

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

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The Honorable Ajit Pai  
Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street SW  
Washington D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Pai,

We urge you to maintain the current strong Title II protections for Net Neutrality that American consumers have come to expect and currently enjoy. As we stated in our April 4th letter to you, for which we have still not received a response, Title II is the strongest, most flexible, and only legally affirmed authority for protecting the open Internet. As progressive members of Congress, we urge you to uphold Title II protections for the open Internet.

While you have expressed opposition to practices like throttling of data or paid prioritization, your proposal to scrap Title II and the Open Internet Order of 2015, the legal framework for ensuring Net Neutrality, is deeply troubling. Any good faith defense of the principles of Net Neutrality must include upholding Title II protections. Fortunately for American citizens, the rules on the currently on the books as adopted by the previous Commission does just that, and now should be a time to move forward on proactive broadband policy. It is disheartening to see the Commission instead deliberately pursuing a policy path intended to undo/roll back these critical consumer protections.

The Internet empowers people from all backgrounds, whether privileged and powerful, or traditionally marginalized, to elevate their message and have a voice. It is an increasingly fundamental tool for leveling play fields, for innovation, education, democratic engagement, and civic empowerment. Preserving the current Title II protections is essential to upholding the Internet's egalitarian ability to raise all voices. As progressives, we believe that the Federal Communications Commission should uphold Title II protection for Net Neutrality.

Sincerely,



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