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To: The Federal Communications Commission  
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Dear FCC:

#### I am writing in support of the “Restoring Internet Freedom” proposal before the Commission. As a former IT professional, with a thirty year career in the field, and an instructor in computer and internet usage for schools and private organizations, usually in the lower economic brackets, I have witnessed the power of an internet built around the principles of “Net Neutrality” and “freedom” to transform lives. I currently work with homeless individuals in the city of Philadelphia training them in the use of the Internet which is a vital lifeline to jobs, government services, and education. Their voices do not get heard in this issue.

The Internet is no longer a luxury in today’s world, but a vital resource like electricity and should be viewed as a necessary utility freely available to all. Concerns raised by Internet service providers that Net Neutrality rules stifle innovation and investment are merely “*smoke and mirrors*” designed to protect their income streams which are already exorbitant. I personally pay $75.00 a month for internet service and see regular annual increases all predicated on the need to fund “*innovation and investment*”. Where does it stop? Now they want the opportunity afforded by the removal of Net Neutrality to determine who gets preferential treatment, as long as you pay more?

Who protects those that I represent and work within the homeless community as well as myself, a general consumer? I believed that it was the job of the FCC to regulate “greed” and monopolistic practices, not to remove the restraints that have made the Internet the greatest technological innovations in history.

Kindly reconsider the decision to restore internet freedoms and protect the “*least of these*”.

Sincerely,

Bruce Clydesdale

Reverend