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Dear Mr Pai,

Rescinding the Net Neutrality rules is NOT good for consumers - i.e. the people you are supposed to represent.

Look at the performance record of big internet service providers whenever they're left to pursue their business without regulation. Their instincts are to raise prices and favor their own entertainment and information offerings over those of their rivals, even when their offerings are inferior.

The internet is a pipe - a network that lets anyone connect to anyone else or anything else that is connected. Internet service providers should be in the business of providing a telecomm service, not providing content that is accessed over the service.

Most consumers (the people you are supposed to represent) have no choice of internet service provider. Therefore they are going to get inferior service from their ISP if the new neutrality rules are abandoned and cannot find an alternative.

Please reconsider this action and do what is best for us, not the big corporations.