

Dear FCC,

My name is Christopher Willey and I live in Olympia, WA.

Net neutrality, the principle that Internet service providers (ISPs) treat all data that travels over their networks equally, is important to me because without it ISPs could have too much power to determine my Internet experience by providing better access to some services but not others.

A pay-to-play Internet worries me because new, innovative services that can't afford expensive fees for better service will be less likely to succeed.

The company I work for is a small start up which produces and hosts online training seminars for industry professionals, and our business is growing quickly due to two factors: the quality of our product, and the convenience. Our selling point is that we offer the very same content from the very same speakers using the very same materials as the big conventions, but delivered right to our clients' PCs. If net neutrality ends, our entire business will be crippled. Would YOU want to try to watch a 45 minute seminar with internet speeds from the 90s? We will have entirely lost half of our product's appeal, unless we're willing to sacrifice a huge portion of our profits just to make Comcast or Time Warner turn our speed back on.

And even if we do that, we will still be crippled in our ability to grow our business, because we are reliant upon the internet for seeking out new clients. If net neutrality ends, the only clients we will be able to find will be those whose companies also sprung for getting their service back to where it was in the first place. Our potential client pool will be annihilated by the end of net neutrality, as anyone not paying for favorable access from Comcast or Time Warner will effectively become invisible to us.

On a more personal note, the internet is also my primary social avenue. I have friends around the country and even the world who I could only have met and kept in contact with through the internet; through forums, sites, and message boards not hosted by anyone who could afford to make those sites function without net neutrality. The end of net neutrality means the end of friendships I've had for years because we no longer have a feasible means of connecting with each other.

Net neutrality is vital to the health and continued existence of the internet as the one place in the world where everyone's voice is equal. Do not turn it into just another plaything of corporations and the super rich.

Sincerely,

Christopher Willey