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Access submits comments urging the FCC to end net discrimination

Access urges the FCC to lead the world in internet innovation and preserve net neutrality by reclassifying ISPs under Title II of the Telecommunications Act

Washington, D.C. - On June 14, 2014, Access joined hundreds of thousands in submitting its comments to the U.S. Federal Communications Commission (FCC) in the “Protecting and Promoting the Open Internet” Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) proceeding, the response to which eventually crashed the FCC website.

In its submission, Access stressed that FCC must use its full authority under the law to reclassify broadband internet access service as a telecommunications service under Title II of the Telecommunications Act. The failure to do so would allow internet service providers to create internet fast lanes and spark a “pay-to-play” system that would endanger internet innovation and ultimately harm free speech online.

“In the U.S. today, corporate monopolies are the gatekeepers of expression. But the FCC can protect this basic right online with one swift move — by reclassifying broadband as a telecommunications service under Title II of the Telecommunications Act, ” said Josh Levy, Access Advocacy Director.

In the wake of comments that overwhelmingly supported net neutrality and Title II reclassification, the FCC extended its comment period until Friday, July 18. The extension affords the FCC more time to bolster its website and to listen to internet users and tech companies championing the call to preserve the free and open internet.

“For decades, the world looked to the U.S. for inspiration as it developed worldchanging technologies like the internet,” continued Levy. “Now, the world is once again looking to the U.S., this time hoping that the FCC sets a strong precedent

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