

The 451 members of 18MillionRising.org listed in the attached spreadsheet urge the FCC to take action to preserve network neutrality by reclassifying broadband internet service as a Title II common carrier utility.

Hand over fist, data shows that while internet use is high among some communities of color, poor areas – many populated by people of color – continue to be under-served. Arguing against net neutrality means favoring a system that permits and encourages discriminatory internet access that puts users at the whims of big corporations.

Just like phone companies can't block certain calls based on who's making them or what they're about, internet service providers shouldn't be allowed to decide what content we can access. Destroying net neutrality could also mean internet service providers (ISPs) only provide the best and fastest service to people with the deepest pockets and the most corporate or political influence.

The FCC has the authority to reclassify the Internet as a telecommunications service. This would allow the federal agency to require that all data on the Internet be carried at the same price without discrimination. Reclassification requires no action from Congress – all it requires is that the FCC do the right thing.

We believe that the FCC should protect our civil rights in an increasingly digital world.