

The most inherently important aspect of our Constitution is the First Amendment and its many freedoms. The freedom to learn, to assemble, to be informed, to speak, and to petition our government when it stands ready to impinge on these guaranteed rights. In that spirit, I must now add my voice to the many others that are asking the FCC to not remove the protections of net neutrality put in place by the last administration. The idea that those who control the flow of information to citizens can be given the ability to choose what information is most readily available is not beneficial to anyone other than the companies in control. The flow of content will be based on who has the ability to pay.

The blessing of the internet is that it connects everyone and does not discriminate based on age, race, gender, sexual orientation, or financial status. Repealing the net neutrality protections risks stifling creativity and the voices of the underrepresented. I hope you can appreciate that the voices of the many should outweigh the bank accounts of a few companies.