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In re: FCC Proceeding 17-108 – Public comment

I strongly object to the proposal to do away with net neutrality. Internet providers are communications companies and should be regulated as such.

The elimination of net neutrality would result in a network where cable and phone companies decide which websites, content or applications succeed. Companies like Comcast, AT&T and Verizon would be able to block websites or content they don't like or applications that compete with their own offerings. Such companies would also be able to suppress competitors and stifle new development. Where will the innovations come from if internet service providers only let their chosen partners/suppliers succeed?

People in the US rely on the open internet to disseminate news, organize, access economic and educational opportunities, and fight back against injustice. Given the current administration's hostility to truth and the free press, elimination of net neutrality would be a devastating blow to free expression.

Net neutrality preserves the internet's fair and level playing field and is crucial for small business owners, startups and entrepreneurs, who rely on the open internet to launch their businesses, create markets, advertise their products and services, and reach customers. We need an open internet to foster job growth, competition and innovation.