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Dear Mr. Pai,

We should bring back net neutrality. Net neutrality is important because without it, using the internet would be even more expensive. ISP's can block or slow down websites, so website owners pay them in order to unblock them and make them load faster. Since a lot of ISP's own cable companies, they could block or slow down their competitors like Netflix so that people don't cancel their cable. The price of buying things online would also be higher for the customer because online companies would have to be paying the ISP's. People living below the poverty line could not afford to pay more for faster internet compared to more affluent households.

Also without net neutrality, small online businesses are suffering. Larger internet service companies could afford the fees while this would be too expensive for smaller internet service companies. Small online businesses would have a harder time because it would be hard to be able pay every ISP. If small online businesses don't pay the fee, their websites would load slower so customers would use a larger company's business instead. Smaller online businesses would be able to compete with the larger companies if all data on the internet was treated the same.

ISP's could block certain websites so they could control what media people see, which could influence people into favoring what they may not have agreed on with net neutrality. In China, the government blocks information online and limits their citizens' access to certain news organizations. In order for democracy to work we need access to all information. If ISP's blocked particular websites, people wouldn't be able to get access to all information and see both sides to a story so their opinions could be biased.

The internet should be fair, open and equal to everyone. This is why I support net neutrality.

Sincerely,

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