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I support Title II net neutrality. This is based on two commonly-held ideas down here in Texas.

The first is, if it ain't broke, don't fix it. The only "broken" aspect of the Internet in the U.S. today is the lack of high-speed Internet service in satellite communities and rural areas. ISPs have been given real money to fix that, and they have not done it yet. I don't think letting them charge users more fees will inspire them to fix that problem, either.

The second idea comes from Texas' attempt to fix our traffic problem. We built toll roads and privatized stretches of highway that had already been built at public expense. Roads are not the same as Internet service, but they are both essential networks. Toll roads are deeply unpopular in Texas today, to the point where the Republican governor finds himself speaking out against any more of them.

Now, I'm going to insert the boilerplate in favor of Net Neutrality, which I copied. But you need to understand: Americans don't like it when government takes over a network—whether roads or Internet—that taxpayers made possible and awards it to the big corporations.

A free and open Internet is the single greatest technology of our time, and control should not be at the mercy of corporations.

A free and open Internet stimulates ISP competition.

A free and open Internet helps prevent unfair pricing practices.

A free and open Internet promotes innovation.

A free and open Internet promotes the spread of ideas.

A free and open Internet drives entrepreneurship.

A free and open Internet protects freedom of speech. Without an open Internet, big corporations would have tight control over how we access websites and services.

Republicans say they want to free businesses from the burden of regulation. Well, a non-neutral Internet will add an expensive burden to small outfits. You want to retard American innovation? The big companies can easily deal with those expenses, but many bright little sparks will go out. Which in turn will help the Chinese underbid us, outsell us, and generally kick our asses.

Please do your part to keep the Internet a cornerstone of freedom and opportunity.

Sincerely,

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