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DEAR MR. PAI:

I AM WRITING TO STRONGLY ENCOURAGE YOU TO HALT OR RADICALLY CHANGE YOUR PLANS TO UNDO CURRENT REGULATIONS REGARDING NET NEUTRALITY.

I AM MOST CONCERNED ABOUT THE UNCHECKED POWER THIS WILL GIVE INTERNET SERVICE PROVIDERS TO DECIDE WHICH COMPANIES OR CONTENT CAN BE ACCESSED AT WHAT SPEED. INSTEAD OF ALLOWING THE CONSUMER TO VOTE WITH HIS OR HER DOLLAR, AN INTERNET PROVIDER MAY SIMPLY CHOOSE TO EFFECTIVELY THROTTLE CERTAIN CONTENT IN EXCHANGE FOR MONEY, STIFLING ACCESS TO INFORMATION AND POTENTIALLY INNOVATIVE NEW COMPANIES THAT MAY NOT BE ABLE TO PAY FOR "ENHANCED ACCESS".


MY PARENTS CURRENTLY LIVE IN CHINA AND COMMUNICATING WITH THEM IS INTERESTING. WE CAN'T USE ~~AND~~ GOOGLE OR FACEBOOK APPS BECAUSE THEY'RE BANNED THERE. CLEARLY THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT'S GOAL & METHODS ARE NOT GERMANE TO NET NEUTRALITY, BUT I SEE INTERESTING PARALLELS IN WHAT EVERY DAY USERS OF THE INTERNET HERE IN THE US

WILL NOTICE SHOULD NOT NEUTRALITY BE REGULATIONS BE REVOKED. USERS MAY NOT BE ABLE ACCESS OTHERWISE USEFUL OR IMPORTANT INFORMATION & SERVICES BECAUSE IT'S IN A "SLOW LANE" OF TRAFFIC, MAKING IT HARDER TO GROW AND DEVELOP. YOU MIGHT SAY WELL IT'S NOT THE GOVERNMENT CENSORING IN THIS CASE, AND THAT WOULD BE TRUE. BUT SOMEONE WOULD STILL BE DECIDING WHOSE CONTENT WILL BE FASTER FOR WHAT PRICE, WHICH EFFECTIVELY CAN STILL FUNCTION AS CENSORSHIP UNDER THE GUISE OF THE MARKETPLACE.

ONE REASON YOU'VE GIVEN DEFENDING THIS PROPOSAL IS THAT THIS WILL HELP WITH INTERNET SERVICE PROVIDER BUSINESS. IT'S NOT CLEAR TO ME THEY NEED THE HELP. THE MOST RECENT DATA NOT STUCK BEHIND A PAYWALL* SAYS ISPs HAD REVENUES OF ~\$55 BILLION IN 2014. I THINK THEY'RE DOING WELL ENOUGH WITHOUT NEEDING A HANDOUT.

PLEASE HALT OR CHANGE THESE PLANS AND PRESERVE NET NEUTRALITY — A VIBRANT, COMPETITIVE, AND THRIVING INTERNET IS WHAT IS AT STAKE.

THANK YOU,

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* — DATA FROM STATISTA.COM.