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Dear Commissioners:

I would like to comment on the proposal by the Commission (I believe that it is Docket #17-108) that seeks to reverse the FCC's earlier determinations on so-called "Net Neutrality."

The current regulations - which require service providers to treat all users and providers of information as equals - are working well. This neutral treatment, where every piece of information moves through the system without slowing or blocking by large competitors, permits smaller, new startup entrepreneurs to have a chance to compete against established, embedded providers. Those older, established providers (increasingly the same companies that provide the internet facilities themselves) can slow down traffic, make it difficult to access competitors, or demand high fees for faster access.

The American tradition of free access for spread of ideas and access is deeply embedded in our national identity. The United States Postal Service is specifically mentioned in the Constitution. Telephone companies have been treated as common carriers, required to provide service on an equal basis. There simply is no reason to treat the providers of internet service to consumers any differently.

I urge the Commission to retain the current regulations guaranteeing net neutrality and reject regulations that would simply favor the wealthy, embedded interests over those of the citizenry at large.

Yours very truly,

