



# CALinnovates

CALinnovates' position on Net Neutrality was based on a thorough legal and economic analysis. CALinnovates calls on the Federal Communications Commission to finalize a policy that:

- \* Opposes "fast lanes"

- \* Is supportive of the open Internet and the goals and objectives of Net Neutrality

**Four guiding principles were followed in determining CALinnovates' position:**

- \* **Offer a clear way forward:** Clear expectations and foreseeable results are critical in reducing uncertainty and risk to encourage private capital investment.
- \* **Ensure fair competition:** The FCC must ensure that "fast lanes" are not allowed to develop. Paid prioritization will only entrench incumbents at the expense of investment and innovation.
- \* **Foster permissionless innovation:** The culture of creation has led to widespread experimentation, which in turn has attracted robust capital investment and competition. The FCC should preserve this dynamism by minimizing restraints on startups' access to end users. The Internet should be treated as a dynamic economic engine, not a utility.
- \* **Maintain low capital entry barriers:** Startups should not be forced to adhere to regulations that would suppress new ideas or hamstring the entrepreneurs who develop them. Startups should not be forced to bid against deep-pocketed giants for their share of bandwidth.