To whom it may concern,

To be direct, I am completely for net neutrality. Access to the internet should remain as is. The companies that provide access to the internet should not be allowed to filter or restrict the information that we can access; nor should they be able to charge more money to have access to certain websites.

If anything should be changed about the internet and how we are able to access it, it should be the abolishment of large, ineffective, nation-wide internet service providers and the promotion of regional and/or local internet service providers that can openly compete with each other to provide the best possible service to the people they serve. I believe locally based ISP’s perform better and have more incentive build their infrastructure and provide the best possible access to the internet for the public.

Altering or abolishing net neutrality is giving more power to those who already abuse their power and influence to maximize profit while minimizing the services they provide. Giving these companies more regulatory power over the publics’ access to the internet will only further allow them to underservice the public and impede the free flow of information and ideas to and from the internet. Regulating access to the internet is an infringement on our First Amendment right we hold as Americans. Overturning net neutrality policies should be unconstitutional, and I expect that if the FCC is successful in enacting their new policies that they will be overturned by the US Supreme Court. It should not have to come to that. This is something that should be handled in the legislative branch, by the people elected to write and pass laws to protect the rights and interests of the people.

I was raised in a conservative household and have always voted Republican down the ballot. However, if this absurd policy is allowed to pass underneath a Republican majority in both Congress and the Senate, I will without a second thought be voting Democrat down the ballot at every election I get the chance to. I’d rather have a Democrat that allows laws that waste my taxpayer money on useless social programs than a Republican that allows laws that give corporations the power to abuse our fundamental rights as Americans. And you can believe that I will be outspoken about it as well. The fact that I have to spend time and energy to protect my fundamental rights granted to me as an American worries me. It makes me believe that the government that was established to be of the people, by the people, and for the people may no longer be so.

Sincerely,  
Christopher Stebbins