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Ajit Pai

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Dear Ajit Pai:

As a computer science graduate, technology expert and public interest advocate, I have a strong interest in the Federal Communications Commission’s ongoing efforts to preserve the open Internet, promote universal broadband access, and protect consumers in a concentrated marketplace.

It is well understood by technology professionals that preserving the Internet as a free and open platform are essential for democratic participation, commerce and innovation.

**Net Neutrality** is what keeps the Internet as we know it alive: It keeps powerful internet companies from singlehandedly killing websites by making them impossibly slow.

Without Net Neutrality an ISP can simply promote politics that they support and content that they own, and undermine content from competitors. They can shake down start-ups, artists and blogs for fees — and put them out of business if they don’t pay up.

This would not be a free marketplace.

Sincerely,

Troy Johnson

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