I strongly oppose Ajit Pai’s stance on Net Neutrality and this administrations prerogative to dismantle safe-guards designed to protect consumers/Americans from corporations whom are demonstrably exploitive. The idea that these safe-guards are a line which these companies wouldn’t have crossed in the first place is more than questionable. It’s telling. Ajit Pai has no interest in protecting the American people from corporations who already enjoy too many protections of their own (not to mention sizable profits). His interests lie in creating more financial opportunity for big business at the expense of consumers…the exact opposite of the idea behind the creation of the Federal Communications Commission. This understanding of the commissioner’s motives become even more apparent when taking into context his other recent motions: Ordering state and local governments that they cannot enact their own Net Neutrality laws, the review of the national television multiple ownership rule (directly benefiting Sinclair Broadcast Group), his championing of 5G over broadband (mobile is far more expensive), and his complete disregard for the +22,000,000 comments in support of the current Net Neutrality laws.

If this isn’t just a referendum on Pai’s coziness with the big corporations, then consider this. According to [Statista.com](https://www.statista.com/topics/2237/internet-usage-in-the-united-states/), there are nearly 290,000,000 internet users in the US. The US population is roughly 323,000,000. That is nearly 90% of the country. It is safe to say that this is not just a consumer issue, but an American issue. It is not just consumers that will be open to more exploitive business practices, it is almost All Americans that will be subjected to this abuse of power by lack of regulatory oversight. A handful of companies should not have the power to regulate a network that very nearly supplies the entire country. The designation of ISP’s as telecommunication service providers should remain. For the sake of the American People, do not repeal the current net neutrality laws.

Thank you,

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