**Please Preserve Net Neutrality to continue broad based innovation online - provided by Cate Rauch of Meriden**

Dear FCC

Please preserve Net Neutrality to continue broad based innovation online.

Thank you for this opportunity to express my thoughts on the need to continue to protect broad based use of the internet infrastructure.

The Trump administration has promised to promote innovation and job creation. The “Restoring Internet Freedom” proposal will stifle them. The irony of the name demonstrates incredible hutzpah.

Large providers like AT&T and Comcast have a long history of exploiting their monopolistic powers to their own benefit in ways that are abusive to consumers and competitors. We are seeing them pursue acquisitions to expand the scope of their monopolistic reach.

AT&T, Comcast, etc. have not contributed significantly to expanding online services in ways that benefit USA citizens or create new jobs. Online innovation has been driven by a wide range of contributors. Many are small organizations and most will face adverse effects from giving ISPs the ability to manipulate use of online infrastructure.

Excessive commercial consolidation has already harmed Americans as workers and consumers. Government action to further empower monopolistic giants runs counter to Government’s role to work for its citizens. Granting price manipulating power to monopolistic power houses only widens that gap between the powerful and working people. It further widens the wealth gap.

For the sake of Americans today and for future generations, please preserve Net Neutrality to optimize the internet’s potential to create new services and jobs.

Sincerely,

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