I strongly oppose Chairman Pai's proposal to reverse net neutrality protections because a free and open internet is vital for our democracy, for our businesses, and for our daily lives.

Net neutrality is a vital principle in a democratic society. The biggest losers under Chairman Pai's proposal are independent news outlets, small businesses, start-up blogs, grassroots activist groups...and everyone who uses the internet. And we won't stay quiet while mega-corporations gain control over the information we consume every day.

Chairman Pai's pay-to-play model would give giant internet companies the power to prioritize what we read, watch, and explore online. I won't stand for it. It's about my right to be heard and my right to hear others. I submit my public comment to oppose Chairman Pai's proposal to reverse net neutrality protections.

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