I am writing about a concern regarding the elimination of net neutrality. I am concerned about the impact this proposed action by the FCC will have on our 1st Amendment rights. If this proposal is put in place, Internet Service Providers (“ISP”) will be able to slow down or eliminate certain sites on the Internet, effectively curtailing free speech. This will affect every single person in the USA, from the billionaire to the poor man or woman. Under the proposed plan, the Internet will allow any ISP to block any content that they do not like, and block any applications that compete with their own products. In addition, the ISPs will be able to split the Internet into packages, so consumers will not be able to pay one price to access all of the web. The poor might not be able to get the money to give to the Internet providers legally. Also, people who rely on the Internet to sell their merchandise will have to look for other inconvenient ways to sell what they make.

If this goes through, the Internet is no longer going to be available to everyone when the Internet is a great playing field of knowledge. It is like saying that poor people can only drive 30 MPH on the highway, while everyone else can drive 60 MPH. The Internet has been a great source of information for all, and levels the playing field. I am concerned that the FCC proposal will set us back.

Hopefully you will be able to see my side of the story and stand up for our right to free speech on the Internet. Please preserve net neutrality and Title II.