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FCC Mail Room

Matthew Berry
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: ***please help maintain Net Neutrality***

Dear Mr. Berry:

I read this week that there are plans within the FCC to roll back the enforceable rules and regulations established in 2015 to ensure Internet neutrality. I rarely write letters like this, but I find the notion of a controlled or censored Internet to be very disturbing. I know that the Internet in other countries is controlled, and as a result Free Speech is highly devalued if not demolished.

It seems to me that without net neutrality companies such as Verizon, Comcast and the other monopoly Internet Service Providers (ISPs) will be able to interfere with our ability as Internet users to control where we go and what we do online. I am afraid that these giant telecoms will dictate the available content in order to benefit their bottom line. Without strong rules to protect an open Internet, ISPs will be free to block content, control the pathways to information and create pay-to-play schemes.

The idea of the Internet has appealed to me since its inception (I am 50 years old) because it provides an unparalleled engine for democracy and a portal of innovation, education, communication, entertainment, commerce, and more.

I urge you to please help maintain Net Neutrality.

Thank you for taking the time to read my thoughts. I appreciate it!

Sincerely,

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