



CLA comments to the FCC on Net Neutrality

The Internet has become an essential space for the free exchange of ideas, a virtual public square that spans the globe. The California Library Association believes that open Internet is essential to a free and democratic society.

Library patrons use library-provided Internet connections to conduct educational and medical research, complete their homework, find jobs, start businesses, engage with civic issues, communicate with family and friends, create and publish content, and much more.

Support of free expression and free access to ideas and information is one of the core values of public libraries. In providing services to our constituents, we rely on Internet access that is open and equal for all. This is critical to supporting intellectual freedom, lifelong learning, collaboration, and access. Paid prioritization of content threatens our ability to support the educational, business and enrichment needs of our citizens, and undermines innovation.

On behalf of our individual and institutional members, we urge the FCC to maintain the critical net neutrality protections of the 2015 Open Internet Order.