I am writing to implore you to maintain the current Net Neutrality rules. As a person over 70 I am already maxed out with ISP bills. If my bill goes up because I have to pay for apps such as Facebook, I will have to cancel my ISP subscriptions. I have discovered that apps such as Facebook are vital to older people who use them to stay in contact with distant friends and family. I would be isolated and cut off socially if the de-regulation you propose happens.

Furthermore, the poorest in our society will lose net access and democracy will suffer terribly. What you propose is a bad idea and I urge you to vote FOR continuing net neutrality.

You say I can find another provider, but this is untrue. In Providence there are two providers, and as far as I can tell, they collude to charge the same amount. Every year I call each of them (Cox and Verizon) and for the services I need, their costs are identical. They force me to have a phone by charging more if I say I don’t need it. They bundle in services I don’t want. Like other public utilities there IS no competition and unfettered Capitalism will not work here.

Thank you for your attention. KEEP Net Neutrality.

Sincerely yours,

Anne Sterling