I am strongly opposed to the removal of the current system of regulation of the internet that ensure a level playing field for all users under the guise of restoring “freedom” to the internet. It seems evident to anyone with even a rudimentary grasp of history and economics that giving large corporations like Comcast and Verizon the freedom to block content and slow video-streaming services from rivals, while offering “fast lanes” to preferred partners will more likely curtail freedom of expression as can now be seen on the internet. Furthermore, instead of the innovation the chairman of the FCC feels will result from the removal of these “burdensome” regulations, chances are good we will see petrification replace development as the current power holders use their control over the internet to hamstring possible competitors. The innovations brought by small businesses will be a casualty of this internet freedom act, not fostered by it.