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To whom it may concern,

My name is Aram Glick, an American citizen who has grown up alongside the internet. I am writing to express my opposition to FCC Chairman Ajit Pai's proposal to allow telecom companies to engage in data discrimination.

I have used the internet for recreation. I have used it for job training. As a certified teacher, I have used it to show video in the classroom. I have used it to remain in touch with family via video chat while living abroad for years. In each case, I have never had to worry about whether the service I was using has been chosen by my ISP to be more or less accessible to me.

The Internet is the most important public utility of the modern age. Internet service providers should not be able to favor certain uses of their bandwidth any more than power companies should be able to have a say in how customers use their electricity.

Furthermore, from a business perspective, it's important to keep the costs of entry low. If a successful business such as YouTube is allowed to pay the ISP for faster consumer access to their videos, that's a blow to any smaller, competing steaming video services that hope to set themselves up in competition. Abandoning our "net neutrality" policies may help ISPs extort even more of a profit, and it might help current Internet juggernauts maintain their strangleholds on certain services. It would be nothing but harm for consumers, smaller businesses, and the Internet as a whole.

We already settled this issue in 2015. Neither the situation, nor public opinion, has changed since then. FCC's responsibilities toward the public remain the same as well. As a citizen, it offends me that the issue is being raised again so quickly when we as a nation have already spoken so loudly and so recently.

Sincerely,
Aram Glick