To the Members of the FCC:

As a citizen of this republic, I would like to voice my strenuous objection to the repeal of rules

mandating net neutrality. Giving companies the ability to monetize access to different websites is

essentially monetizing freedom of press, as the dissemination of media in the world we currently live in plays itself out heavily in the digital world. Why should a private company be able to favor which news sources I inform myself with? Why should we put a price on the free exchange of ideas? I heard that any “serious legal argument” was disregarded, and as such, my legal argument is that the repeal of net neutrality is in violation of the first amendment of the Constitution of the United States, as well as the equal protection clause of the 14th amendment.

Speaking a bit more broadly, the internet is also collective resource that is indispensible for both

commerce and communication. Businesses should be able to compete without having the playing field tilted. Ideas should be able to be exchanged and propagated equally. Competition is the bedrock of a market economy. The free exchange of ideas is the bedrock of a liberal democracy. The repeal of net neutrality rules is public policy straight out of an oligarchy.

Please, please do not do this.

Respectfully,

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