TO: FCC

I support current net-neutrality rules and oppose the proposals to repeal them.

As a consumer, I pay for connectivity and get a quality experience. The proposed repeal would potentially limit – or more precisely, manipulate - my access to content, applications and services by opening the gates to broadband providers who – without oversight – are free to abuse their powerful positions to control what I as a web user can see, do or say and at what cost.

With the current net neutrality rules, we have pro-consumer protections. I oppose repeal of existing net neutrality rules because pro-consumer protections would be lost. The repeal would provide for NO oversight to guard against fraudulent billing, price gouging, anticompetitive behavior, data breaches and other practices that violate the privacy of users. At the same time, the proposed rules would eliminate state rights to adopt their own broadband consumer protection laws. The FCC doesn’t have the power to make rules that protect consumers BEFORE they are harmed, so consumers will have little recourse to protect themselves after the fact. Nor would the FTC have authority to prohibit fast lanes, blocking, or throttling. That type of anti-citizen policy by our government’s communication agency is unacceptable.

I oppose the proposal to repeal the classification of IPS as common carriers that are subject to Title II of the Communications Act. Internet access has improved my life by allowing me to connect to friends and family through email, Facebook and Skype. It has allowed me to communicate effectively with co-workers via online data sharing and cloud storage. But the benefits of those communication methods would be lost by allowing broadband providers to pick “winners and losers”. There is no benefit to consumers to allow ATT, Comcast and Verizon to control which online companies get faster or better quality of service and at what cost. I urge you to leave the net-neutrality law alone.

Respectfully submitted,

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