

Please do not change the Internet to give different users advantages. Cable companies should not offer two speeds of service. The only change should be to reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Lobbyists should not be able to buy influence with their millions of dollars. Time Warner and Comcast are rated the worst in customer satisfaction. Cable companies should not be monopolies. Maintain NET NEUTRALITY.

—Anne Pearson, Laguna Woods, CA

this is important to me because I want to chose what I watch and also how much I pay and want to keep the freedom that we have. I do not need big,, big companies to decide what my choices are, whether in programing, adds and speed and whatever..... So throw out the rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Protect real Net Neutrality. These are terrible plans being pushed by Tom Wheeler. This is America and we need to be free of big companies making bad decisions for us!!!!

—Greta Morford, laguna woods, CA

I do not back the FCC. I want the FCC to throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. We need to protect Net Neutrality.

—JoAnn Dunn, Pewaukee, WI

Dear FCC, I want to like you, but I really can't when you're fucking with my net neutrality. #smalltimecontentprovider #wantstoreachbigaudience.

—Molly Trad, San Francisco, CA

The Internet is the center of my life. I use it for everything. I don't have time for slow downloads. I do a lot of my work online and a lot of my research on line. Make the Internet a common carrier for the good of all Americans! THE SPECIAL INTERESTS AND BILLIONAIRES CANNOT HAVE IT ALL, GIVE US A BREAK.

—Susan Christiansen, Iowa City, IA

Keep the internet free, that is what it was created for. This is not the 1800s, everyone deserves to have a say and be heard.

—Maura Wesen, Rosemount, MN

The internet is modern society's equal opportunity platform for small business, creative expression, individual civic voice and much more, and it needs to remain level and equally accessible to all people, businesses and organizations. PG&E cannot give me less light if I use this lamp, or if I can only afford to pay for the less-light-option.

—Sarah Pollock, Fair Oaks, CA

We have a two-tiered system for just about everything in our society. Please preserve some areas where there is fairness for all. Thank you.

—Jane Simon, Minneapolis, MN

I WANT FAIRNESS AND EQUALITY, WE DESERVE A VOICE AS TAX PAYERS - AS CITIZENS. DEAR FCC EMPLOYEES, DO YOU NOT YOURSELVES USE INTERNET? DO YOU NOT CONSIDER THE EFFECT OF A CORPORATION HAVING THE MONOPOLY ON THE INTERNET, ON YOUR DAILY LIFE AND ACTIVITY? PLEASE DON'T LET MONEY AND PAYOUTS WIN OVER JUSTICE AND THE RESPONSIBILITY YOU HAVE TO THE PEOPLE.

—Dorothea Lucaci, ny, NY

The Internet shouldn't be a walled garden. It should remain a forum for innovation and free expression. As so many startups and political activists know, open, affordable, fast and universal communications networks are essential to our individual, economic and political futures.

—Kristin Behnke, Lincoln, NE

I am a journalism professor. I am counting on the FCC to prevent Comcast, TimeWarner, AT&T, Verizon and other ISPs from discriminating against websites that don't pay them or that they don't own or that they don't like by shoving them into a slower lane than their favored websites. A two-tiered, pay-to-play Internet will undermine democracy and economic marketplaces. Reclassify the Internet as telecommunications so the FCC can thoroughly regulate it to prevent ISP intervention/discrimination. The FCC was set up to protect the public by preventing a few big companies from blocking or blunting competition. Please do your job!

—Jeff Cohen, Saugerties, NY

Please classify ISPs as telecom carriers under Title II of the Communications Act. This is the only long-term solution to preserve the status of the internet.

—C Scott Ananian, Brookline, MA

The end of net neutrality...Please rethink this. Throw out your rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Dividing the internet into two roads will change things forever. These companies would have the power to pick winners and losers online and discriminate against content and applications and who would do anything about it? No one. It's the foxes watching over the hen houses. Don't do it. It's not broken.

—Kathe and Gary Goldstein, Cedar Rapids, IA

Net neutrality is a core founding principal of the internet. I strongly urge you to reconsider the approach of "Fast-lanes" for internet traffic.

—Brian Marsh, Fairport, NY

I strongly oppose any form or type of online access discrimination including any multi-tiered Internet access system. The FCC should reclassify broadband Internet access as a telecommunication service available to all. Please preserve complete Internet neutrality.

—Mr. Timothy Clark, Indianapolis, IN

ISP's should be treated as common carriers. All data should be 'neutral'. Competition among ISPs for connectivity are fine, but once the data packet has been received, it should have the same priority as any other on the network. Please protect what has worked so well. I urge Tom Wheeler to set aside his Cable-company lobbying, and instead lobby for the 'the people' and treat Internet Bandwidth as part of the 'commons'. Thank you.

—Mark Hodgen, Centerville, UT

Please treat all ISP's as common carriers. The net should be guided by national standards as we used to do with telephone service which guaranteed service to everyone; and did not create a privileged group.

—A Haith, Indianapolis, IN

Net Neutrality is crucial to Internet access for all, large and small, powerful and not, rich and poor. It's truly part of what America is all about. Taking it away is a dangerous first step to the growing inequality in our country.

—Alberto Rivera, Clermont, FL

Do not allow commercial businesses to create a two-tiered Internet, with fast lanes for those who can afford the extra fees. Currently, The internet allows a level playing field for both big business and the individual citizen. That is what makes it such a wonderful and amazingly useful tool. to pick winners and losers online and discriminate against online content and applications. And no one would be able to do anything about it.

—John Campbell, Sedona, AZ

please leave the internet free of corporate interference one speed for all to insure an equal playing field

—Debbie Rudell, Camarillo, CA

As a rural American (Ellijay, GA) trying to live on Social Security, I need the FCC to keep the net neutral, throw out your proposed rules and reclassify internet providers as common carriers. Real people should be served by FCC rulings, not more money for the big guys again.

—Howard Boozer, Ellijay, GA

Please protect Net Neutrality. The internet is a vital part of our lives. Please keep it as it is without major corporations (i.e. Comcast, Verizon) being allowed to control or manipulate it. Thank you,

—Christina Mona, Martinez, CA

Net neutrality is vital - any actions that inhibit this neutrality will be a cave in to large communication companies. Big business will be influencing government once again. Its un-American

—Ronald Gordon, Laguna Woods, CA

A free and open internet is vital to the success of our nation. Allowing companies to suppress content that hasn't paid their toll is an unspeakable tragedy. Please do not let this happen Preserve Net Neutrality

—Todd Henderson, Fort Worth, TX

The FCC's current position on the legal status of Net Neutrality is unacceptable. Anything less than full legal recognition for Net Neutrality at the same level as the First Amendment is completely unacceptable. ISPs should be reclassified as Common Carriers.

—Nicolas Anzalone, East Ryegate, VT

Demand Net Neutrality. Its loss would have a negative impact on privacy, freedom of speech, and the economy.

—Arvel Perry, Fort Worth, TX

I believe that net neutrality is important for everyone, in every walk of life.

—Ellen Schmidt, JACKSON, NJ

Net neutrality is too critical to America to get rid of it. America is supposed to be the land of the FREE. But yet, we're letting corporations enslave us, telling us which websites we can get at ultra-high speeds, and which websites we get at dial-up from the 1990s. If you ask me, this is a load of bullshit that needs to be stopped right now.

—Robert Thorpe, ,

I don't know if anyone is aware here of what people make on part-time salaries. Since I do, I can surely tell you I will not be able to afford to pay for internet services. This takes away my resources to a better education. In fact I even take online classes, would I have to pay just for that too? All that I can say is, ridiculous. I won't be able to afford it like several others won't. It's discriminatory towards the power people of the country. One of the most, if not the most, idiotic thing I have ever heard of.

—Sam, Toms River, NJ

As Michael Copps said better than I could - "The time is now for the FCC to classify broadband as Title II. Without this step, we are playing fast-and-loose with the most opportunity-creating technology in all of communications history. Without this step, we are guaranteeing an Internet future of toll-booths, gatekeepers and preferential carriage. Without this step, we stifle innovation, put consumers under the thumb of special interests, and pull the props from under the kind of rich civic dialogue that only open and non-discriminatory communications can provide." The first competency the FCC claims it capitalizes in is "promoting competition, innovation and investment in broadband services and facilities". Allowing the ISP oligopoly to control a two-tiered Internet would not only further discourage competition among broadband providers but also hinder competition and innovation among the future Googles, Netflices and Facebooks of the Internet.

—Kenneth Thomson, Raleigh, NC

This is a highly disturbing prospect. Keep the internet neutral.

—Sam Liles, Fresno, CA

Please keep net neutrality. Protect the people who believe in our government and what it stands for, not the wallets of these cable companies. Trust in the internet as a platform to reach the people you govern, don't give it over to profit. For once stand for the people who believe in you, stand for the citizens of the United States of America and make Net Neutrality a law!

—Rosa Luna, Brooklyn, NY

I urge you to reclassify ISP's as common carriers and insure that we have Net Neutrality. Living on Social Security I for one can't afford an extra fee for high speed internet.

—Patricia Allgeier, Laguna Woods, CA

The internet is our only means of democratically communicating and furthering our personal knowledge through sharing our ideas and opinions with each other. We cannot rely on privately owned media to tell us how to think any more than we can rely on the main stream media to properly report even the essential news. Without the internet WE are hopelessly lost. Isn't the very role of the FCC to protect and represent the public? While neo-con steroids that have been driving it for the last two decades, the FCC's legal responsibilities remain the same: not to protect the interests of corporations but to protect our interests against corporations.

—Kenneth Farrell, Mountainville, NY

FCC... throw out the proposed Internet rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Protect real Net Neutrality. DO NOT discriminate against online content and applications.

—Marvin Crim, Madison, CT

No one should have an advantage on the internet. It's the very definition of "level playing field". If cable and Internet providers are unable or unwilling to provide the service THEY GOT INTO THIS BUSINESS IN THE FIRST PLACE TO PROVIDE, then they have no business IN that business. Net Neutrality Forever!

—Bert Turbaville, Coos Bay, OR

Freedom of speech, freedom of speech, freedom of speech. Freedom of information, religion. The internet is our greatest tool in maintaining a fair democracy.

—David Wilkes, Holland, PA

Dear FCC, as a race, we have always strived towards the acquirement of life and knowledge. We have learned time and time again that knowledge that is kept controlled from others often lead to the downfall of the society therein. We need freedom as a society, we need a way that everyone can remain equal regardless of social and financial class. This law would strike down what made the internet inherently great regardless as a resource for bettering ourselves as a race.

—Jake R Moss, Littleton, CO

Dear FCC, My name is Pierre Lejay and I want net neutrality. Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers and ignore their lobbyists. Thank you

—Pierre Lejay, Le Chesnay,

I am a teacher. Learners need the speed and access a free and open internet provides.

—Thomas Greenwood, Lewes, DE

Dear FCC, We want Net Neutrality. Please don't remove it. Consumers are only hurt in the end and going to be gouged out of their hard-earned money by greedy corporations. Why give more money to people who already have salaries in the six digits? We want to protect freedom of speech and give everyone equal access while keeping prices low and reasonable for all.

—Eve, New York, NY

Because otherwise only the rich may broadcast their message. Poorer voices will be powerless to broadcast their ideas effectively to the public.

—Moon Matin, Frankfurt am Main,

The point of the internet is easy access to facts and data. Removing Net Neutrality would reduce peoples access to this information source which defeats the purpose of the internet.

—Stephen Baker, Pittsburgh, PA

I want my children to have access to the opportunity that a free and open internet provides.

—Mark Watkins, Decatur, GA

The internet is certainly a public utility and, without net neutrality, the marketplace of ideas will suffer. Since this forum is increasingly tied to our economy at large, not enforcing net neutrality will have a negative impact on the growth of web based companies as the profits generated by these businesses will be skimmed off by the service providers. As entrepreneurship is the lifeblood of the American economy, it makes little sense to strangle these burgeoning companies in the cradle.

—Ryan Johnson, DOWNERS GROVE, IL

Hi. I am a small business owner. My business is based online. I employ four writers, part-time. We make just enough money to cover the costs of the writers and buy me a book or two each month. That's it. If I have to pay premiums to make my site enjoyable to use, I will go out of business. Please protect net neutrality. My small business, though not a huge money-maker, does contribute to the economy in a positive way.

—Cheryl Upshaw, Winnemucca, NV

While paying somewhere between \$60 and \$120 a month for an internet connection, I expect to be able to do what connections of that speed are designed to do, at the promised speeds. If I'm paying for a connection that should be able to stream 4 HD videos at once, I expect to be able to at least stream one at a time without having the quality slashed to something akin to VHS. If cable companies can do this, then we should also have the option of paying only for what we're getting.

—Steven Johanning, Baltimore, MD

It seems to me that removing net neutrality rules will only improve the situation for the large, deep-pocket behemoths, while making internet usage more difficult and/or more expensive for small entities and individual users. Please continue to give equal access to all users by classifying Internet Service Providers as common carriers.

—Ron Judd, Hammond, IN

Net Neutrality is the last thing completely free, the internet, and it needs to stay that way

—Gray Andrews, Kernersville, NC

How is this even a question that's on the table? Net neutrality is one of the most important rights of our freedom. Everything needs to be equal. Please do not mess this up and side with corporations. Thank you.

—Cooper, Chicago, IL

Did you know that if you support net neutrality, you hate deaf people? That's the infallible logic being used by Verizon as they lobby on Capitol Hill for the creation of "fast lanes" on the Internet. According to them, the blind, the deaf, and other people with disabilities need faster Internet because of their particular needs, and what's the easiest way to make sure they get it? Yes, giving greedy companies the ability to decide which sites can go fast and which ones will slow to a crawl, obviously. Without those pesky regulations, more efficient sites for people with disabilities will be set up -- and then there's no way anything could go wrong, ever. This argument about protecting the rights of the disabled surprised a lot of people ... including the disabled. Mark Perriello, the president and CEO of the American Association of People with Disabilities (and someone who is partially blind), told Mother Jones that he'd never heard about the idea that he was somehow getting fucked over by the free Internet. He also said it was rather "convenient" that the best way to help disabled people is to let cable companies earn enough money to become Game of Thrones-powered supervillains. So let this be a lesson to overpaid lobbyists everywhere: The next time you want to pretend you're looking out for the interests of some minority group, at least have the decency to try to bribe their spokespeople first. According to Verizon, which apparently sees itself as the brave, idealistic lawyer fighting the oppressive system in a Matthew McConaughey movie, if the government forces them to treat all traffic equally, it's somehow equivalent to a seizure of private assets for public use, which would violate their Fifth Amendment rights. But that's not all: They also claim that net neutrality is trampling their freedom of speech. This may sound like stupid bullshit to you at first, but what they're saying is that they have the "freedom" to decide how the "speech," or Web traffic, going through their systems should be transmitted. Wait, no, that still sounds like stupid bullshit. You might be wondering now: If companies can decide that your shitty blog should load at 1/100 the speed of Perez Hilton's, or whoever's paying them for "fast lane" access, what does that mean for your freedom of speech? Well, that's totally different, you see, because ... whoops, the signal is fading ... hello? Hello? You've probably seen the huge amount of people online who are supporting net neutrality while throwing a middle finger up at the cable companies ... but did you know there are also anti-net neutrality advocacy groups out there? It's true. One group, Broadband for America, told the FCC that they "categorically reject" any attempts to make broadband Internet a public utility, which would subject it to more regulations to make sure the companies play fair, and who wants that? So who's in this group? Well, let's see: the CEO of AT&T, the CEO of Comcast, the president of Cox Communications, the president of the NTCA, and, last but not least, the CEO of Verizon, among others. Some of you may have noticed that this group appears to be made up almost exclusively of cable company presidents, and also that it can suck a hundred Cox. Less obvious is the fact that on its tax filings, Broadband for America retains the DCI Group, a lobbying firm that, as Vice puts it, "specializes in creating fake citizen groups on behalf of corporate campaigns." While this may be the most blatant attempt at astroturfing, it's far from the only one. The American Consumer Institute (if you want no one to question your motives, just put "America" in the title) wants the FCC to leave ISPs alone to do as they please, while also being funded by cable company lobbyists. Similarly, the Heartland Institute, which claims that cable companies should have a right to charge Internet businesses out the wazoo, is heavily funded by Comcast, Time Warner, and AT&T. When you have to shell out millions of dollars to pretend that you have friends, that should be your sign that you're the most desperate, miserable person in existence.

—Christopher Tracy, Columbia, MO

Website preference is awful for websites without checkbooks.

—Anthony Moulden, Cambridge, MD

Once data begins to be regulated, the floodgates open. Government sanctioned censorship is only marginally different from Government-run censorship, which is wrong.

—John Rafter, Shoreview, MN

Loss of net neutrality will lead to less innovation. Bigger corporations will dominate due to deeper pockets and ability to pay for faster speeds.

—Stuart Wyatt, Fort Jennings, OH

The internet is the last bastion of an equal playing field for all. Taking that away is a dangerous road to economic monopoly gained by large corporations. Monopolies stagnate innovation and new ideas. Our future as a whole of human kind is once again at threat of being pushed back in terms of advances in quality of life, all in the name of making the ultra rich richer. Like so many other times in history, greed has always come back to bite those in the ass who would embrace it.

—Armaan Khan, Shelby Township, MI

Net neutrality is the only way to prevent corporate interests from destroying the freedom of information and knowledge in favor of making themselves even richer.

—Eliot Ferrer, Umeå,

Dear FCC, I want to express my support for net neutrality and ask that the FCC make sure that everyone has a fair chance at accessible internet service. I don't necessarily mind a provider offering different speeds/qualities of service, but only if their policies still offer reasonable access to all parties and do not allow the companies to take advantage of or adversely affect other businesses/consumers. Thank you for taking the time to read this, all the best. -Josh Elliott

—Joshua Elliott, Chesapeake, VA

The internet needs to be open and unrestricted so small start ups and large businesses stand on an equal footing in offering its products and services. I don't want to miss out on new products because a small company can't afford the price of admission.

—Eric Dahlin, Ocala, FL

FCC, do not allow or promote a tier plan. The Internet is for everyone and not intended to go to the highest bidder or those big businesses in control. America stands for equal freedom to all. Do not pervert our system to allow greed to control content. Do not bend to Comcast, AT&T, Verizon and the almightily dollar at the expense of freedom to equally share space on the Internet. FCC you were invented and exist to protect the American public and that principal. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers which they are.

—Randy Sauder, Calhoun, GA

The internet is the single most powerful force in connecting the people of the world. This connection has allowed people of all cultures and backgrounds to understand and learn from each other. It's amazing to think of how it is already helping to dissipate the hate and misunderstandings people have had in the past. I truly believe that the internet is the perfect expression of the highest of modern ideals. It provides education and entertainment without discrimination, allowing a common ground where things like wealth and social power are not nearly as divisive. Internet providers are businesses, and therefore exist to make as much money as they can. Giving them increasing amounts of power has shown them to favor revenue over the rights of their customers. They have been detrimental to the very service they provide, forming oligopolies and monopolies that force customers to buy their services at whatever price and conditions they choose. For example, the massive oligopolies of service providers in the United States have caused it to have some of the slowest internet speeds worldwide. The only way to preserve net neutrality, which is the very thing that makes the internet the beautiful and powerful force it has become, is to regulate internet providers.

—Benjamin Glaser, Fairfax Station, VA

I support Net Neutrality. It is your job to keep the internet neutral and keep internet capitalism alive in this country. By stifling innovation and allowing cable companies to bleed out other internet companies for only their benefit we will seriously hindering a large part of our economy and even larger section of potential economic growth. Allowing net neutrality to die in the closed doors of Washington with the influence of bought politicians surrounded by lobbyists is unforgivable. This affects all Americans, and we overwhelming support a neutral internet. Do the right thing: keep the internet neutral, or we'll find politicians who will.

—Raymond Erickson, Easton, MD

A corporation only has good intentions when it comes to it's shareholders and itself. To believe that it has them when it comes to the people who pay them money, their customers, is foolish - If Net Neutrality is compromised, it WILL lead to price gouging and lower quality of service. Internet providers already hold a geographic monopoly on their business - very few people have the ability to choose their internet providers (I know I don't.) If it were actually true that each company would have to compete with each other, then things would be different. This is not the case, and there is nothing that leads me to believe that it ever will be. I cannot be expected to trust the words of the very people who want to take this away from me that it will be for my own good, or to my benefit. Using the very internet that they want to restrict is how I am able to voice my opinion and fight back. This is what Net Neutrality gives us, and this is why it must be upheld.

—David A Goodman, Quincy, MA

The purpose of the FCC, as defined by federal law, is to "make available so far as possible, to all the people of the United States, without discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, or sex, rapid, efficient, Nation-wide, and world-wide wire and radio communication services with adequate facilities at reasonable charges." I can think of no better way to undermine this purpose than to enact Wheeler's Internet service plan. Wheeler's plan would violate the long-standing principle of Net Neutrality, fundamentally altering the nature of the Internet. Since its inception, the Internet has been based on the free transfer of information, allowing truly democratic exchange of ideas and information across a global community. This democratic exchange of ideas has made possible such popular movements as the Arab Spring and Mexico's anti-cartel blogging movement. It has also made available to everyone information once limited to the lucky few in the form of tools like online encyclopedias and Massive Open Online Courses. The very existence of these boons to humanity is dependent on the availability of information only made possible through Net Neutrality. The FCC, which regulates the largest hubs of Internet traffic, threatens the very existence of an open Internet. If Wheeler's plan goes into effect, the flow of information on the Internet will be controlled by a few very powerful players. Any ideas or content seen as objectionable to those players (or the governments or other third parties that may influence them) could easily be quelled. I urge the FCC to protect Net Neutrality and by so doing foster the freedom and democratization that Net Neutrality has made possible throughout the world.

—Kevin Jones, Bensalem, PA

Dear FCC, Comcast is the worst. They run a racket due to lack of serious competition for services in my area, nickel-and-dime me to death, raising prices a few bucks every few months while reducing their actual services (cutting channels out of the cable package, for example), and make it impossible to actually change my services by repeatedly disconnecting phone calls to their billing department. I support net neutrality and would like to see internet service run as a public utility.

—Joseph Gilbert, Greenland, NH

In the old days there was the Library of Alexandria which was a location that contained all of the written works of its day. This library was destroyed by fire and nobody had the means to try and rebuild this wonder of learning and knowledge until today. The internet allows us to place all of our knowledge and all of our written works into a location where anyone can access it at any time of their choosing. If net neutrality were to become extinct businesses would be forced to pay money to the Internet Service Providers (ISP) to have their information accessible to the public and while that may be okay for large businesses it prevents small businesses and individuals to have their information on the internet for all to read and learn. This is why net neutrality the basis of information sharing with it is on papyrus in Alexandria or on 1s and 0s in the internet should remain intact.

—Charles, State College, PA

The internet has brought along a great many things. a place for commerce and ideas to flow freely. This has been proven to help advance both social and economic progress throughout the world. with the proposed rules, both social and true economic advances would halt. The internet would become just another way for the people with money and power to remain such. Do not take away the one true democratizing technology of this century.

—Elise Warshavsky, Elkins Park, PA

Net Neutrality is absolutely important! Without it, there is nothing telling the cable companies that they can't just "slow down" any site they disagree with! Imagine the delays of the ObamaCare site if the 1% that owns the cable companies could slow down the access?! And let's not forget the fact that political campaign sites could also be slowed or even stopped! In the US, the free exchange of information is paramount...but that exchange can only take place and be meaningful if it occurs openly. You can't have a conversation if one person is sending emails and the other is relegated to using the US Postal System to reply!

—William Stephens, Twin Rocks, PA

Protect freedom of speech. I already pay more for a faster internet connection. Why would you then limit how quickly I can access content based on how much the sites I wish to visit are willing to pay? This will completely change how the internet works as a forum for small business growth and as a launching pad for new concepts and ideas. It's a terrible change. The people chosen to study and decide what's best for the future of American internet access reek of special interests and corruption.

—Heather, Plano, TX

This is nothing but a mercenary attempt to acquire monopolistic control of internet access. Net Neutrality helps to ensure that the benefits of the few don't come at the cost of everyone else.

—Michael Keith, Toronto, WA

Killing Net Neutrality would suck.

—John Borelli, Belmont, MA

I mistakenly thought the FCC was created to protect consumers from the very sort of cable company fuckery these new rules would allow. Did the FCC change it's mission at some point to include protecting the profits of large corporations at the expense of innovation and competition? These rules would kill the internet, plain and simple. I oppose any sort of tiered internet and instead urge the FCC to classify ISPs as common providers like telephone lines.

—Nathan Blumenthal, North Garden, VA

The Internet is a fundamental infrastructure that the world uses. Opponents of net neutrality know this and would throttle our connections if it meant selling the bandwidth to ad sites instead.

—Mw, San Francisco, CA

The FCC must reclassify Internet service providers as common carriers. Internet connectivity is a utility like electricity and telephone service. If that sounds silly to you, consider the telephone. At its inception, the telephone was a luxury, a novelty for the wealthy. Once the telephone service providers were forced by regulators to make their service indiscriminately available, the telephone became a crucial component of the economy. Nowadays, a person can't apply for a job without a telephone, and it would be unthinkable to charge a man trying to find work more to use his telephone than a corporate manager placing a purchase order to use his. Actually, the comparison of the Internet to the telephone isn't exactly fair: the Internet is *already* a crucial component of the economy. Every day, millions of people use the internet to work, find work, make purchases, communicate, and participate in the economy in any number of other ways. Rescinding Net Neutrality would limit Americans' access to the global—and American—marketplace, thus stripping them of the power to grow their own and the country's economic stability. The Internet is a utility and the FCC must protect Net Neutrality. The providers' arguments against this fact are not only disingenuous but laughable—or they would be laughable, if so much weren't at stake. Don't cave to corporate pressure. Defend every American's right to engage in this country's economy. Protect Net Neutrality. Reclassify ISPs as common providers.

—Stephen Stull, Orlando, FL

Net neutrality is important to me because it means everyone has an equal voice. Without it the monopolies can control what we see and hear and I won't be able to make informed decisions. Please, do what is right for the American people instead of letting billionaires get richer.

—Jennifer Keating, Orlando, FL

The Internet is democratic. The end of net neutrality destroys this facet of the Internet, and will only benefit ISP/cable companies. Destroying net neutrality, in essence, sanctions these companies' ability to extort other corporations and individuals, and gives them a leg-up in determining which content (and viewpoints) can receive maximal exposure. Virtually every other domain in American society has regulations against these sorts of possibilities (to varying degrees of effectiveness). Abolishing net neutrality would be an intentional step in the opposite direction. Keep the Internet neutral.

—Dario Rodriguez, Beavercreek, OH

Allowing companies willing to pay money to speed up their services is giving them too much power. With YOUR proposed rules, I can easily see a future where Comcast paints itself in great light and controls media content. Or AT&T controlling everything. Creating a two-tier Internet can easily create a two-tier society - those who can afford to present their ideas, and those who can't. Keep the Internet a place of equality. Every website should be treated the same, regardless of how big or small their website is.

—Amber Hoffer, Morgantown, WV

We live in an age where the internet and access to it is as important for commerce as electricity. The internet is not a toy, it is the way in which we are connected and communicate. In the same way that phone lines and electricity should be a public utility, the internet should be too. Big companies will always try and use their weight to make more profit, and why shouldn't they? It's their own best interest. The FCC and other government bodies, however, should keep in mind the best interests of the people. Save net neutrality.

—Grayson Miller, Knoxville, TN

Net Neutrality is important because the American citizens have thrived under the current internet system.

—Leon Gross, Glen Saint Mary, FL

Thanks to your deregulation of Cable Companies, I have exactly one choice when it comes to my television provider because I live in an apartment and most complexes don't allow Satellite Dishes on their buildings. Your deregulation of Broadcast Radio was equally as effective as now the bulk of Terrestrial Radio Stations are owned by a half dozen companies which has led to less local programming, homogenized formats and people now having to pay for Satellite Radio to hear music that isn't aimed at the 12 - 19 demographic. Now you want to deregulate the internet? You want these same Cable Companies that have monopolies on Television to be trusted with control of internet speed? Quit handing your responsibilities off to private industry, grow a pair and leave net neutrality as it is.

—Matthew Lizotte, Palm Coast, FL

Dear FCC, I am a mother, teacher, and frequent Internet user. I am a supporter of Net Neutrality and I ask that you please reclassify so that you can take the Internet out of the hands of the cable companies. Although you claim to be protecting Net Neutrality, your current plan has vague wording and plenty of loop holes. The cable companies will take advantage of it and will break the Internet if this goes through. The cable companies do not have a good record of playing fair. They have lobbied against Net Neutrality, set up fake social groups (populated by their CEOs I might add) to make it look like the population opposes Net Neutrality, and also blatantly lied to the public (Comcast "supports" Net Neutrality after strongly arming Netflix. Verizon claims that they are doing this for the disabled. The disabled claim otherwise). Do we trust a group of people who have set up monopolies across the country to not use this as a money making scheme? By destroying Net Neutrality you will also be destroying people's jobs and harming future job prospects. Not only do big companies such as Google and Netflix employ people, but little companies use the Internet to start up their businesses and get their names out to the public. Musicians, artists, writers, actors, comedians, and critics use the Internet to produce, display, market, and sell their work. Without Net Neutrality, big Internet companies will employ less people as they will need to use the wages to instead pay the cable companies their blood money. Small businesses will have a hard time starting up as they will not be able to afford the amounts needed for faster speeds and may even be hobbled to slower speeds due to payouts from their competitors. Creative people of all types will find it harder to get their work and names out there as they, and many of the sites that host them, will not be able to pay the amount needed to increase their Internet speeds. This will hobble the public's right to free speech as what gets said will depend on how much the speaker will be willing to pay. I fear for the future of my son and my students. The youth uses the Internet more than anyone in any previous generation. They live on the Internet. They have information at their fingertips to look up anything they need to know, find anywhere they would like to go, and to explore their interests. You will be damaging their education, as the Internet is a frequently used teaching tool, and their futures as they will not have access to the freedoms and opportunities the Internet now provides. I ask again, please do not kill Net Neutrality. It will only hurt the common man and help give more money to a select few who do not need it.

—Miranda Robinson, Phillips, WI

It is my firmly held belief, that the open nature of the Internet, that every user is treated the same is what has allowed e-commerce to flourish. The Internet has also become a necessary utility for our modern way of life our children use it in school, our businesses use it in work, local state and federal governments use it to dispense information and collect taxes. The Internet has become a vital utility in our way of life, every bit as important and necessary as gas, telephone, and electricity. This is why everyone needs equal and open access. This is why I support net neutrality.

—Robert Huether, Milford, MA

...because it's important to everyone? I can't believe I have to actually explain this.

—Hunter Hendricks, Perryville, MO

Good morning. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this egregious violation of the spirit of free competition. What concerns me about removing net neutrality is that you take the power of the internet and consolidate with a few large companies with the finances to pay for this type of influence. We should not allow a few companies to control who gets fast speeds and who gets slower speeds. Do not end net neutrality. Please keep the standards in place and do more to increase the ability for communication companies to compete against each other.
—Darrell Simmons, Springboro, OH

Net Neutrality is important to keep educational materials open to not only our children, but our country as we try to stay competitive in the global stage. It is also incredibly important to me in my job as a theatre professional - my job is often having to do as much with research as it is with building, sourcing, and acquiring props. Not having net neutrality would effectively kill my livelihood, and only line the pockets of the big three cable companies. Our job market grows increasingly frustrating already with the new jobs only coming in service-based industries, can we really keep telling everyone that the American Dream is gone? Please keep Net Neutrality - we're all depending on it.
—Amanda Williams, Pittsfield, MA

As a consumer, I have experienced service from comcast long before there even was a debate on net neutrality (or at least it's current incarnation). During my years as a comcast customer, I was shocked at the poor level of service and terrible product. The internet router mandated by comcast would fail on a daily, sometimes an hourly basis, and as a consumer, I had to wait for years until a different company provided any competition to comcast. Now I have to wonder, if a company that provides such the key resource of information in a modern, digital world, should they be allowed to tamper with that resource or manipulate the business climate for their own profit and to harm the consumer? I believe this cannot be allowed to happen
—David Silverstein, Marlborough, MA

My freedom of speech is just as important as AT&T's, a Comcast and Verizon's. More money shouldn't equal more speech, and if you really care about true American values and protecting the interest of our citizens then you will fully protect Net Neutrality. Large corporations scam us enough as it is, keep them away from controlling and trafficking the internet.
—Nick Hardesty, Decatur, GA

Tom Wheeler needs to use some common sense. That being said, "If it ain't broke, don't fix it." Reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Being in a position of power does not require one to make changes just for the sake of making changes. It also requires one to stand up to the powerful and represent the common people.
—Les Vertz, Dousman, WI

Net neutrality is what has allowed the internet to expand into what it has become today. To revoke net neutrality will put a stranglehold on online business and commerce.
—Brandon Naylor, Indianapolis, IN

This country should be working to help secure opportunities for all of our future generations. As schools and institutions of higher learning move more and more to online technology oriented curriculum, strong fast internet connections become more important than ever. Students from poorer backgrounds have enough trouble as it is lifting themselves out of poverty and making the most of their lives. I've taken online coursework, and I've used the internet for research for a vast amount of projects and papers. Now it looks like you want to put one more obstacle in the way of low income and economically depressed areas by limiting how well those students can access and use a resource that is pretty much essential to doing well in school and will only become more so in the future. You're creating long term problems for a short term gain and it won't be tolerated.
—Christopher Emerson, Ypsilanti, MI

Net Neutrality is important to me because I need the internet for my health care management through the Veterans Hospital. If the internet gets any more expensive, I, as a service connected disabled veteran, will not be able to afford it. If it gets slower, my access to care will be impacted. It is also how I do much of my necessary shopping and banking. And how I manage to have limited socialization. Please side with the people. Side with Net Neutrality.
—Tabitha Ackerman, Aurora, CO

Because without it paying for Internet would be like buying cable packages, and no one would rather buy packages then have the whole thing.
—Garrett Robar, Waterloo,

Net neutrality is important to continue the freedom of the internet. It may seem sometimes like we are all just interested in cat videos, but truly grassroots movements have started here. Restricting fast access to bloggers and websites who can pay a higher fee intrinsically restricts who can speak. Lobbyists and money seem to run so many things these days. Well, I don't have millions of dollars to throw at a campaign like this, or any other, and sometimes that means that I don't have a voice. Don't shrink American freedom. Don't take away the place that anyone has the right to start up a blog and talk about what they believe.

—Lindsay Nyhoff, Nashville, TN

Look, this all really very simple. No one in control of or on the board of a major cable company knows what the poverty-line LOOKS like. Net Neutrality allows the poor and meek a voice. The rich do not NEED to be richer, their lives are pretty swell already. Please be reasonable human beings. Thank you for your time.

—Wayne Luck, Flint, MI

For too long cable companies have provided poor service and worse customer service while charging outrageous rates with little to no choice based on my television habits. So I dumped cable for the cheaper option of watching the shows I want when I want. Instead of changing their business practices to win back me and those like me, they want to make it more expensive to choose other options, like Netflix or Hulu, by making them pay more (thus charging me more) or ruining the experience. It's bad enough I have no choice in internet providers, but I fail to see how this isn't a public utility that is all but necessary in today's world, and why it should be regulated so that it is accessed in a fair manner.

—Sean Hendrix, Bangor, ME

Dear sir or ma'am, Net neutrality is one of the great technological issues of our times. Without equal access to all sites, not just the ones that have paid more for that right, we are all less free. This is a country where the small and less well off have the opportunity to become the great, but with net neutrality restricted with Internet "fast lanes" that Verizon, Comcast, AT&T, and many other media giants are trying to enforce, that opportunity will vanish forever. We are all more free when money does not dictate our ability to share our visions with the world, or when what information is available is not subject to how much money the purveyor has spent. Please take action to keep net neutrality enforced and to reclassify these media corporations as common carriers. Thank you

—Brittany New, Chattanooga, TN

Look guys-I know the only thing that matters to you is money, but can we please take a moment of self reflection and try to not be a terrible person for once in the past two decades? Aren't you rich enough now to swim in a sea of blow jobs for the rest of your life? So stop whoring yourself out to major telecom corporations and do what's best for the public, now that you've more than compensated for yourself. Ditch your "rules," reclassify ISP's as common carriers, and try to enjoy life knowing you've done something that advances our nation as a whole instead of just a few. Such as yourselves. And ISP's. (God you guys suck)

—Derek Gilbert, Vestal, NY

Limits my ability to do stuff and would only increase costs for everybody, unless you only ever use major sites willing to pay lots of money. The entire thing seems like a scheme for cable companies to make more money.

—Michael Fedirko, West Brookfield, MA

Net neutrality gives small businesses equal footing to compete on the online market.

—Andrew Piper, Westerville, OH

i dont understand how this is even being considered. i guess if you have enough money you can do whatever you want. it disgust me.

—Anthony Schultz, Metairie, LA

I want my children to live in a world where the exchange of ideas is not determined by how much bandwidth your company can afford. Everyones voice on the internet needs to have the same reach and not have the volume of your message determined by how much cash (power) you have. I staunchly oppose the "open internet rules"!

—Jason frantz, Terre haute, IN

The internet is not just a tool for entertainment, it is a vital utility necessary for 21st century life. Giving corporations complete unregulated control over this vital tool is unjust, wrong, and frightening. A free and open internet free of overbearing coir pirate interest is vital to a free and open society.

—Luke Wachter, Denver, CO

Because I don't want internet that's slower than a one-legged turtle on barbiturates. :I

—Terry Lee Garinger, Albany, OR

Allowing established companies to control the access of websites behind what is essentially a corporate paywall will artificially inhibit the growth of new websites and potential investment opportunities. Information spread will decrease, and companies will be able to manipulate consumer interest, rather than be driven by it. I am whole heartedly in favor of net neutrality in the same way I am in favor of market neutrality. Monopolies are illegal for a reason.

—Klee simmons, Alexandria, VA

Currently, the internet represents a culmination of human knowledge, providing more information to more people than ever thought possible. One can interact instantly with another person across the world. It has simply brought humanity together and is necessary for us to continue into the future. For it to be a continued success, the internet requires that it not be controlled by for-profit groups. Internet should be a free utility as it expands what we are capable of and allows for greater things.

—Jory Guttsman, New York, NY

The attempts to end Net Neutrality are basically ISPs wanting to run an extortion racket.

—Arwin Burkett, silsbee, TX

I do not want net neutrality to end. This is another pathetic attempt to make more money. How about you focus on upgrading your infrastructure and instead maybe better your customer service. Now that I would support.

—Ethiene Rodriguez, charlotte, NC

Do not kill net neutrality because if you do say good bye to netflix.

—Ryan McLeod, hoffman estates, IL

I am a struggling college graduate attempting to get started in a career of journalism. It is of the utmost importance that I have fair and reliable internet access in order to grow and develop my skills. Allowing massive corporations to decide what sites I can and cannot access easily would be a huge detriment to my ability to gather and report accurately. Please consider the needs and desires of the American citizens over the whims of companies who are willing to bribe and lie their way into more oppressive control over the internet. Web access is a finite resource much like radio stations. Given the precedent established by FCC regulation of radio frequencies to enable clear use of the medium, the internet should be preserved equally for all.

—Bill, Statesboro, GA

Net neutrality is the best way to keep the internet competitive and innovative. By forcing companies to pay for faster service you will kill their ability to compete with larger corporations and to easily find a customer base. Net neutrality is essential to keeping the internet a thriving free marketplace.

—Paul M. Filipanics, Brooklyn, NY

It is clear that all arguments to change the internet's current operating doctrines in the name of better customer service by the major cable companies, including Time Warner, Comcast, AT&T, and Verizon, are flagrant attempts by these companies to alter the rules to benefit their own profit margins, and nothing more. There is no reason for this to happen. ISP customers in the U.S. already pay more than counterparts overseas, and for poorer service, when evidence by overseas ISPs demonstrates that faster, cheaper service is already available and being limited in the U.S. by these same companies lobbying for more restrictions in their favor. Under no circumstances should these companies be allowed to purchase the votes of our legislature for their benefit and at the expense of internet companies that thrive in the current open virtual market. Please do not make the mistake of further limiting the rights and freedoms of the people in favor of the rights of a few megacorporations. It is the economically and morally wrong thing to eliminate net neutrality.

—Jeff Anderson, Denver, CO

RECLASSIFY ISPs. In today's world, internet is not a luxury anymore. It is a necessity. To do my job (I'm an academic), I need fair, neutral internet. And these rules that YOU are proposing are getting in the way of that. In fact, it seems very much to me like you're in the pocket of the cable/internet industry, which is the exact opposite of what your'e supposed to do. Get it together and do what's best. Internet is a utility, and it's time for you to start treating it as such.

—Arienne Ferchaud, Gonzales, LA

Net Neutrality means the next Kickstarter, the next Netflix, the next Facebook, have just as much of a shot at success as the old guard. Net Neutrality levels the playing field. It means your product has to be the best, every day. Net Neutrality protects free markets and free expression, and if it's struck down in the US, it'll be struck down in my country too. Don't break the internet. Stand up for Net Neutrality.

—Alexander Patterson, Sheffield,

Net Neutrality is important to me because no one should be able to control how the internet works. Sure, control over the internet happens in oppressive regimes around the globe, but that fact, I think, proves my point of why such control should not happen in the USA.

—Eric Hansen, South Jordan, UT

Both I and my students need to be able to conduct research online on a variety of scientific topics. The only way to ensure access to high-quality, accurate information is to make sure that no company can control which sites are going to work better/faster!

—Stephen Burnett, Peachtree City, GA

Assholes.

—Aaron, london, IL

FCC, I love the internet. It has brought me laughs and much scholastic information. However, some of my most helpful sites haven't been the ones with the most funding. If the internet were to remain neutral or even a utility, we could ensure the future's equal access to this historic recourse.

—Charles Edward Robb, Louisville, KY

The Internet may have started out as a luxury, but it's quickly become a necessity of the modern world — just as electricity once was just a novelty but quickly became the energy that ran our lives. Commerce, communications, business and more depend on the Internet to function. And those functions will be dramatically affected for the worse if Internet service providers are allowed to charge companies more for the same speed they have now (because that's what would happen — the "fast lane" would be what we have now, while the "slow lane" would be throttled data connections). The United States already lags behind many other first-world nations in Internet speed. According to Ookla's Net Index, for example, Iceland currently enjoys an average broadband index of 36.5 Mbps. Sweden's broadband index is 48 Mbps. South Korea's is 53.2 Mbps. In the United States — the country that invented the Internet and dominates its usage worldwide — our index is 24.7 Mbps (and that's just the average — my home connection is just 20 Mbps, and my work's connection is just 10). The ways of the 20th century are passing. My household, for example, has no cable TV — our media all comes from the Internet. We rely heavily on our Wi-Fi for our smartphones. At work, my office literally could not function without our broadband connection to send massive files via email to our clients. And, as we are a small business, my boss could be forced to freeze wages, delay new hires, lay staff members off or even shut our doors if we had to pay extra just to have the same level of Internet service we had before or risk falling behind to our competitors. Net neutrality means that all traffic on the Internet is equal — just like, in America, everyone is supposed to be equal. It shouldn't be that one person or a small group of people gets to pay extra to be "more equal" than others. If you've read the classic George Orwell book "Animal Farm," you have some idea of what happens when a small group of people is "more equal" than everyone else. The FCC is supposed to be looking out for the well-being of all Americans, not just the rich ones. But, if you destroy the principles of net neutrality that the Internet was founded on, you will have given in to the whims of a rich few who want to be even richer at the expense of everyone else, and you will have hindered the United States in today's technologically focused, Internet-driven world. I hope, for all our sakes, that the FCC has the wisdom to see that this must not be allowed to occur. ISPs must, therefore, be reclassified as common carriers, so that their vital utility service cannot be provided based on who has the deepest pockets. Thank you very much for your time.

—Michael Adkins, Louisville, KY

This is awful. Tom Wheeler needs to resign. Throw out your terrible rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers. PLEASE! The internet thrives on innovation, and with these pay-for-fast-lanes, innovation will be snubbed out. Not to mention any businesses that don't already exist because speeds aren't fast enough to support their ideas.

—Taylor Hanson, Winter Park, FL

I don't want my ISP to have the power to limit what I have access to and the speed at which I can download/view it. Companies such as Comcast already makes millions upon millions in profits each year while continuing to limit what consumers have access to. We need more competition, not more corporate monopolies.

—Austin Wills, Saint Paul, MN

I can barely afford internet, but I give up other things in life to enjoy it. I am not a pawn in your money game. You make more in a day than I make in a year. Why do you insist on destroying every nice thing we have for your own personal gain?

—Jessica McDonald, Brampton,

It should be blatantly obvious to everyone that this business with the cable companies does nothing to benefit the consumers. It's an obvious money grab for the ISPs, which is made all the more appalling by the fact that in many areas there is only one choice for ISP to begin with. In my area your choices were Time Warner or Time Warner until a few months ago when Hugh's Net showed up. These companies already have pseudo-monopolies in many service areas as it is. Taking away Net Neutrality is tantamount to giving them a free pass to do whatever they please without consequence. Just think of how Theodore Roosevelt would handle the situation if he were alive today and do that. Don't let the ISPs have their way, because if they win, we will all undoubtedly lose.

—Ian, Charlotte, NC

Right now, we have all the world's information at our fingertips. The internet is an amazing and intuitive invention that I've lived with for most of my life. You can't put a price on information. And you want to take that way? The internet has become one of the basic necessities of people in our world and you are setting us back by trying to gauge us and limit us in what we can access. Shame on you!

—Kellen Martin, Sarnia,

Losing net neutrality is such a shocking and unbelievable idea, it's difficult to imagine what could possibly be on the other side of the debate aside from a very limited number of companies making unspeakable amounts of money. Losing it will hurt everyone- stifling innovation and limiting speech, creativity and educational opportunities throughout the country.

—James Wardle, Fredericksburg, VA

A two-tiered internet would put an absolute end to the ingenuity, creativity and inspiration that the internet has provided us these past decades. It would be a travesty.

—Ryan McKenna, Victoria,

I support net neutrality and a free internet.

—Jason Warner, florissant, MO

The internet is a vital resource for people to share ideas and content with one another. If net neutrality fails, people who can't afford the extra fees will have their ability to share and communicate about those ideas cut off, for no reason other than they don't have as much money as other people. This is unfair and will stifle the process of making and sharing new things that goes on constantly over the internet.

—Kiera Schneider, Matawan, NJ

Corporate Lobbying is going to be the death of this country, please don't let it kill the internet too.

—Matthew Persico, bronxville, NY

Net Neutrality is key if our nation wants to continue to foster start up companies that are pushing the envelope with innovation. A free internet allows content providers easy access to millions of customers, which allows them to be financially rewarded based on the value of their product, rather than their ability to reach customers. Providing an even playing field fosters competition in the market and creates an opportunity for start ups and small businesses to challenge the giants of industry. If we eliminate that even playing field, we might inadvertently create a stagnate market where people with great, fresh ideas are unable to independently develop them. It would be a market dominated by established corporations where it would be difficult to allow new ideas to grow. I believe that in the best interest of our market we need to preserve net neutrality and reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Spencer Chestnut, Lawrence, KS

I believe that we have made a grave error in our oversight of internet providers like Comcast and Time Warner. These need to be treated and regulated as the utilities that they are, not left to overcharge, under-serve, and let the U.S. fall behind the rest of the world as they stand now. Allowing them to charge more to content providers who want to continue to have reasonable service will make things even worse. I am in strong support of keeping net neutrality - the latest steps are in the entirely wrong direction in my opinion. Comcast has no motivation to update its services (why is Google able to run fiber and provide 1Gb/sec but the other providers are dragging 20 times slower at 50Mb/sec?). I do not blame Comcast for trying to maximize their profits - their executives have a fiduciary responsibility to their shareholders to do so (charge customers as much as they can at the lowest cost to them). However, I do blame the FCC for not setting the proper regulations that are the best for the current and future development and use of the internet for the good of the entire country (instead of for Comcast and the other ISPs, as it is now). For the good of the country, please regulate the ISPs as the utilities that they are. And please - reclassify the ISPs as common carriers.

—Kevin Keirn, Fort Collins, CO

Net neutrality is important for the whole world, not just American citizens. Please don't allow the cable companies to ruin it for everyone.

—Alasdair McNab, Nottingham,

Without net neutrality, we lose the core tenants behind the power of this exceptional tool - the freedom of expression and the free sharing of thought. Never in American history has it been socially acceptable to allow a handful of people dictate the views and opinions of the masses. We villainize such people in our history books. Americans are raised on the core concepts of free enterprise, speech, assembly... In history it is sometimes difficult to know if someone will be portrayed as a bad guy later down the line. This is not one of those times. Do you want to be remembered as someone who helped the bad guy? Or do you want to be remembered for standing up for the American people, defending their rights and the rights of their children, against corporate greed and blatant comic book-level villainy? Please make the right choice, the obvious choice, and side with the People.

—Alexander Fieser, El Paso, TX

Net neutrality is important for me to keep innovation in the internet by allowing new, largely unfunded start ups to retain the ability to grow market share.

—Evan Dunbar, East Lansing, MI

Dear FCC, My name is Benjamin Filkins. I am an independent web developer that specializes in personal websites and small business web applications, both in house and out of house. Let's get to the chase. Why is Net Neutrality important to me? First let me make the broad point that having an organization or corporation, either public or private, that can regulate a communication structure that some individuals use as a living does not seem in line with this country's ideal of competition. How could I compete with large scale business that could pay for better traffic? A primary concern for web developers is load time and latency. If a web service does not load quickly or efficiently, people will leave that site. I can assure you, the readers of this comment, you have done exactly that. What do you do when Netflix or Amazon seems to be experiencing a heavy load? Do you wait? More than likely not; you leave the page and either go somewhere else, or walk away from your computer. Knowing that, as an independent web developer, how can I generate the traffic needed to bring in new customers? I was under the impression that this country valued small business, that they drove this country to success. Furthermore, aside from a clear self interest of greed, at what discretion will ISPs have? What personal values will they apply to their "slow lane" list? Does this not essentially violate the greatest American philosophy that all men and women have the ability to express their ideas, options, and philosophies? The Internet has been a vast expression of that exact ideal. The amount of information available is incomprehensible. Allowing that content to be censored would be a grave mistake. I urge you to preserve Net Neutrality. Sincerely, Benjamin Filkins

—Benjamin Filkins, Lemont, PA

The internet has fast become the premier way to communicate with others globally, and now even locally. It is used by people of every race, creed, and economical status. Such a wide variety of thoughts, opinions, ideas, cannot be trusted to still have a fair chance at being heard in a world without net-neutrality. They cannot be heard in a world of two-tier service systems. Systems such as those cut away connections. These connections are important, not just for personal use but for businesses big and small. For the internet to be used as an economical force it requires that ISPs be classified as a common carrier. This is important to me. This is important to everyone, because it means growth and freedom and profit for the good of our nation.

—Dylan Ducklow, Eau Claire, WI

Dear FCC, The proposal by the cable companies to end Net Neutrality are, quite frankly, absurd. In the real world of telecommunications, the internet has become the great equalizer and has allowed unparalleled access to information and communication around the world. Allowing private companies to dictate what has become a necessary part of life for both home and office is, quite frankly, absurd. The cable companies are trying to do nothing short of monopolize a basic service. The internet should be treated as a public service or utility, not as something men in a boardroom get to decide who profits and who doesn't. Net Neutrality is vital to the success of this country. More importantly, it is necessary to the idea of a free and equitable society. If the proposed rules are adopted, then our great society leaves democracy and republicanism behind and moves inexorably toward oligarchy. Do not listen to the select few who want you to game the system for their bottom line. You are ultimately responsible to the American people, and the voices of those people are crying out in favor of Net Neutrality. Listen to them, heed them, and do the right thing.

—Logan Ping, Bethesda, MD

Net Neutrality is important to me because a neutral internet is one in which all people have a voice in a world where some do not. To allow some people to pay more for their voice to be heard mimics too much the 'real world' and is in direct conflict with the values on which America was founded.

—Andre Hoolihan, Buffalo, NY

Please do Not allow net Neutrality to die.

—Travis J Verret, Barre, VT

Cable Companies are spending exorbitant amounts of money to hide the fact that they are the only ones who benefit from destroying net neutrality. The Bill of Rights was created to protect the people, and Net Neutrality was created for the same reason. Right now, the cable companies are an oligopoly, and the American people need to be protected from them. Our internet speeds have plummeted compared to other countries, and now Cable Companies are going to buy the ability to further inhibit progress by quashing net neutrality, and it is the FCC's job to prevent that. Tom Wheeler may have been a cable company lobbyist, but now he is responsible for protecting the American people's greatest opportunity, the internet, and he needs to step into his job as FCC Chairman, rather than letting the Cable Companies dictate his actions.

—Rachael Wright, Duluth, GA

A free internet open to all, without isp triple charging for services they are already contracted to provide. is what is best for the American people, innovation, and commerce. Net neutrality, and isp regulated as public utilities is what is best.

—Phillip milling, Stone Mountain, GA

Net Neutrality allows the internet to function as an instrument of free speech. Forcing sites to pay in order to function effectively means that only those sites which pay a premium will be able to function on their current level. Cable companies already have a virtual monopoly on the services they provide as a direct result of the way in which companies determine service areas. To give them unregulated control over was is, in essence, a public resource would only serve to increase their monopoly and reduce opportunities for the emergence of new companies and services, who might not be able to pay premiums for decent loading speeds. Lastly, I find it utterly ridiculous that the proponents of ending neutrality have been creating false citizens movements in their favor. This is the equivalent of somebody hiring fake friends for their birthday party.

—Jessica Thornburg, Dallas, NC

Why should the big companies with more money have an advantage over all the small companies? What's wrong with a level playing field? What is actually wrong with this world where people with money only look out for other people with money? The fact that I need to explain to the FCC why this is wrong in the first place is very worrying! The Internet is for everyone, why should it just be handed on a plate over to a small minority of rich companies to control what everyone sees or does? What's wrong with you people? I'll tell you what's wrong with you people in one word...GREED!

—Tony Dalton, Perth,

Net Neutrality is important to everyone. But maybe I just think that because I believe free speech is important regardless of the amount of money you have. Without Net Neutrality there will be no more internet up-starts. The only support that this change has is from the only companies that will benefit from it. If Teddy Roosevelt came back and saw all this trust and monopoly build up he would die again. Would you willingly kill Teddy Roosevelt?

—Kyle Hacker, Marion, IA

Hello, Net neutrality is an important standard for the continued access to a variety of information on the internet. If we were to get rid of net neutrality, we are opening the door for data discrimination, where companies are forced to "pay to play", if they want their websites to load any faster than the days of a 56k modem. This unfairly targets smaller businesses, not to mention internet users. Being a college student, I use the internet on a regular basis when doing research or any other homework assignment. Also being a college student, I am generally broke. I enjoy being able to use high speed internet without paying premium fees, and I do not think that I am significantly different from the norm. If we get rid of net neutrality, what will stop my ISP from throttling my internet speed down to a crawl unless I pay extra? Thank you, -Andrei Nesmelov

—Andrei Nesmelov, minneapolis, MN

Because I can't afford to "fast-lane" my blog.

—Kyle Coletti, Sudbury, MA

Net Neutrality is important because businesses should not have the ability to control whose speech is more accessible to everyone else. For-profit businesses, by their nature, serve their own interests above those of others and should not have authority over whose content deserves easier access, especially when the only criteria is money. Free speech is free speech, no matter how much cash is in your pocket.

—Catharine, No Name City, NY

Having fair and open access to a wide variety of smaller publishers and sites, particularly those not funded by corporate interests, does a lot to provide the average person with new perspectives, ideas, and well-researched information that would otherwise be left out of the public consciousness. Corporate interests are incredibly short-sighted, which leads many of them to discount information that proves invaluable to them in times of rapid change or crisis. Corporations have proved time and time again that they are not capable of making sound long-term plans for their own futures, let alone futures of any other institutions. The government is supposed to serve the country as an institution that IS capable of providing long-term plans, even if those plans aren't favorable to the ones writing the biggest checks. They may kick and scream and throw high-priced lawyers out to fight responsible actions, but net neutrality will ultimately serve them just as well as it serves individuals accessing their services. If the Internet is killed in such a way and small businesses are forced out of the Internet marketplace, small publishers, researchers, and non-profits are forced out or severely limited, we can only imagine the damage it will do to the country as a whole. By regulating these companies, you would only be guaranteeing that they ultimately stay in business and stay profitable by preventing the untold damage to the economy as a whole if they are allowed to cut their own legs off. Please put tougher standards in place to ensure that everyone is able to participate in the Internet marketplace and information exchange.

—Valerie, Columbia, MD

ISPs are common carriers, invest in infrastructure and you'll get more customers and more income. Don't try to strangle the market with draconian control laws.

—Robert Martin, Simi Valley, CA

A lack of 'Net Neutrality will not necessarily allow ISPs to open up 'superlanes' for data. It'd be much less effort for them to just put a stick in the metaphorical tires of anyone who doesn't pay their fee and call the ones they haven't hobbled 'in the fast lane'.

—Daniel J Perra, Cedar Rapids, IA

Please listen to the people and not the lobbyists. Net Neutrality is an important tool, and eliminating it would hurt the poorest of us and really only help people high up in the corporate ranks of mega-internet companies.

—Greg Imler, Philadelphia, PA

To the bot that reads and sends an auto-reply thanking me for my input but also assuring me that it knows what's best for me. I don't want to have to fret over what online sites and services I utilize because of a feudal system of loyalties and obligation between them and the ISPs. I don't want to have to research what secured browsers, proxy servers, and other tools I'll need to circumvent this to get the bandwidth I was promised in a contract. Maintain net neutrality, we both know that these companies will not wait three seconds after it's gone to start doing everything they promised they wouldn't do. There's a reason we have a government to protect the people.

—Robert Donahue, Wayne, NE

It is absolutely essential that the FCC regulate ISPs as common carriers with a requirement of net neutrality. The largest ISPs control the vast majority of Internet traffic and consumer connections. We as consumers have no competitive options except for the largest ISPs such as Verizon, TW, Comcast, or AT&T. Generally only 1 or 2 of those options is available. A free and open internet is the single greatest technology of our time, and control should not be at the mercy of corporations.

—Benjamin Meekhof, Ann Arbor, MI

The message is simple but crucial: protect the concept of Net neutrality and preserve an open and free Internet for everyone. Do not limit what is possibly the most important/useful device of human achievement. Allowing corporations to limit speed to smaller sites is extortion and allowing cable companies to continue to merge just creates a larger more powerful mob/enforcer. For Net Neutrality and Internet for All!

—Grant Garrard, Oklahoma City, OK

Dear FCC, Please do not allow the cable companies to stomp all over net neutrality. Our country has been at the forefront of internet technology since its inception and it would be an absolute shame to allow the ISPs to basically destroy all that by charging extra for "fast-lanes." The internet is arguably the greatest invention in human history. It is the only platform in the history of the entire world where one single voice can be heard as loudly as the most well-funded, powerful government or corporation. I traditionally vote Republican and I am all for small-government and freedom, which is why I feel this ability to have an equal playing-field is such an essential component to modern-day democracy. Please, please, please - do NOT allow the ISPs to ruin humanity's greatest accomplishment. Thank you.

—CJ Rockwell, Troy, NY

Companies like cox, verizon, and comcast have enough control over the media. The people of the united states need an avenue through which expression and collaboration is fluid and accessible.

—Keith Harriman, chepachet, RI

Net neutrality is the ONLY reason I pay money to companies like netflix, hulu and amazon prime video and STILL can watch tv shows cheaper than I could with dish network or direct tv. You may notice that the two satellite providers are in bed with numerous cable\internet companies. The loss of net neutrality would mean that internet companies could force a price increase for video competitors until consumers switch to providers they have business ties with. That is how a monopoly works and is the reason these companies are interested in removing neutrality.

—Bobby Walker, Fort Worth, TX

Ending Net Neutrality would allow Internet Service Providers (ISPs) to determine which websites load faster and which websites load slowly. In modern times, the internet is an extremely useful tool for spreading information related to multiple topics, including but certainly not limited to human rights issues, government abuse and corporate abuse. Giving ISPs the ability to determine which of these websites loads essentially gives ISPs the ability to determine who is heard. This places them in the unprecedented position of legally violating the First Amendment rights of any individual they see fit, whether it is because the individual will not or cannot pay higher rates for faster site access or if the ISP disagrees with what the individual has to say. This is detestable and should be illegal.

—Lee Winters, Cabot, AR

Please keep the internet open and neutral. I would support making broadband internet a utility so that it could be regulated and everyone would have an equal opportunity to have access. Please make ISPs common carriers. Again, I do not support any actions that would limit or "gate" internet access or internet speeds to various sites. Thank you

—Russell White, Fishers, IN

Please kill net neutrality in USA. Let the rest of the World get stronger, especially Europe that you fucked big time for too long. Continue sawing the branch you're sitting on. Sincerely, A false friend.

—Thomas Neanderson, Lausanne,

Net Neutrality is important to me because I have several friends whose primary source of income is made from putting their content on the Internet, with advertisements. Should ISP's institute a two-tiered Internet, these people would not be able to rely on this form of income. In this economy, that would mean that they would be homeless and jobless, with no source of income.

—David Coffield, Lake Mary, FL

Net neutrality is important to me as a small business owner. I am attempting to bootstrap a startup company, and I do not have the income or numbers to keep my website fast and efficient. If people can't find my business, or find the company website so slow as to be unusable, my company will fail.

—Ross A Bennett, Endicott, NY

This is important to me because the internet is the best tool available for reasearch and communication.Why should I have to pay extra for a company to provide me with a service that cost them nothing to provide?

—Taylor Mason, Jacksonville, FL

Leave the net alone there is nothing wrong with it. Quit trying too "fix" what isn't broken.

—Deryck Jackson, new caney, TX

As a fan of independently-run websites, blogs, and writers; Net Neutrality is important to me. It is important to be able to access them indiscriminately. One would not allow a minimall to erect pay-to-remove barricades in front of stores. The barricades suggested would not even be confined to stores within the mall; they would apply to any stores the customer wishes to visit. We don't have such a system in place because it is obviously absurd. Let's apply this same sensibility to a system that has far more impact than a simple minimall; something that will play a key role in all of our lives for the rest of our lives.

—Jacob Larimore, New London, CT

The internet is one of the most important tools of our generation and net neutrality is needed to keep the internet open and available. Unless, of course, we want every website to be either hosted by Verizon or a blog about how awesome Verizon is.

—Cebastian Westrom, Albuquerque, NM

Whatever measures you decide are most prudent to do so, you MUST prevent any violation of net neutrality, including (and perhaps especially) the creation of these so-called "fast lanes." The current system may not be perfect but it enables an unprecedented level of freedom of expression from any source. If you allow these fast lanes to exist, you are condemning us all to control by corporations whose interests, by their nature, conflict with those of a private citizen or small business

—John Griffin, Tempe, AZ

Net neutrality ensures that the internet remains a level playing field for everyone who uses it. The cable companies should not be able to dictate what websites I am able to view by slowing down ones they don't like.

—Courtney Shay Brite, North Richland Hill, TX

class stratification is killing this country, and you honestly want to just add another brick to that wall by letting these companies do whatever they want just because they had the most lobbying money? rarely has an issue been so obviously opposed with the american public so overwhelmingly in one camp, and yet youre just plowing ahead. public entities should have a mandate for the public good and interest, not pave the way for corporations to dictate our lives.

—Michael Neal, Belleville, MI

A free and open internet is vital for start-up businesses. Protect the small business owner and leave the internet free.

—Jacob McFadden, Richmond, VA

Net Neutrality is an extremely important facet of what makes the Internet work as well as it does. I beg of you, do not allow corporations to destroy the very thing that makes them so successful.

—Andrew Weber, Beavercreek, OH

Net Neutrality is a basic founding principle of the internet. It is needed to keep the playing field level between sites like Amazon and blog sites. You don't see it yet and probably won't understand it's impact on your lives until it affects you.

—Richard Pena, Brooklyn, NY

The future of innovation is entirely dependent on the internet. Allowing companies to charge in order to "upgrade" internet access based on what data is transmitted will hamstring competition and innovation. America is already behind the rest of the developed world in this. Don't let us fall further behind.

—David McMillon, Tulsa, OK

The Internet is not a toy to deliver funny cat pictures and online games. It is a tool that everyone uses every day to do serious things. I use the internet to keep in contact with my family, to order important medicine, and most importantly to keep myself informed about what is going on in my country and the whole world. Commercializing the internet to the point where people see whatever the companies with the most money have want them to see is the grossest crime against people i can imagine.

—Zacharia A Powell, Idaho Falls, ID

Cable Companies want to charge more money for services, as they always do, they are even going as far as bribery to do so as many of the anti-net neutrality groups are funded by them. My opinion on Net neutrality is simple, it's meant to make all websites equal, regardless of location of content all of them should be allowed to be viewed as quickly as anyone else. An example of the abuse that could happen if said laws were removed would be something along the lines of Youtube pays money, and effectively shuts down it's competition by making it less convenient to use the competitors service. This could and would be one of the many different abuses of the new found power they would have. Net neutrality in itself is a freedom as it keeps people from doing all they can to screw you over.

—Delbert McMahon, Vancouver, WA

Without Net Neutrality, there is nothing protecting the American people from price gouges of epic proportions. Cable and internet companies already have deals with each other to stop any form of competition, they need this regulation.

—Mr. Andrew Foose, Centerville, OH

Having the playing field level (IE, no fast lanes) means everyone has to compete. That means capitalism will work properly for one aspect of our "capitalistic" economy. This may be the one way for true capitalism to regain footing against cronyism, oligarchic capitalism control, and generally reintroduce the competitive values that made our country great. Let everyone, including new people to the field, compete. It is the best way out of this quasi-feudal oligarchy our economy has become over the last century.

—Floyd H. Lockhart III, Cape Girardeau, MO

Dear FCC, If you succeed in killing net neutrality, you will damn not only the free world's cultural and economic growth on the internet, but the reputation of and civic confidence in the abilities of governmental bodies to serve the needs of their citizens.

—Nicholas Gaston, Guerneville, CA

The internet is our best hope of truly free speech. Don't take away the free.

—Carin Billings, Eureka, CA

As an American consumer who conducted his own individual investigation, I can say that there is no "pros" when it comes to abolishing net neutrality. It will make internet more expensive, and give major telecommunication companies too much control over the consumer. If you have any doubts about how these companies treat their current customers, simple look to online reviews of these companies. These companies are hammered on their lack of costumer service daily all over the web. Unfortunately, if net neutrality was no longer around, this gives these telecommunication companies the opportunity to affect the American Internet User's free speech by slowing down websites that host unfavorable reviews or opinions of these companies. If net neutrality is abolished, then I believe it would be a true disservice to our nation and would do nothing but continue sowing the seeds of discontent and will dramatically lessen what remaing trust the American Public has in federal organizations.

—Grayson Bell, Splendora, TX

I'm afraid of losing connection speed to websites that are less popular or can't afford to pay for a better connection.

—Michael Gerard Opie, San Antonio, TX

Net Neutalists is important to me as a consumer because, in all honesty, I like looking up links on the pages I browse. I only go to a handful of sites on regular basis, and sometimes they have fantastic links - like this one! This I found on a Cracked.com article about this very subject. Now please note: I don't mind that it might take a minute or two for a page to load. I don't mind that I might not get to see everything on a page immediately. I just like to get where I'm going, pause to look at the page, perhaps read an article, and then continue on. I grew up on AOL, back in the 1990s. Yes, it was slow. Yes, it tied up the phone lines. But yes, it was still amazing in all the right ways. Even back before Google and Wikipedia I was searching for information about the Art Institute of Chicago for a third grade project. It got me hooked on all the wonderful things I could find, "surfing the web." The Internet isn't just for me, either. It's for the millions of people who have access to information they cannot find anywhere else. My friends and myself know all we do because of the Internet, and what it's done for us. Think about what you're doing to countless people - not just in the US but around the globe - by discriminating. You're lining the pockets of corporations with too much money already, and gouging it from the laymen who have barely any money to begin with. I'm just a twenty-something living at home with her mother and brother and uncle just outside of Chicago. I use the Internet to chat with my friends on Facebook, mess around on Twitter, watch movies on Netflix (that I pay for, I might add, on top of the Internet prices), and play games on my XBOX360. I'm using the Internet right now to write this to you, sitting at work half an hour away from home. In fact, my work uses the cloud to be a nearly paper-free workplace. We use Comcast at home, and we use Comcast at work, not because it's good, but because it's really the only option we have. Comcast nearly has a monopoly here because they offer "lower" prices and "better" value. As an aside, I want all of you to watch the Lego Movie. I know that sounds childish, but having seen it several times I understand what the meaning of it is: the people have their own minds and their own ways. Stop trying to force it down with litigation and rules and laws. Listen to the people, not just the corporations. Not that any of this will get through, but please hear us. Not just me, hear us. Listen. We know you and these companies have been in bed for years; we know they've given you gifts and offers you couldn't refuse. But please, please, please, I beg of you, LISTEN. And you'll hopefully understand.

—Royce Hamel, Glenview, IL

The most abhorrent part of this is the arrogance of the US scheming to dictate how the internet will be received around the world. It isn't YOURS. It's a global communications network, and you haven't the slightest right to put legislation upon it. There is no justification for this other than cable companies generating profit. End of.

—David, London,

Net Neutrality has provided an environment for the economic growth, technological innovation, and greater understanding in the United States and the world abroad. Limiting net neutrality by introducing 'slow lanes' and tiered pricing will not only cripple smaller companies that depend on an equal internet; in a decade or two, it will destroy the cable companies themselves as people grow disillusioned with the worsening service. And the service will get worse if the FCC doesn't step up to defend Net Neutrality. The internet has become too important to allow a few corporations the license to kill it in order to boost quarterly revenue. I believe it should be reclassified as a public utility.

—Dmitriy Istomin, North Bethesda, MD

I LOVE how the FCC is run by someone from one of the major cable companies! And by love, I mean if that's not the most blatantly corrupt positioning I've ever seen I must live in Estonia. Net Neutrality should be protected, because the cable companies have kept America at internet speeds seen only in 3rd World Countries, and will only see any leeway as reason to keep us even further back. Throw out the current rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Caitlin LePlatt, Durango, CO

Allowing cable companies to charge an arm and leg for internet probably only just as fast as it is now (after they've tried sorting through all of their bugs for a few months) is NOT something I want.

—Anne Morrison, Sammamish, WA

Local businesses shouldn't have to pay extra just to get on the internet.

—Don Huibregtse, Houston, TX

Hey, remember when YOU were a teenager and the Internet seemed like a magical series of tubes because you could seemingly go anywhere, anytime, however quickly your crappy dial-up connection would take you? Remember how great upgrading to broadband was - all the recipes you could look up, all the friends you could contact, all the obscure knowledge you could obtain, without it seeming like a greedy corporation was salivating over the prospect of taking even more of your money? Yeah, me, too. So don't take that away from new generations of Internet users. Preserve net neutrality.

—Shawn W., Richmond, KY

Does anyone who understands what net neutrality really is want to lose it. Other than the ISP's of course. Don't take away net neutrality!

—Doug Williams, Carthage, MO

Please don't openly screw over small businesses like this. Net Neutrality is what makes the internet amazing. What lets small companies move forward to eventually become giants. Because they don't need to spend what little they bring in making sure their page loads at a half way decent speed. Please do the right thing.

—Dan Killilea, Stoneham, MA

Without net neutrality, broadband providers will have the ability to infringe upon the free speech of others by controlling how they transmit their speech and how others access that speech. They would also be able to slow or stop the sharing of ideas that they do not agree with or endorse using the same methods. Free exchange of ideas is important in a free and democratic society. When the powerful (whether they are a repressive govt. or a corporation makes no difference) can limit or even control this, it goes against the freedom our country purports to stand for.

—Kevin Treanor, Winfield, IL

The internet is an amazing tool for gathering information, sharing opinions, and reaching people that, 50 years ago, you would never have imagined reaching. By allowing cable and internet companies to force websites and consumers to pay extra so that their content will load quickly and effectively, these companies are in effect controlling the last free media source, and discriminating against anyone not rich enough to pony up the fees. Please, FCC, do not let these corporate overlords to bully you into passing laws that benefit only them. Throw out your proposed rules and start again, reclassifying broadband as a telecommunication service. Preserve net neutrality! So much of America is controlled by the wealthy at the expense of the masses; don't add the internet to the list.

—Amelia, Topeka, KS

Net Neutrality is the back bone of the internet. One place where corporate greed cant fuck people over. If it is ended then no one will be able to enjoy the pleasures of the internet because small websites run by creative talented people will have no way to pay the ridiculous fees they will charge. Why make the rich richer. Companies like Comcast and Verizon pass off their actions as trying to help everyone as they give you that shit eating grin. They only want to line their pockets. The internet is one last bastion of fair play we have where you don't need huge amounts of money to exhibit your art or film or express your opinion or rally people together for change or donate to someone in need. If net neutrality disappears then so do some of our freedom.

—Nathan Fissel, Columbus, OH

I have a slow internet connection, and without Net Neutrality, it would exacerbate the problem from "Annoying but manageable" to "I will seriously be paying \$50 a month for almost nothing". Net Neutrality should be considered a part of my rights, as both an American and a human being.

—Adam Bassett, Jackson Heights, NY

To put it simply: ISPs cannot and should not be allowed to charge whatever they want and regulate the Internet the way they want. Huge companies that spend millions of dollars on campaigns to push their agendas instead of, say, better services, should not be allowed that kind of power.

—Eugenio Teran, Tucuman,

Preferential treatment for certain sites depending on how much they pay is both morally and economically unjust.

—Conor Fogarty, Bethesda, MD

Students in the United States need instantaneous access to information including scholarly journals. Don't screw this up guys.

—Kyle Solomon, Machesney Park, IL

For once do something for the little guy, let the American people have a victory. We are tired of just paying our taxes and getting screwed by corporations who play roulette with their investments. Its been a tough decade to live in, Wars, economy in the trash, lower income to inflation ratio, the middle class of this country needs this, if only to know that our government still represents the people, and not the money. For companies like Verizon and AT&T this is a business decision, one to insure higher ROI. For the average American this is so much more.

—Sean Dulaney, Dallas, TX

Cable companies are a bunch of assholes. Don't give them more power.

—Brian Reilly, Plymouth Meeting, PA

The internet has been a haven for free thought and free speech since its inception. It is not perfect, but any user has access to any idea or community - not just those who have more money. Stop undercutting the first amendment.

—David Hawthorne, Olympia, WA

Information is the currency of civil society. Much like the United States' system of public libraries, broadband internet access should be a public good available to all people. Information should not be censored at the whim of private companies. The internet is an incredible font of knowledge for people, and an incredible forum for the exchange of ideas. Don't allow it to be stunted for the sake of profit.

—Laura Johnson, Raleigh, NC

Net neutrality is important to me because our lives are already constrained and controlled by corporations. The internet is one of the few places left that, if you search hard enough, you can find unbiased information. Taking away net neutrality means that ISP and cable providers could make it near impossible to access websites that they don't like. Our companies charge more in America than similar companies in Europe and Asia for slower speeds. The ISP and cable companies need to man up, fund new infrastructure, and provide fast internet without restrictions.

—Melissa Salnave, Missouri City, TX

Net neutrality prevents cable companies from screwing customers, new startups and harms individuals first ammendmant rights to free speech

—James Beard, Garden City, KS

Ending net neutrality would only further increase the monopoly of the communication corporations. I live in Tennessee and only have one provider of cable/internet/electricity and I'm only 45 minutes outside of Memphis. That shouldn't happen.

—Logan Montie, Atoka, TN

Just an FYI: No one -- and I mean NO ONE -- believes the hackneyed efflivia the cable companies and their talking heads are spewing about how they plan to 'protect' net neutrality by gutting it. Seriously. We know you want to charge more for doing less, and you (I say 'you' because the FCC is in the pocket of a certain lobby group) know the best way to do this is to end net5 neutrality. There will be no fast lanes -- just a series of poorly-maintained gravel roads, while the rest of the civilized world zips around on the Autobahn.

—Frank Tuttle, Oxford, MS

Net neutrality is important because it results in an equal internet where somebody can start a blog or open an online shop and be successful in that without having to pay their cable company an assload of money just so customers can get to their site. Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Victoria, Indianapolis, IN