My name is George Wilde.

I am an independent musician, bandleader, and business-owner in New Orleans, LA. I operate a booking agency, manage artists, and am a partner in an artist-development company. I am deeply concerned that the new FCC deregulation will result in my inability to market directly to consumers using the Internet. Users download audio samples, purchase and stream high-resolution audio, and engage in large data transfers. If my speeds are slowed I will lose customers, and I cannot afford to pay higher rates for faster speeds.

Aside from the obvious necessity that the Internet be preserved for the democratization of information flow, it is clear that this global network should be treated as a utility in the public trust and not a commodity to be subject to a deregulated market. These new rules will hurt my business. They will stifle democracy. They serve only to enrich the richest among us.