To Whom It May Concern,

I send this message to voice my strong opposition to current actions on the part of the FCC to reclassify the internet from a general utility under Title II of the 1934 Communications Act. The internet has become an essential part of modern life, and the value of a free and open internet is recognized by myriad institutions, including the UN. An unfree internet is analogous to book publishers with the power to prevent customers from reading books of competing publishing houses, something which would not be tolerated to any degree; yet such an excessive increase in corporate power over the minds of the American people is presently being considered. ISPs have not demonstrated that they deserve such trust, and I implore you not to yield it to them by maintaining the sensible regulations that are already in place.

Sincerely,

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