If the proposal to eliminate the field leveling designation of our Nation’s digital communications infrastructure as a Title II common carrier was a good idea, it wouldn’t need a deceptive title “Restoring Internet Freedom”.

Chairman Pai’s assertion that the designation stifles investment in infrastructure is not supported by fact.

As a small business owner who has worked directly with digital communications infrastructure since it’s inception, I am very concerned that the investment stifling that Chairman Pai warns against will actually come as a result of excessive control placed in the hands of a few major businesses. My concern is more specifically, that small and medium businesses like mine will be unable to compete due to price gouging practiced by a few large regional and national companies. Such a scenario will create a near Monopoly with little to no competition and therefore no incentive to progress.

It is important to note that this false narrative of “Restoring Internet Freedom” will invariably lead to the exact opposite, reduced freedom, reduced competition, reduced profitability. Not good for the US economy.

The internet was created in and by the United States of America. However, today the USA has already fallen far behind numerous other countries in digital communications infrastructure development. This failure can be partially attributed to a lack of existing infrastructure in those other countries, but is largely due to the competition stifling “Regional Monopoly” style providers who have come to dominate the industry due to their pre-existing condition as cable television providers.

Providing a misleading label and citing false information will not transform a bad idea into a good one.

Chairman Pai, if you succeed in rolling back our Nation’s meager progress on digital communications infrastructure and damaging our economy, you will own it. Do you really want such a failure to be your legacy?