations at the expense of the people and our access to information, work, and the free exchange of ideas. Seriously, have you at the FCC read the Emperor Who Wears No Clothes? Just as nakedly do you serve the corporate elites. Enough.

—Maureen Curtin, Syracuse, NY

Net neutrality is necessary for a true democracy where people have free speech no matter how much money they have!!!!

—Michelle Hughes, Philadelphia, PA

There is nothing innocent about these actions by the ISPs. They have been allowed to cannibalize the industry and eliminate players to the point they are essentially monopolies. The FCC should not allow this action of the two tier internet system to go one step further.

—Tom Roberts, columbus, OH

Equality is important to me. I oppose all discrimination. Let's keep the internet free as it was originally designed to be.

—Nadia Salomon, Natick, MA

Net Neutrality supports democracy by leveling the playing field for all users.

—Rev Ingrid Lukas-Howe, Pittsfield, MA

read 1984

—Chuck Ables, BELTON, TX

The internet is a necessity, not a commodity. It's sickening that a cable company lobbyist would be put in charge of the FCC and then immediately destroy net neutrality.

—Nikolas Sanow, Portland, OR

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers! Do not let corporations rule over the people!

—Jennifer Malanchuk, Mulvane, KS

Internet Neutrality is the only way to keep the internet from becoming just like cable TV. Without it you'll only be able to access the sites and post stuff that is "approved" by the ones who control it, and only the people and businesses that can afford it will have "FAST" internet. The rest of us will be stuck with slow down loads if we can get on at all.

—Earl Grove, East Canton, OH

I live on social security and the money I make from my graphic design on sites like Etsy. I am hanging on month to month with no savings, as medical bills and unemployment wiped them out. I need an internet that is equal for all to access at equal speed, without favoritism. Net neutrality is important to me keeping a roof over my head. ISPs must be common carriers.

—Alice Flynn, Bozeman, MT

Corporations should not be able to control the internet. Tell the FCC to throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Mark Pongratz, Denver, CO

Please do not let our country become one of the growing number of nations limiting internet access to its citizens.

—K Gass, norwich, CT

reclassify ISPs as common carriers!

—Osmaira, east elmhurst, NY

Destroying net neutrality is another case of our corporately owned government selling us out. Please stop these digital robber barons from extorting more of the American people's ability to compete a level global marketplace.

—Harry Douglas, Wappingers Falls, NY

The internet is much more than entertainment and convenience: millions of people rely on it for facts and research, especially when it comes to politics. Free speech and free voting are only meaningful when people can learn the truth and arrive at informed views. If, instead, uncomfortable facts and competing opinions are shunted aside and drowned out by spin and manipulation created by the highest-bidding "unelected corporate government", it is not hyperbole to say that our democracy itself is in danger. Internet service providers MUST be classified as common carriers (analogous to the postal service or telephone service).

—A Waksman, Philadelphia, PA

EVERYONE deserves to have EQUAL access to the internet.....to have equal access to information without prejudice. Money should never be the deciding factor for who gains access and who doesn't! NEVER!

—Richard Snook, Vancouver, WA

Throw out the current rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality, which is essential to the US economy and to free speech.

—Anne Kathryn Kloimwieder, Weehawken, NJ

The internet should be fair and equal

—D Myers, Watertown, WI

I've been online since before the internet. The early form of computer use enabled university researchers to exchange information and promotion academic freedom and research. In its current form the internet has its problems, especially spam, but it provides an open environment which encourages the relatively free, fast exchange of current information by both researchers and 'joe public'. Allowing a small number of for profit corporations to control the 'fast lanes' on the internet changes this open highway to a (potentially prejudiced) toll road that will only be available to wealthier individuals. This action on the part of the FCC strongly suggests that these corporations have successfully lobbied for control of take over the FCC. Therefore, I strongly oppose this change.

—Roe Roberts PhD, Wichita Falls, TX

To anything else would mean extreme discrimination against all but the wealthiest "players". Net neutrality means an even playing field.

—C Zawadzki, Schenectady, NY

For the nation's and citizens' long-term good, we need net neutrality. Keep isps as common carriers!

—Shanti McKinnie, Asheville, NC

It's in conceivable that anyone would put corporations ahead of people. NET NEUTRALITY MUST REMAIN!

—Raymond Ireland, Northfield, NJ

The Internet belongs to the people, NOT to corporations. I don't want/need Comcast in control of what I see and hear. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Keep the internet safe from those who would use it for their greed.

—Chris Gambrell, Jonesborough, TN

ISPs' are by their very nature common carriers (public utilities) and must be regulated as such.

—Dorothy-Anne Johnson, Centreville, VA

The internet is fine as it is - the last thing we need are further Government controls and multinationals corporations trying to monetize content even more.

—Clive Woodman, Perth,

The Net is a unique public resource, that allows anyone to broadcast, and anyone to hear whatever broadcast they want. In the world it is now an essential tool for democratic movements. It must be administered fairly.

—Michael Trupin, Nashville, TN

Net neutrality is absolutely essential for a functioning democracy in the 21st century.

—Rosemary Agonito, Syracuse, NY

why should major companies decide what traffic i use. im already paying my isp for the use of the bandwidth with a set cap. what i want to view with that should always be on the fast lane, a priority. content providers should not have to pay more just so i can view it and i shouldn't have to pay more to connect with any one i want to on the Internet. please leave the Internet alone, youre just going to mess it up if you allow the interests of a few companies control the communication, information and news of so many people. you have no right to let them .

—Marianne Kochan, edmonton,

net neutrality protects fair, equal access internet. Vital for economic leveling and for our democratic system.

—Phillip Glenn, Natick, MA

Equal access with equal speed for all. The internet allows everyone to have an equal footing and discover the world for themselves.

—Molly Rodden, Normal, IL

I am a 70 year old woman who worked her entire life. I live on Social Security. It doesn't go far, and I cannot afford much. Now big corporations want to discriminate against me because they have more money than I do. How is this fair? I depend on the internet for many things from staying in touch with family, to shopping (I can't always get out easily), to news, etc. You know, quality of life stuff, not bottom line corporate profits. I am furious that net neutrality is even an issue.

—Nancy Woolley, Stoughton, MA

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

—Tina Gallaway, Harrisburg, PA

I pay for my internet usage and the free will to explore and use it for any thing i want (that is legal of course).

—Christopher Holland, Austin, TX

A level playing field is essential to keeping the internet a forum for free speech and innovation. Real net neutrality provides this level playing field.

—Ross Rhizal, Ann Arbor, MI

DO NOT enrich any more huge corporations or companies! DO NOT erase our freedom to access. KEEP internet access available and affordable to everyone for the betterment of all!

—Kimberly Joy, Milwaukie, OR

I am completely amazed at how blatantly the US government, in all areas, despite being elected to represent the majority of Americans, continues to weigh the game in favor of the corporations. Now the FCC wants to give them our internet freedom in a tiered approach to service. Add this to the revelations that you are openly spying on all of us and the whole thing is ridiculous. We aren't buying your garbage anymore! Keep net neutrality and vote with us for a change. After all, Warren Buffet, the Koch brothers and Wall Street didn't pay to research and develop the net. Lowly and middle class taxpayers coughed up the money and then you gave it to the telecoms to make a profit and charge us yet again for the privilege of paying to use what we already paid for to develop. Democracy in the US is a sick joke and getting more pale each day. How tired and angry most of us are at being patsies to your corporate biases. For once, GET IT RIGHT!

—Kathy Kramer, Prineville, OR

The public deserves universal access and fair regulation, not exploitation!

—Wayne Godbout, Boston, MA

Creating this type of monopoly would kill the average person's chance at the American dream. And the average person will be paying the highest cost.

—Laura Taylor, New York, NY

Net neutrality is important to me because the internet is the largest body of information available, and there is no substitute for it. If internet access is restricted and stratified based on economy, systemic issues tied to educational inequality will worsen more rapidly, leading to further intellectual pitfalls in the United States. Rather than spending our time to promote an economic idea that pushes us further behind in education (benefitting no one and only contributing economically to a few), we should be tackling real problems associated with the FCC.

—Mackenzie Cremeans, Grove City, OH

Freedom of speech must be ensured for future generations

—Amanda Taylor, Danville, PA

Net Neutrality is a safeguard of free speech. The internet is not a commodity owned by the government that can be sold to corporations.

—Kevin Pfau, Bethel, CT

It is vital to protect real Net Neutrality! ISPs should be reclassified as common carriers. Freedom is what makes the internet great - please, do not ruin the internet for everyone. Don't give in to greedy cable corporations that already don't care about their customers; take a stand - keep Net Neutrality!

—Adena Hockaday, Advance, NC

Please keep the internet free from big money corporations.

—Eva Martinez, Castro Valley, CA

I'm writing to urge the FCC to reclassify Internet Service Providers as common carriers and keep the internet as a level playing field. I stand with the majority of Internet users who demand that Net Neutrality be the guiding principle for how we communicate on the Internet. As our representatives, please know that we look to you, the FCC, to keep the Internet a place that isn't based on monied favorites but is, instead, a fair and even-handed marketplace of ideas for media content providers, consumers and for a vibrant democracy. Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Rui Ribeiro, West Hartford, CT

To create a monopoly is, as far as I know, against the law. So allowing corporations a monopoly over the Internet breaks that law.

Furthermore recognizing corporations as people and giving them rights is idiotic, and in my opinion, taking another step towards ruining what America is supposed to stand for. Freedom of speech will cease to exist if you allow this.

—Amber Caldarelli, Brockport, NY

Money and special interest should not determine my 'free' access to the net and content/applications.

—Michele Meyer, Vallejo, CA

'Network neutrality is the idea that your cellular, cable, or phone internet connection should treat all websites and services the same. Big companies like AT&T, Verizon, and Comcast want to treat them differently so they can charge you more depending on what you use.'- <http://www.theopeninter.net/> The reason I am against your proposal are simple- Net Neutrality ensures that everyone with internet is able to access certain sites without having to pay more. This entire idea is ludicrous! It is clear that the only benefactors of your proposal are the companies of Internet Service Providers. Forgive me if I'm wrong, but this does not help anyone else. If it doesn't help the world, in any way, just don't do it? Why waste time on something that everyone disagrees with, benefits few and allows for rampant discrimination? Honestly, Your job is not this. Please, throw out these rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers. The world is looking to you.

—Juliet Hope, Lismore,

Everyone should have a voice...listen to ours!

—Nancy and Tom Vevea, Rhinelander, WI

Net neutrality is a vital part of what makes the internet the unique and wonderful place from which new content, new ideas, and innovation comes. A neutral internet is the last bastion in America and the world where corporate greed has not squashed free speech out of existence. ISPs have NO RIGHT to dictate who has the right to bring their views to the world by restricting bandwidth to "less profitable" websites.

—Joe, Grove City, OH

Please do not allow the big internet providers to put a stranglehold on our freedom of internet. Agents of stagnation already control much of this country's media and what is allowed to be said. Please throw out your rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Gb, Wainscott, NY

Please throw out your rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers!!!

—Gerald Thompson, Granite City, IL

When the internet (www) first began, it was free, wide-open and unencumbered by any government, individual, corporation, or regulatory agency. It has been in use for what, 30 years or more? It has functioned without an regulation. It has been truly autonomous. Now, corporate america wants to control access to the internet. They want to charge people to use the internet! I wonder how the FCC stands to benefit by giving the internet to corporate america?

—Bernard Wooldridge, Clovis, CA

Throw out new rules and make ISP's common carriers.

—KA James, Detroit, MI

This issue is so important to me that I took time off from work (and I'm paid by the hour!) to go to my local FCC office and turn in hand written letters to the FCC and I'm here to say something again. The internet has become a utility. It is in the same category for many people like me who have no TV service to the home and rely on the internet for news about weather and other daily needs. I use the internet daily on my job at a non-profit. I know we can't afford to pay more for internet access. We use the internet for email, to communicate with missionaries while they are out of the country, to send money, etc. I support my disabled son clear across the country and it is quite helpful to use the internet to stay in touch, to share money, etc. You need to reclass the internet as a utility and then many arguments go away. Then we can deal with promises these companies made to have our nation fiber-optic enabled, a promise they've reneged on for the past 12 years. We can then address the fact that the Sherman Anti-Trust Act hasn't be repealed but is being violated every day!

—Ann Catherine Keirms, Castro Valley, CA

America is a free country, therefore people in America should be able to do as they please on the internet, as long as what they are doing is legal.

—Tyler S., Juniata, NE

Net Neutrality is free speech. If you don't believe in that then you are not a good American.

—Nancy Smith-Watson, Wauwatosa, WI

You know what you're agreeing to is wrong FCC. Keep the internet open and far away from digital monopolies.

—Gavin Kendall, Brooklyn, NY

Abandoning net neutrality paves the way for a few large corporations to become richer and able to unduly influence Internet content, while greatly diminishing the internet experience of a large majority of its viewers.

—Ann Eastman, Littleton, MA

The internet is the only place that treats everyone equally. Whether you are a rich white politician in Washington DC or a poor hispanic kid in Texas we all have equal access to the internet. What you propose to do, allows cable companies to charge companies, like Netflix and Google, money in order to reach their users on a fast connection. While they can probably pay for it, smaller companies won't be able to afford it. This is an unfair monopoly that does not allow for this country to grow. This will stunt our nation and its people's ability to be innovators and reach new audiences, essentially throwing us back to a time when we didn't have high speed internet. We can all agree that the internet is awesome, but you know what isn't awesome? Having glorified bullies putting a gun to our head and forcing us to make decisions that are only good for their profit and not our best interests. Please keep the internet open and free for everyone. Thank you for your time.

—Asia McClain, galveston, TX

Make the net a utility. Stop making us the laughing stock of the world in order to line the pockets of a few ceos

—Lance McGill, Monteagle, TN

Reclassify ISP's as common carries and while you at it make some changes as to regulations for satellite carriers. Give us a choice as to what local changes we want. We live in a rural area and are forced to have local channels that has nothing to do with our state or weather. How would you like it? We don't care about Missouri's politics or what their weather is. Our weather comes from Wichita but we are the last to hear about it. That makes us in danger. Thanks FCC for caring about the people, HA!

—Linda Clark, Toronto, KS

The government already knows everything about us. ...why should the internet!

—Rita Meuer, Madison, WI

NO FAST LANE FOR THE RICH!!!

—Mark Peters, w, WI

I am sick of the federal government supporting only causes that benefit corporations. How about doing something for the average citizen for a change? You can do this by enforcing Net Neutrality.

—Donald Allard, Warren, RI

You CANNOT allow this monstrosity of a bill to go through! The only people to benefit from this is the ISP companies - and for them its all about the money. This will have a worldwide backlash. Please, please let common sense prevail and do NOT give the go ahead for this bill. Instead reclassify the ISPs as common carriers. Thank you.

—Pam Meredith, Perth, Western Australia,

With corporations in control of the government, the internet is the last place where free speech exists. If that goes away then we might as well be North Korea, we cannot let that happen. We cannot let money rule! Please!

—Dominika Rainey, Winchester, CA

two-tiered system is un-American; don't allow it.

—Frances E. Blair, Steilacoom, WA

Net Neutrality is SO important. Just think of all the schools throughout the country that use the internet in their classrooms, how many students use it to do research, how many unemployed people (who can't afford to spend any more on their internet access than they already do...because they are unemployed) use the internet to search for jobs or how many non-profit organizations use it to get their word out and do good in our communities. Keep it as is; for once, think of the greater good and stop trying to make a buck, especially off those that can't afford it.

—Amy Clough, Duxbury, MA

The service we already receive costs more and is by far substandard compared to any other place in the advanced world. Now, you want to allow myopic corporations to make the service slower and cost more. My God, who the hell do you represent, and seek to protect the interests of?

—Matthew Goheen, Plano, TX

This country from its very beginning has stood for equality. The First Amendment was placed in the Constitution to assure that government would not interfere with speech and press. I have no doubt that the Framers of the First Amendment would oppose the rules that you have proposed that would have government create classes of users of free expression. I support Net Neutrality as I'm sure the Framers would. I have Ph.D. in Political Science with my concentration in Constitutional Law which I have taught for 37 years in one private Liberal Arts College and two Universities.

—Ronald E Dean, Richmond, KY

Allow companies to slow down the speed of information. Okay tell me this how many slaves did not know that they were free until the information was slowly delivered to them. So if you successfully want to slow down American progression then by all means.

—Debra, Robbins, IL

The Internet has proven itself to be an open medium and format for both innovative and democratic ideas. It's neutrality must be maintained in order to maintain both possibilities.

—Ivan Rhudick, San Francisco, CA

Do the right thing

—Raymond Collins, Miami, FL

I live in the state of Maine, in a remote area, and run my business by Internet. We have crappy service generally in Maine - could use improvements to the infrastructure - and I don't need anything to marginalize me more than I already am - such as a "slow lane".. besides, giant corporations are fat and spoiled enough and need no further inducements to crush the consumer.

—Susannah Sprague, Standish, ME

why are you the FCC, letting the Service providers attempt to monopolize the internet for their own benefit??the NET has become a voice of the people in many countries WHY are YOU allowing the corporations the opportunity to manipulate, and most likely stifle our freedoms represented by an OPEN INTERNET! This borders on CRIMINALITY what a POLICE STATE would make as it's first priority HOW DO YOU THINK HISTORY WILL LOOK UPON YOU ???as a preserver of FREEDOM, or asaa FASCIST???

—John Mitchell, Conway, MA

We want real net neutrality. Having an open, fair, and level playing field is the only way to spur on innovation and advance the county.

—Shaun Kneher, West Babylon, NY

If continuing to be a leader in information technology as a country is a real goal here, the protection of net neutrality is of paramount importance. If the goal is to keep the current corporate information industry leaders perpetually in the lead, don't protect net neutrality. It really is that simple. So what's your goal?

—David Farr, Stone Mountain, GA

Corporations are not people. They do not and should not dictate internet access.

—Kristina Linzer, Longmont, CO

In a democracy, the internet should be like a public utility - readily available for all.

—Ellen Baumgartner, Worthington, OH

Is it actually possible for Tom Wheeler and his staff of ex-cable company hacks to rule in favor of middle and lower class folk who need access to a UTILITY like the internet?? I doubt it. What's in it for them? Why did Obama go back on his promise to keep the net neutral in no less than 3 campaign speeches? GEE Campaign \$\$ according to Moyers & Co. report. FCC needs to start representing The People not corporate cable/telecom contributors.

—Deb Allen, West Simsbury, CT

Net Neutrality has made so many things possible for so many people. Old age will never be the same (I say that because I am old and I know). Education has been changed forever on ALL levels and I say that because I am an educator and I taught and also learned in on-line classes. Friendship will always be available and families can always communicate. Don't change anything about this wonderfully human and wonderfully technical thing that we the people have created. I firmly believe at this point that the FCC is not evil and that President Obama is a good guy - but all good will will be out the window along with my computer if you give the marvel of the internet to BIG BUSINESS - which ,at this point, you are planning on doing. Mary Latham

—Mary Latham, Amherst, MA

Please protect our net neutrality.

—Heidi Stauder, El Sobrante, CA

The net is functioning optimally. There is no need to change it and screw it up.

—Gary Kwilos, SD, CA

It's really quite simple: The internet needs to be free. Not free for those with money, not free for those in authority. Free for everyone. We live and breath in a country supposedly built on Freedom, letting the internet become a walled prison is against this very core.

—Jorge A. Bardisa, Fort Lauderdale, FL

Dear FCC Chairman, Net neutrality is important to me because I am a consumer and a business person and believe Internet belongs to every one and should not be controlled like telecommunications or Cable by just a few companies. Regards, Alex N.

—alex N., ann arbor, MI

Net Neutrality is important to me because it ensures that all sites have equal access to the same internet speeds. The web needs to be thought of as a utility. It's worldwide value cannot be understated and the U.S. must set an example for others. Don't let fast lanes go down in the history books as the beginning of the end.

—Jordan Harrison, Tacoma, WA

Everybody should have equal access to the internet. Why should big, rich companies be able to effectively block small, new companies and less wealthy customers from having equal access? Why is the FCC proposing these new rules?

—Pam Wetzels, Austin, TX

Why mess up what is working so well now? Just for the sake of some Netflix users, why destroy net neutrality? Reclassify all ISPs as common carriers. The current internet service providers, like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon, whom you lobbied for, I think, in your past, Mr. Tom Wheeler, with your help now, will destroy the free flow of ideas which currently exists. This will create a frustrating, two tiered system. You are supposed to be looking out for "the people" and not lobbying, or now setting the rules, to only benefit the wealthy and the large corporations. Our cable bills are large enough now. I hope you have a conscious and do the right thing.

—Barbara Wilks, Ossining, NY

Everyone deserves the rapid access, and internet speed that would be accessed by the privileged under the plan FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler is pushing. To deny a fair and affordable access to underprivileged, and economically challenged, is a short sighted blunder that will only serve to perpetuate such inequality, and an opportunity for upward mobility.

—Ralph Sanchez, Santa Cruz, CA

Freedom of Speech is in the Constitution!!

—David Clifford, Douglas, MA

To even consider making the web a party to play service is horrific and wrong. You should all be ashamed of yourselves.

—zeb Sanders, Basehor, KS

The internet has proven to be a dynamic force in global commerce. An open market place of ideas and products, a global commons. It is counter productive to the interests of all for restrictions to be placed on access and speed with special consideration given to only those few who seek to profit at the expense of everyone else. The wave length bands belong to no one, they belong to all.

—Michael Wild, Marion, KS

The internet should be about the free flow of ideas not the limiting access to the highest bidder. I support net neutrality protecting freedom of speech for all

—James D. Partin, Ludlow, KY

Democracy is a pillar of America. The American government is taking action that is limiting this fundamental 'American' ideal of democracy. Because corporations will make more money? Government should represent the people, not corporate interests. This case shows the wrong direction government is going.

—Nathan Van Beilen, Oakville,

Everyone should have equal access to the Internet. Classify ISP's as common carriers and protect Net Neutrality for all. This is your duty - not catering to the "Big Boys."

—Joan Lawrence, Ithaca, NY

Net Neutrality is crucial for growth of new business in this country. Even more important is that a free internet is a key component of modern democracy. Please do the right thing and classify internet as a utility. Thank you

—Norma L Ginsberg, Woodbury, CT

Net neutrality is vital to keeping the Internet available to all Americans regardless of income. The new rules will not only increase the opportunity gap for individuals, they also allow Internet providers to engage in monopolistic practices to block competitors in providing services that require fast download speeds, such as movie streaming. Please hold the rights of ordinary citizens above those of corporations. Please act to preserve Net Neutrality.

—Carmen Vendelin, Philadelphia, PA

protect REAL net neutrality for every person.

—Illisa Kelman, new haven, CT

THIS IS NOT ACCEPTABLE TO MY RIGHT OF PRIVACY.

—Sheila Mandell, Fort Lauderdale, FL

Net neutrality (also network neutrality or Internet neutrality) is the principle that Internet service providers and governments should treat all data on the Internet equally, not discriminating or charging deferentially by user, content, site, platform, application, type of attached equipment, and modes of communication. Keep the internet OPEN to all!

—Tracy Wehr, Twin Lake, MI

where is your pride in defending American Freedom! We already have cable tv, is that what you are pushing for. a way to keep Americans in the dark.if so how dare you.

—Shawn Mains, spokane, WA

The FCC is making a huge mistake if this goes through. You are no longer working for the people but laying down and personally screwing over 99% of America. This will further ruin the state at which this nation is in already by handing it over to corporations

—James Davis, fort worth, TX

The Internet belongs to the People, not the telcos and cable companies. It was built with OUR TAXPAYER'S MONEY. Throw out these new rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Tony Patti, Irving, TX

Net neutrality is important to me because I use internet traffic vastly more than telephones - telephone carriers are regulated and so should ISPs be. Also because companies are motivated by profit and the usual balance for the consumer is competition. There is no meaningful competition between ISPs where I live.

—Mark Bartosik, Bay Shore, NY

Keep the Internet as is. THANK YOU

—Peter Cook, Andrews, NC

We're at the tipping point of ending corporate suppression of the majority, we can't hand over the one basic freedom that already is being charged too much for.

—Jenn Viola, Lee, MA

The internet does not need to become like the rest of our government: two-tiered depending on your income.

—Elizabeth Patton, Snohomish, WA

Without question, once net neutrality ends, so too ends the ordinary citizens right to equal time, equal cost access. The largest Internet provider will prevail and shape the cost structure as well as the speed of access to suit their business preferences to the detriment of all single users.

—Charlene Breedlove, Chicago, IL

I believe ISPs should be reclassified as common carriers because the corporations do what is best for them, not what is best for the people. Right now the internet is a huge haven for people to gain support, whether it be for start-up businesses, social justice movements, environmental initiatives... the list goes on. It allows people to access educational tools to better themselves and our world. It is too important to trust to corporations whose sole purpose is to survive and profit.

—Renee Metzger, Fairport, NY

The internet should be a free and open system for the exchange of ideas, goods, and services. Any measure that would allow service providers to limit choice by controlling access and/or speed would detract from an open system. As it currently stand our internet access is the slowest in the developed world, further attempts to slow access for the majority of users is a further degradation of performance.

—Arturo Pena, North Stonington, CT

Please protect net neutrality so that consumers can be equal opportunity users and not be penalized by the 1%.

—Nancy Blastos, redlands, CA

Without Net Neutrality, the ISP's will be allowed to dictate my internet surfing by choking and throttling websites that will not be able to pay to use the "new highway", killing off competition.

—Justin Hurd, Alexandria, KY

Net Neutrality is important because the little guy is due a win. In an America that's looking more and more like a corporate sponsored stock car, this last piece of political real estate is all the more important. THIS will be Obama's legacy if it passes. How disappointing that would be.

—Larry Lambert, Columbia, MO

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—John Estes, Birmingham, AL

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Julia Estes, Birmingham, AL

I think we should reclassify ISPs as common carriers. I don't agree with letting internet service providers charge fees for internet access at any speeds.

—Paul Hatch, Belmont, NH

Net neutrality is essential as an educator who teaches web design and other forms of technology-based education. Without a free and open Internet, I can't prepare our students for a knowledge economy.

—Guiseppe Getto, Greenville, NC

The corporations of America do not need more control over the lives of the people it has been trying to brainwash for decades. The Internet has already become so populated with advertisements and corporate sponsored google searches that it has become extremely hard to find and enjoy the information that we seek. Also, this proposal will make it harder for small businesses to start. That puts a halt on free enterprise and that's unconstitutional.

—Joshua Forney, Panorama City, CA

The FCC should have nothing to do with the internet. When did we start policing what the rest of the world sees as free speech - plus give corporations a leg up on its use?

—Jeff Gibson, Cypress, CA

It is important because it only benefits the bigger companies and greedy lawmakers in Washington.....IT'S NOT FAIR!

—Nicole Hauser, Maplewood, MN

The Internet should be accessible to everyone.

—Becca Greenstein, Minneapolis, MN

Protect Net Neutrality. In the end, what the people want is what matters most.

—Daniel Eng, Oakland, CA

We need the Internet to continue to be an open, nondiscriminatory forum to spread the ideas of the world. The creation of the Internet, largely due to research funded by taxpayer money, should not be exploited by the corporate telecom companies who are more frequently representing monopolies.

—Tim Kenny, Fairport, NY

It's truly unbelievable that the FCC would even think it was ok to allow discrimination like this. This is one of the most obvious of examples of payola and corruption that I can remember in my life. This is sick and wrong and I pray that we will make this right with or without the FCC!

—Garrett Wysocki, Oceanside, CA

The internet has been a free and open forum, continuing the democratic tradition of free speech in this great nation. It needs to stay that way. Maintain Net Neutrality.

—Ellen Kenney, Philadelphia, PA

FCC! Do the right thing and keep the Internet neutral. It's important to hundreds of millions of people that use it, everyone. Please listen to the people and respect their choices. This is a Democracy!

—J Paul Axtell, Waxahachie, TX

Keep freedom in the hands of the public and not in the pockets of big businesses!

—Daniel Quilty, Bluffton, SC

NET NEUTRALITY: OPEN AIR SPACE IN A NEVER ENDING SUPPLY PRESENTED AS SOMETHING THAT MUST BE DIVVIED UP CAREFULLY FOR FEAR OF DEPLETION, UNDER THE FALSE PRETENSE OF INCREASED LABOR AND MATERIALS EXPENSES, WHICH WOULD THEREFOR JUSTIFY AN INCREASED OR MULTIPLE OPTION FEE. THIS IS A FARCE, AND IT IS UTTERLY DISDAINFUL THAT, IN ADDITION TO OPERATING IN THE MANNER IN WHICH THEY ALREADY DO, AND TO MONOPOLIZE WHICH IS SUPPOSEDLY AGAINST OUR CONSTITUTIONAL RITES BEFORE DOING SO, THAT WE AS A NATION HAVE NO ONE BUT A FORMER LOBBYIST IN THEIR FAVOR TO DEFEND US. THE PRESIDENT IS FAST SLIPPING BEHIND ON HIS RESPONSIBILITIES AND IS BREACHING HIS SPOKEN CONTRACT, THE CONTRACT BEING THE PROMISES HE MADE TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC, THE PROMISES WHICH GOT HIM INTO OFFICE. THIS IS WHY WE ARE FAST FALLING BEHIND THE REST OF THE CIVILIZED WORLD ON SO MANY PLANES. IN CLOSING, LET ME SAY THIS: BETTER BEEF UP ON YOUR FOREIGN LANGUAGE SKILLS; PREDOMINANTLY THOUGH NOT SINGULARLY, CHINESE. OH, AND IT'S A BIT SLOWER THESE DAYS, SO I'D SKIP THE ONLINE APPROACH AND PICK UP SOME SECOND HAND BOOKS... AND YES, THIS IS, HOWEVER DISTANTLY, RELATED. IT IS FOUNDED ON SHEER GREED, WHICH IS WHAT IS AND ALWAYS HAS BEEN DESTROYING THIS COUNTRY, BIT BY BIT, BUT AT A FAR MORE RAPID AND BRAZEN PACE THAN IN THE PAST HUNDRED YEARS. OR SO, DURING WHICH TIME THERE WAS AT LEAST SOME SEMBLANCE OF EVOLUTION, REDRESSING OF SINS PAST AD PROMISES TO CONTINUE TO DO SO. (SAID SINS: SLAVERY, INDENTURED SERVITUDE, RACIAL BIAS AND LITERAL ABUSE...) WE APPEAR TO HAVE FOUND OUR WAY BACK INTO THE CAVE....

—Rachel Burnett, Vashon, WA

The self-serving nature of the suggested changes in policy is so obvious I find it remarkable it is being considered. I don't think this method of supporting large and the established corporations is the way to advance your economy! Please do not make this mistake and hamper the progress of our global society which depends in no small part on many good American internet-based services/businesses.

—Bjornar Meling, Tananger,

It is important to maintain net neutrality so innovation will not stifle. If my favorite sites are slow, why should I even continue to purchase internet access, and I assure you many will cancel service if it becomes slow and inconvenient, so it also hurts the very companies that want to do away with it. As Americans we spend far more than almost every other people in the world for internet service, you don't think this is the companies being greedy, don't allow it.

—Zebulon Stevens, Virginia, MN

Dear FCC: Please throw out these new rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Keep the Internet neutral for all of us. Thank you, James Fie

—James Fie, Durham, NC

reclassify ISPs as common carriers - protect net neutrality

—Valery Keramaty, Katonah, NY

FCC is meant to regulate, not be subservient to, the telecommunications industry. I don't want to hear words about protecting net neutrality, I want to see action to do so. The internet has become too essential to everyday life for the ISP's to be granted ability to set up fast lanes for the wealthy and corporations, and slow lanes for everyone else. They should not have such power to discriminate (by speed management) against online content and applications. PROTECT NET NEUTRALITY -- REALLY, IN TRUTH.

—Mary Wollitz-Dooley, Plainfield, IN

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

—Don Hon, Minneapolis, MN

Equal access is imperative when it comes to doing business and interacting in our world. Unless there is true net neutrality, the digital divide will widen even further with eventual negative consequences for all. Please do not support this kind of discrimination. Reclassify Internet Service Providers as Common Carriers!

—Rachel Schlafer-Parton, Luttrell, TN

I want to connect with real people, and find out about the rest of humanity, not be a "consumer" to the greedy corporations.

—Leslie Bender, New Paltz, NY

Internet is modern communication. Access should be available to all equally.

—Robert H Trickey, Sapulpa, OK

Amazing things are happening within the internet, as well as bad things, but we should have freedom of the airwaves, just as we should have a right to our own freedom. Not best with words here, but I believe that just as we should be able to design our own garden in front of our property, we should be able to have our own property online and tend our garden without interference from other growers (metaphorically). People, as well as myself, have donated and made a lot of money online to donate to charity and create incomes, so if you, the FCC, take away these certain rights, that you know about, then it will be one step closer towards completely taking away our hope. The dragon of Rome and Italy may be angry with the decisions to keep our freedoms, but we gotta remember what James Madison said, to stay away from the bloodshed and tyranny of Rome. This isn't about Rome, but about the logic used. Allowing these rules to take effect will take away from our enjoyment and freedom of the Internet, letting the system in to ruin our lives in another way, just like our Food, our trees, our animals. Please do what you know needs to be done, and find another way to let money be made and for it to be saved, if that is the only reason behind this. There are true riches, and those riches are nothing to be compared to money.

—Trevelyn Hookes, Emerald Isle, NC

As you may call the poor, the little people, those people have no one to turn to but each other. What would happen to our country if only the one percent were allowed to reign on the internet? I would think that in the not too distant future a revolution will occur. And not a pretty one.

—Donna Patton, Austin, TX

I am a stay-at-home mother of 3. I have barely enough money to pay for our internet as it is. And now you are proposing that if I want a better, faster internet, I'm supposed to pay more? I think it's disgusting how much greed is evident in every bit of this plan. I'm supposed to fork over extra money to use something that was supposed to be free in the first place? The internet is a place where I can look up information for my kids to learn. We just did a project together the other night on the lesser-known animals of the ocean. My kids learned so many new things they never knew before. What am I supposed to tell them when it doesn't work anymore? When the videos they want to watch take forever to load just because, once again, "Mommy can't afford it". What is wrong with this country? Why is it ok to charge for this? Why is this even being considered when everything is so outrageously priced in the first place? Do you really think these companies need my extra hard-earned money? Really? This whole issue makes me sick. And makes me ashamed to be an American.

—Renee MacCrea, Hiawassee, GA

It is our voice. We the people!

—Marta Garcia, bountiful, UT

an isp is not a gatekeeper on human knowledge. the internet belongs to the people. remember how the french solved their problems back in 1790, its relevant.

—Robert Williams, Queens Village, NY

The FCC's proposed Internet rules are out — and they're terrible. As we feared, FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler is pushing a plan that would allow rampant discrimination online. If approved, these rules would mean the end of Net Neutrality.

—Sylvester Shaw, Saint louis, MO

Please preserve net neutrality. It is essential to preserving the internet as we know it. I would like for you to reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Ann Melton, Astoria, NY

The internet belongs to the people, not the cable companies.

—Matt Ledder, Minneapolis, MN

Without Net neutrality the internet will become a shadow of its former self. No longer will we see innovation in the field with ISP's acting as content police preventing any access to a competitor's website & double charging consumers to access content they've already paid for.

—John Allen, South Bend, IN

Net neutrality is important to me so that I can better find local vendors and services. Please do not allow the ISP's price the smaller folks off the internet!

—Terry Rickel, Burbank, OH

Dear FCC, Please get on the right side of this. Corporations are not people, Money is not free speech. Keep the internet accessible at all speeds for all people equally. Thank You.

—Andrew J McElvaney, Spokane, WA

Keep the internet free and equal for all. Protect Net Neutrality.

—Larry Moss, Greenville, MI

It's my understanding that right now the U.S. has the slowest Internet service in the industrialized world. ISPs should be reclassified as common carriers.

—Mr. Vance Lausmann, Rancho Mirage, CA

Do your job as a government regulatory agency. Do not rubber stamp the corporate agenda.

—Karen Thaw, Boston, MA

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

—Maury Schindler, amelia, OH

So I can get the information I need to make important decisions, and not be bombarded with the propaganda of the rich.

—Martha Badgett, Kendalia, TX

What ever happened to the "level playing field," the bedrock of the capitalist system.

—Tom and Helen Sager, Rolla, MO, MO

Our internet is a utility of communication. This communication network needs to be open and free....not depending on money, to enable people to be informed. Let us LEAD the world, with our example. This Country cherishes freedom of speech. This would affect my ability to get information....and share it. Thank you, Patricia Eaton

—Pat Eaton, Rollinsville, CO

Save true net neutrality! Nothing less than classifying ISPs as common carriers will do!

—Josh Taylor, Dallas, TX

The net belongs equally to ALL people, not a miniscule elite of corporate bullies. 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.

—Peter W Richardson, Castlemaine,

Net neutrality is vitally important to a free and open internet. Let's make sure it stays that way!

—Francis James Roberts, El Cajon, CA

how soon until corporations control our lives completely?

—Steven Meyers, florence, OR

I am speechless with anger that we have to defend free internet. At one time we could watch TV without a monthly bill but no more- thank you very much. From the video I just watched I guess someone may show up at my house and try and arrest me for my dissidence-.

—Connie Weech, Mount Vernon, WA

Please do not allow internet service providers to leave the middle class behind.

—Kathleen Pecora, Seeley Lake, MT

ISPs need to be reclassified as common carriers

—Kevin O'Brien, Vancouver, WA

All citizens of planet earth have the right to communicate openly and freely and legally. We The People of this world are 'in charge', NOT BIG BROTHER!!!! NOT the oligarchs, NOthe dictators! The Internet must remain open for business, equally, for everybody.

—Mary McGaughey, GrEsham, OR