To the FCC,

I am writing as a concerned private citizen, an internet user, and an innovation strategy consultant to express my support for the ongoing protection of net neutrality.

As a private citizen, I believe that the FCC should cherish the American value of freedom by protecting net neutrality. Our nation was established on the principles of individual freedom, including that of expression--a principle which has taken form in innumerable ways with the rise of the internet. The freedom of expression enabled by a neutral internet has allowed individuals to voice their opinions in true democratic fashion on a scale never before seen in human history.

As an internet user, I have net neutrality to thank for my ability to easily access a staggering store of our collective knowledge. Access to a free and neutral internet enabled me to educate myself from a wider range of sources than I could have otherwise. Without the internet, I would be less informed, less well educated, and less open-minded. Indeed, the success of my academic and professional pursuits is due in no small part to the resources I access through the net.

As an innovation strategy consultant, I am exposed every day to the critical role that a neutral net plays in fostering innovation in the digital age. As long as sustainable economic growth is a goal for the United States, protecting net neutrality is a critical factor for our nation's success. Every day, entrepreneurs are able to test their business ideas more quickly and cheaply than ever before because they have equal access to customers in the form of internet users. This allows them to more quickly build better businesses with better products and services, which in turn fosters stronger, more sustainable economic growth for our nation.

Simply put, protecting net neutrality is critical to protecting the freedoms that makes us American, fostering self-education and self-sufficiency, and encouraging innovation and economic growth. Thank you for protecting these imperatives that I, like so many Americans, hold dear.

Sincerely,

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