

# FCC Request for Comments

Why do this?

See John Oliver lay it out if you haven't done so yet...

<https://www.usatoday.com/story/tech/talkingtech/2017/05/09/john-oliver-may-have-helped-spur-150000-comments-fcc-net-neutrality/101480100/>

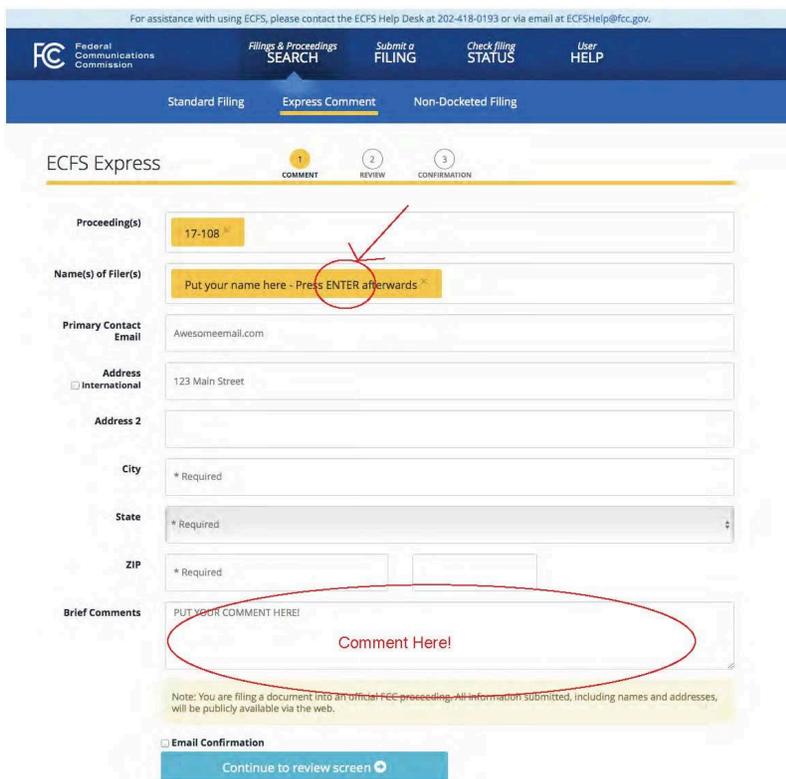
Here's his great link: [www.gofccyourself.com](http://www.gofccyourself.com)

That URL takes you directly to the proceedings page for "17-108 Restoring Internet Freedom"

Once there, hit the blue link "+ express" in the upper right corner.



Then this will show up!



- John Oliver's crew has already filled out the code number at the top for you. Put in your contact info. Make sure you hit "ENTER" or "RETURN" after your **name**.

-Then add your comment. It can be one line like this...

*"I support strong net neutrality backed by Title II oversight of ISPs."*

..or something more elaborate inspired by the samples below. After your comment is finished, hit the light blue "Continue" button at the bottom, then "Review" and "Confirm". Done! Rinse and Repeat!

Mr. Oliver is a hard act to follow, but for more inspiration, check out these sites:

<http://itstimetofight.weebly.com/net-neutrality.html>

<http://www.cgpgrey.com/blog/internet-citizens-defend-net-neutrality>

<http://vihart.com/net-neutrality-in-the-us-now-what/>

A bit more technical:

<https://www.eff.org/issues/net-neutrality>

**If possible, please draw from your real-life experiences when making your comments.**

- Do you work for an internet startup (or a former internet startup)? Are you concerned that your employer would have difficulty staying in business without Net Neutrality rules in place?
- Do you work for a small company with an online presence (for example, retail, online publisher, etc.)? Are you worried that your larger competitors, with deeper pockets, could outbid your company for fast-lane internet access?
- Are you involved in online political activism that perhaps might bother big business and big money? Any fears about them being able to prevent others from seeing your online content?
- Do you have an idea for "the next netflix" that would be made impossible by a rollback of Net Neutrality?

**Sample Scripts and Inspirational work :**

*(Reword to sound like yourself before posting)*

- I am calling to state that I do NOT want the FCC to change net neutrality rules. A change in rules would take away our freedom on the internet, and negatively impact individual constituents and small businesses alike.

- Net Neutrality is important!! Without it, our corporate overlords could blackmail, say, this site into having to pay a fee to not be served incredibly slowly (or even blocked!). Given the current

administration's record on free speech, we can't afford to let any communication channels -- especially one as important as THE ENTIRE INTERNET -- get under corporate control.

<http://www.theverge.com/2017/2/28/14761510/fcc-chairman-ajit-pai-says-net-neutrality-was-a-mistake>

- Don't kill net neutrality. We deserve a free and open Internet with strong Title II rules. This will ensure that the flow of data is determined by the interests of Internet users, not the narrow interests of Internet Service Providers." [{Public Knowledge}](#)

- Why is an open internet important? It means that a one-person startup has just as good a shot at getting business online as the big box store headquartered in a tax haven. Repealing net neutrality rules isn't a job generator - it's a job killer. It allows giant companies like AT&T and Verizon to control the Internet, potentially stifling new companies and innovative ideas.

- Net Neutrality is not negotiable. It's essential to everything we need in our society and democracy — from educational and economic opportunities to political organizing and dissent. Millions of people fought for over a decade to secure lasting Net Neutrality protections. We will not accept anything less. We urge you to reject any attacks on real Net Neutrality. [{Save the Internet}](#)

- Please reject any attacks on real Net Neutrality. Net Neutrality is essential for protecting free speech, organizing, business and innovation. I will not stand for any attacks on Net Neutrality or my rights as an internet user.

- I'm writing to urge Chairman Pai/Commissioner O'Rielly to defend Title II net neutrality and protect the internet as a common carrier.

Will the commissioner stand with the majority of Americans and preserve real net neutrality?

Thank you.

*(5calls)*

- I'm calling to express my disapproval that the FCC is trying to kill net neutrality. Preserving an open internet is crucial for fair and equal access to the resources and information available on it.

*(From Vox - <https://www.vox.com/cards/network-neutrality/whats-network-neutrality>)*

What's the argument for network neutrality?

When Mark Zuckerberg created Facebook in his Harvard dorm room, he didn't need to ask Comcast, Verizon, or other internet service providers to add the site to their networks. He also didn't have to pay these companies extra fees to ensure that Facebook would work as well as the websites of established companies. Instead, as soon as he created the Facebook website, it was automatically available from any internet-connected computer in the world.

That's network neutrality.

Advocates say network neutrality is a big reason there has been so much innovation on the internet over the last two decades. Network neutrality keeps the barriers to entry for new websites and internet applications low. Supporters say that freedom has allowed the creation of

dozens of innovative online services such as Google, Twitter, Netflix, Amazon, Skype, and more.

They worry that without net neutrality, the internet would become less hospitable to new companies and innovative ideas. For example, if large ISPs began requiring video-streaming sites to pay extra to deliver video content to their customers, the expense and hassle of negotiating deals with dozens of network owners could make it difficult for the next YouTube to get traction.

Network neutrality supporters are particularly worried about incumbent broadband providers deliberately hobbling new services that represent a competitive threat to those providers' own products. For example, telephone companies might be tempted to interfere with internet telephony services such as Skype that compete with traditional phone service. Cable companies might want to slow down services such as Netflix that compete with their paid television service.

*(From Daily Kos)*

- Under the Obama Administration, the FCC passed groundbreaking net neutrality rules that protected the Internet from Big Telecom companies hell-bent on gouging customers.

All of this is now under attack with **Trump's new appointee**, FCC Chairman Ajit Pai—a former attorney for Verizon. We could soon have an Internet where only those who can afford the "fast lane" can get adequate service.

Net neutrality enjoys overwhelming public support—from liberals and conservatives alike. Republicans are making a big mistake if they believe they can undo the progress we have made.

*(From 5calls)*

Internet users scored a significant victory in 2015 when the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) installed protections for net neutrality and the "open Internet." Net neutrality allows all users to have equal access to everything available on the Internet, and prevents Internet Service Providers (ISPs) from essentially turning the internet into cable television -- creating fast and slow speeds for sites of their choosing and charging consumers premium prices for upgraded access. Without net neutrality, small businesses, low-income individuals, and much of rural America would lose access to affordable, reasonably fast internet service.

The four major ISPs (Comcast, Time Warner Cable, Verizon, and AT&T) have been lobbying against the 2014 net neutrality regulations, frustrated by the constraints placed on their ability to profit from those who need their services the most. In response to their persuasions, the new FCC Chairman Ajit Pai has pledged to roll back these net neutrality protections and instead rely on the ISPs to instead make voluntary, unenforceable commitments that they will maintain the open Internet. Congress needs to know that net neutrality is not up for debate and the open Internet must be preserved.

*(From [www.shakesville.com](http://www.shakesville.com))*

"Net Neutrality is an access issue. Who has access to information, and what kinds of information. One of the most dangerous potential outcomes of subverting Net Neutrality is that media with the broadest potential audience—i.e. kyriarchy-upholding garbage, which makes money hand over fist—will be the most cheaply accessible, while specialized media—i.e. kyriarchy-challenging material, which struggles to turn a profit—will be the most expensive, since media producers invested in social justice don't tend to get rich from their work."

And as Shaker Ignatius Cheezburger **noted** in the comments of that piece: "The other concern being that if the ISP happens to endorse or support certain political or cultural views as a matter of corporate policy, that ISP can now selectively filter certain content for priority delivery that is in keeping with their views and other content that runs contrary to those views for lower priority delivery, or no delivery at all. For example, NARAL or Planned Parenthood suddenly finds its alerts and updates getting bounced from all of its members within the ClearChannel family. Not good. Not good at all."

In an era where online organizing is so crucial to fighting back (see: [THIS POST](#)), the idea of Net Neutrality being rescinded is absolutely chilling.