FCC Comment Net Neutrality

Date: November 28, 2017

Re: 17-108 "Restoring Internet Freedom"

Dear FCC Chairman Pai and committee members:

The internet is a pipeline that carries information to and from people and businesses all over the world. It is vitally important that all addresses in the United States have equal access to the pipeline of information. For some, especially those of us in rural areas such as North Dakota, it can mean the difference between life-giving services and information and withering or death due to lack of information.

In my work to bring about health equity, I recognize that it cannot happen unless people have access to services and information. Both services and information are delivered via the internet. As a nation, we should not create barriers to services and information by building pay walls, but work to keep access open to all.

In colonial New England, only those who paid a special fee and had a plaque hung on their wall received fire protection services. Today we recognize the importance of fire protection services that respond to calls at any and all addresses, and it should be the same for internet access: available to all addresses to ensure access to unhindered information and services.