

Dear FCC,

My name is Shawn Baker and I live in Carrollton, TX.

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 the playing field between start-ups and corporations, individuals and celebrities, etc. is not level.

A pay-to-play Internet worries me because of obvious reasons. Pay-to-play/fastlanes/etc do not benefit consumers, or encourage healthy competition.

Who do our representatives truly serve? Who are they truly beholden to? Governmental decisions, no matter what circumstance, should only be made with the best interest of the public at heart.

The National Voter Registration Act of 1993 was passed due to an immense campaign put into place by Rock The Vote where thousands of physical postcards were sent into representatives across the nation. And now, through many different organizations and grass-roots efforts, the public has been educated and galvanized for the cause of net neutrality.

This more recent effort involves far more public comments than Rock the Vote garnered in 1992. The irony is that what enabled this record-breaking public outcry is the very thing threatened by the death of net neutrality: the internet.

Are the many thousands of common folk e-mailing the FCC and their state representatives wrong? It's possible. But the government owes the people the right to actively discuss it.

I beg my representatives, whether they be voted into a seat by the people or appointed by our President: consider who you truly serve. Consider whose mouth you bend your ear to the most. Where do you get your information?

Please, hold yourself up to the higher standard your seat should require.

Sincerely,

Shawn Baker