


Analysis of 100,148 comments submitted by the Electronic Frontier Foundation

Comments are submitted through a comment submission platform at www.dearfcc.org. An archive of the site shows that early versions of the EFF site allowed users to pick from several variable words and sentences in constructing their letters. (Archived version available at: <https://web.archive.org/web/20170516083335/https://www.dearfcc.org/>)

 **ELECTRONIC FRONTIER FOUNDATION** eff.org

*The FCC has asked for public comment on new rules about [net neutrality](#).
Use this form to submit a comment to the FCC. [Learn more](#) about the FCC rulemaking process.*

Dear FCC,

We need the FCC to defend the rights of millions of Internet users by upholding net neutrality protections. We need the FCC to defend the rights of millions of Internet users by upholding net neutrality protections. I'm calling on the FCC to stand up for net neutrality and safeguard Title II protections. The FCC should ensure a fair and open Internet for all by opposing efforts to undermine net neutrality. The FCC should stand up for Internet users by safeguarding net neutrality. The FCC must protect the open Internet by maintaining net neutrality protections under Title II. As an Internet user, I'm asking the FCC to protect the net neutrality protections currently in place. The FCC needs to stand up for Internet users like me and keep the net neutrality rules that are already in effect.

The FCC should throw out
Chairman Ajit Pai's proposal
to hand
the the government-subsidized
telecom giants ISP monopolies
like Comcast, AT&T, and Verizon AT&T, Comcast, and Verizon Comcast, Verizon, and AT&T AT&T, Verizon, and Comcast Verizon, AT&T, and Comcast Verizon, Comcast, and AT&T
free rein to to the authority to the legal cover to
engage in data discrimination, throttle whatever they please, create Internet fast lanes,
stripping users Internet users
of the meaningful vital
access and privacy privacy and access
protections rules safeguards
we demanded worked for
and just recently won. so recently won.

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Today, EFF's site appears to have automated the rotating variables. A site reload subtly changes the letter text in several places each time as highlighted below (Available at <http://www.dearfcc.org>).

Dear FCC,

The FCC should stand up for Internet users by safeguarding net neutrality.

The FCC should reject Chairman Ajit Pai's plan to give the government-subsidized ISP monopolies like Comcast, AT&T, and Verizon the legal cover to create Internet fast lanes, stripping users of the necessary privacy and access protections we fought for and so recently won.

I'm concerned about ISPs being allowed to discriminate against certain types of data or websites because

Dear FCC,

As an Internet user, I'm asking the FCC to protect the net neutrality protections currently in place.

The FCC should reject Chairman Ajit Pai's proposal to give the government-subsidized telecom giants like Comcast, AT&T, and Verizon the authority to create Internet fast lanes, stripping Internet users of the meaningful access and privacy protections we fought for and won just two years ago.

I'm concerned about ISPs being allowed to discriminate against certain types of data or websites because

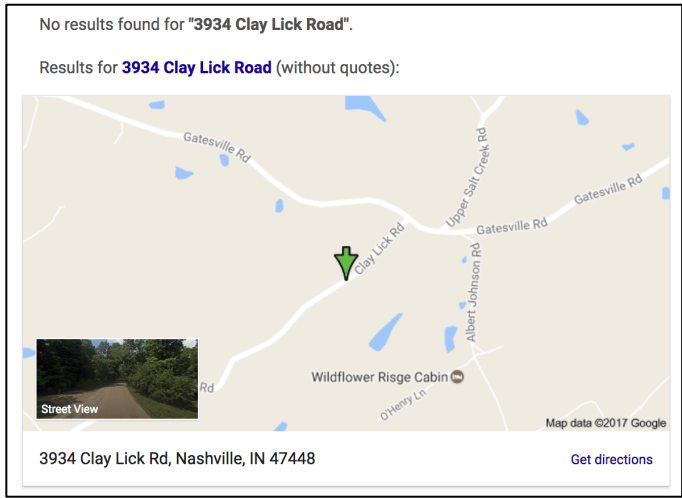
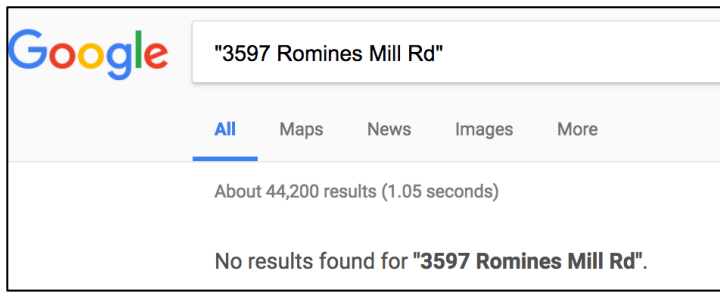
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An analysis of dozens of submissions appears to show that the comments are coming from fake email addresses and fake physical addresses.

filers	address_line_1	city	state	zip	contact_email	text_data
Aaron A Charley	1324 Orchard Street	Golden Valley	MN	55427	AaronACharley@gustr.com	As an Internet user,
Aaron A Coffey	628 Linda Street	Philadelphia	PA	19108	AaronACoffey@superrito.com	As an Internet user,
Aaron A Giddings	3134 Pooh Bear Lane	Greenville	SC	29601	AaronAGiddings@rhyta.com	As an Internet user,
Aaron A Snow	353 Commerce Boulevard	Omaha	NE	68114	AaronASnow@einrot.com	As an Internet user,
Aaron A Sweet	3569 Willison Street	Crystal	MN	55429	AaronASweet@einrot.com	As an Internet user,
Aaron Alarcon	3934 Clay Lick Road	Denver	CO	80239	AaronJAlarcon@rhyta.com	As an Internet user,
Aaron Alvarado	3804 Southern Avenue	Thayer	IA	50254	AaronEAlvarado@superrito.com	As an Internet user,
Aaron Avalos	2071 Elmwood Avenue	Higley	AZ	85236	AaronCAvalos@rhyta.com	As an Internet user,
Aaron B Calaway	3597 Romines Mill Road	Dallas	TX	75248	AaronBCalaway@fleckens.hu	As an Internet user,

↑ **Fake physical addresses**
↑ **Fake email addresses**
↑ **EFF Letter Text**

↑ **Address doesn't exist** (pointing to 3597 Romines Mill Road)
↑ **Address is in Nashville TN, not Denver** (pointing to 3934 Clay Lick Road)



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All 100,148 comments were submitted using only ten different email extensions that appear to have been generated from the website <http://www.fakemailgenerator.com>.

Ten extensions common to all 100,148 EFF emails:

teleworm.us

fleckens.hu

cuvax.de

armyspy.com

dayrep.com

einrot.com

gustr.com

jourrapide.com

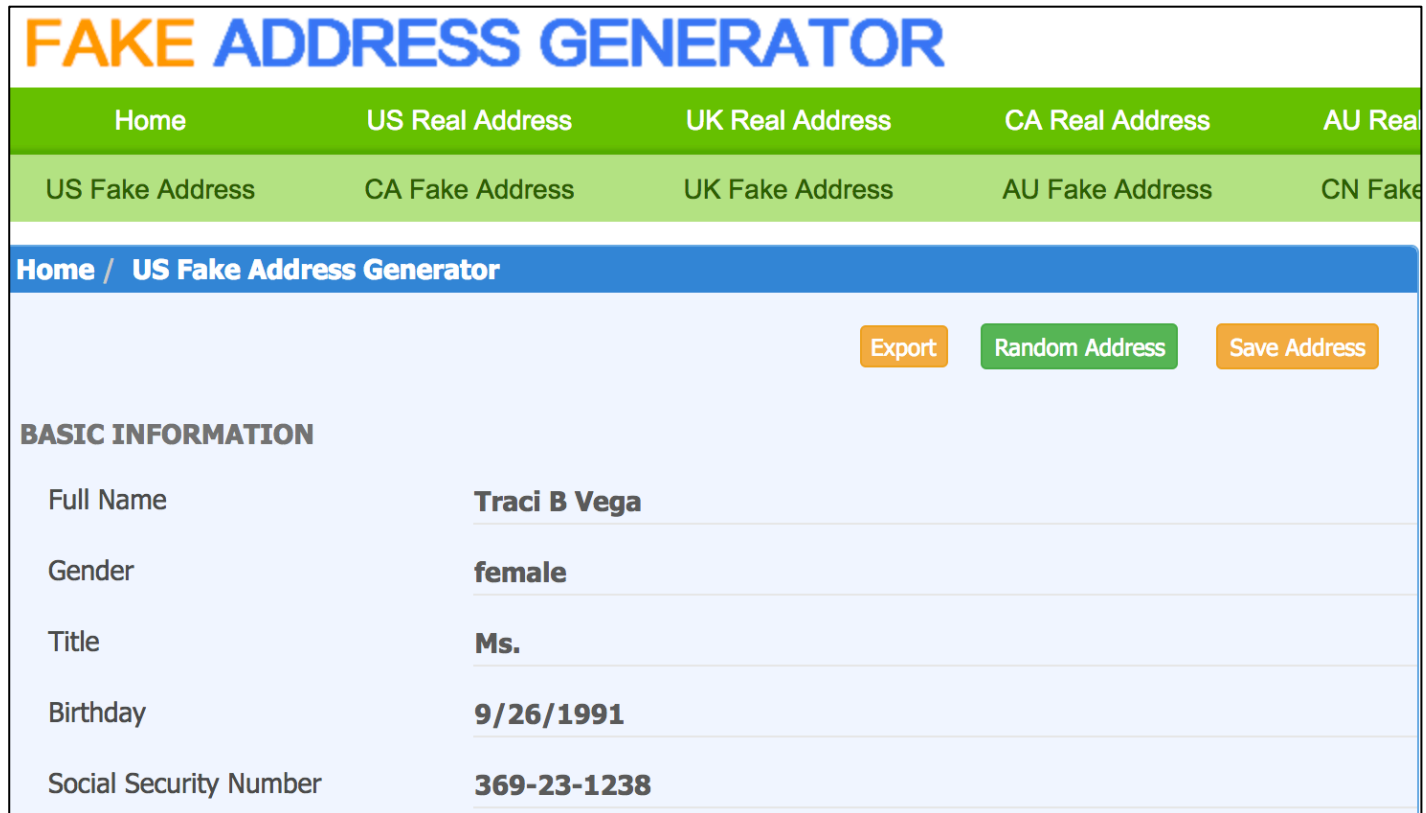
rhyta.com

superrito.com



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The comments also appear to have been submitted using fake addresses and possibly even fake names generated through sites like <http://www.fakeaddressgenerator.com>



The screenshot displays the 'FAKE ADDRESS GENERATOR' website. The navigation menu includes links for Home, US Real Address, UK Real Address, CA Real Address, AU Real Address, US Fake Address, CA Fake Address, UK Fake Address, AU Fake Address, and CN Fake Address. The current page is titled 'Home / US Fake Address Generator'. It features three buttons: 'Export', 'Random Address', and 'Save Address'. Below these is a 'BASIC INFORMATION' section with the following details:

Full Name	Traci B Vega
Gender	female
Title	Ms.
Birthday	9/26/1991
Social Security Number	369-23-1238

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Example of fake EFF comment from dataset of 100,148 submitted into the FCC docket

<https://www.fcc.gov/ecfs/filing/1051172731575>

"jason sharpe" "dow city, iowa"

All News Images Maps More Settings Tools

About 442 results (1.20 seconds)

No results found for "jason sharpe" "dow city, iowa".

No record of Jason Sharpe
In Dow City, IA

Address
doesn't exist

"4840 centennial farm road"

All Maps Images News More Settings Tools

About 91,700 results (1.30 seconds)

No results found for "4840 centennial farm road".

Results for **4840 centennial farm road** (without quotes):

Filing Detail

ID	1051172731575	Proceeding	17-108
Name of Filer	Jason Sharpe	Filing Status	DISSEMINATED
Type of Filing	COMMENT		
Viewing Status	Unrestricted		
Date Received	May 11, 2017	Date Posted	May 15, 2017
Address	4840 Centennial Farm Road	City	Dow City
		State	IA
ZIP	51528		
Brief Comment	As an Internet user, I'm asking the FCC to protect the net neutrality protections currently in place. The FCC should throw out Chairman Ajit Pai's proposal to give the ISP monopolies like Comcast, AT&T, and Verizon the authority to create Internet fast lanes, stripping Internet users of the meaningful access and privacy protections we fought for and just recently won. I'm concerned about ISPs being allowed to discriminate against certain types of data or websites, because users will have fewer options and a less diverse Internet. Thankfully, the current net neutrality rules ensure that Internet providers can't slow or block our ability to see certain websites or create Internet "fast lanes" by charging websites and online service money to reach customers faster. That's exactly the right balance to ensure the Internet remains a level playing field that benefits small businesses and Internet users as well as larger players. Pai's proposed repeal of the rules would transform ISPs into Internet gatekeepers with an effective veto right on innovation and expression. That's not the kind of Internet we want to pass on to future generations of technology users. I urge you to keep Title II net neutrality in place, and safeguard Internet users like me. Sincerely, Jason Sharpe		

Analysis of 465,322 comments submitted multiple times from the same email addresses

More than 465,322 pro-net neutrality comments (close to one quarter of all comments submitted) come from email addresses that have submitted comments multiple times. In some cases, thousands of times.

Example: The email address example@example.com submitted the same pro-net neutrality comment almost 7500 times.

contact_email	text_data	COUNT(*)
exacta1217@gmail.com	Net Neutrality, supported by Title II r	10
exalpha2@yahoo.com	Don't kill net neutrality. We deserve	2
example@email.com	FCC Chairman Ajit Paj, I specificall	2
example@email.com	I support strong net neutrality backe	2
example@email.com	Keep net neutrality!	2
example@email.com	Preserve my net neutrality please	4
example@email.com	Preseve net neutrality pllllssss!	3
example@email.com	Stay away from my Internet I'm sure	2
example@example.com	I support Net Neutrality backed by Title II oversight of Internet Service Providers.	7499
example@example.com	I support net neutrality! Keep it free	2
example@gmail.com	I SUPPORT NET NEUTRALITY YO	10

Analysis of 465,322 comments submitted multiple times from the same email addresses

Hundreds and perhaps thousands of other comments appear to be from email addresses not associated with the filer's name or reused multiple times for filings from different individuals.


Example: Seven comments filed either by "Katrin Sippel" or from the email address katrin_sippel@yahoo.es.

Filers name not associated with email address



Niklas Lemcke	katrin_sippel@yahoo.es	Don't kill net neutrality. We des
Monika BERNHARD	katrin_sippel@yahoo.es	Don't kill net neutrality. We des
marion harukaze	katrin_sippel@yahoo.es	Don't kill net neutrality. We des
Franka Lenz	katrin_sippel@yahoo.es	Don't kill net neutrality. We des
Katrin Sippel	obstacle1girl@yahoo.com.mx	Don't kill net neutrality. We des
Katrin Sippel	renya@sabosch.de	Don't kill net neutrality. We des
Katrin Sippel	schnipzel@gmx.de	Don't kill net neutrality. We des
Katrin Sippel	dmartinez@coag.es	Don't kill net neutrality. We des

Same email addresses reused for multiple filings from different individuals




Robyn Aldrick	renya@sabosch.de	Don't kill net neutrality. We des
Antina Schmidt	renya@sabosch.de	Don't kill net neutrality. We des
Katrin Sippel	renya@sabosch.de	Don't kill net neutrality. We des
Gilly Golding	reoverstreet@t-online.de	Don't kill net neutrality. We des
Erika Ranzi	reoverstreet@t-online.de	Don't kill net neutrality. We des
Lena Turhan	reoverstreet@t-online.de	Don't kill net neutrality. We des
Phil Cosgrove	rogermewtehig@yahoo.co.uk	Don't kill net neutrality. We des
Sabine Schneider	rogermewtehig@yahoo.co.uk	Don't kill net neutrality. We des

Analysis of 465,322 comments submitted multiple times from the same email addresses

In the “Katrin Sippel” example from the previous page, the email address appears to have been culled from a spam email database on the open web associated with an Islamic hacker’s group (Data source: <https://justpaste.it/Fr1234>).

Translation: “French Inn Database”



بسم الله الرحمن الرحيم

فريق فضائح العلمانية

قاعدة بيانات نزل فرنسي

mail	nom	prenom	telephone
colleen_pearlgirl@hotmail.com			
lhowe@verizon.net			
garynortheast@dolanog.net			
jpierre3333@gmail.com			
Louisexx14@hotmail.com			
shainsu@yahoo.com			
katrin_sippel@yahoo.es			
k.wolfgruber@gmx.at			
fiona.hird@mq.edu.au			

Translation: “In the name of Allah the Merciful”