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Federal Communications Commission

445 12th Street SW

Washington, DC 20554

*Re: Matter* ***17-108*** *Restoring Internet Freedom*

Dear Commissioners:

I am writing to urge you to stop your plan to repeal existing Net Neutrality rules.

A free and open Internet is essential to an open, digital marketplace that allows and encourages competition between big companies and small businesses. Ending Net Neutrality will make such competition impossible. It will stifle innovation, discourage entrepreneurship, and facilitate unfair pricing practices by powerful entities.

Content by all those wishing to participate in this digital public square should be equally accessible and free from preferential treatment. Permitting Internet providers to block or throttle sites that they disagree or are in competition with threatens the free speech rights of all citizens, and impairs the free sharing of new and original ideas that is critical to the robust and healthy practice of capitalism in our democratic republic.

Ending Net Neutrality threatens the very existence of the most vital advantages of this important public utility in favor of corporate interests.

I strongly urge you to strengthen – rather than repeal – our critical Net Neutrality rules.

Sincerely,

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