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Federal Communications Commission  
News Media Information  
445 12th St., S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Subject: Docket 17-108

Dear Chairman Pai and the Federal Communications Commissioners:

I am writing to express my objection to the changes being proposed in the Restoring Internet Freedom filing as outlined in docket 17-108.

Access to the World Wide Web (the web) via the internet has become a necessity in modern living. Applying for a job, searching for housing, paying bills, doing homework, and even submitting comments to the government on proposed rules are done, often exclusively, via the internet. Access to the web is no longer the luxury it was even twenty years ago; it is central to managing life in modern society in the United States. The internet has become a public trust and the government needs to guarantee that equal access can be had by all of its citizens.

The Restoring Internet Freedom filing would allow for internet service providers (ISPs) to create "fast lanes" of service for a fee. This would have the effect of stifling innovation since smaller start-ups would not have the resources to pay for the faster service and new technologies would wither or move outside of the US to thrive. Consumers would ultimately shoulder the burden of these costs, as internet content providers would need to pass along the increase cost. In short, allowing for a premium fast lane would only benefit the ISPs, and could have the effect of limiting effective access to the internet only to those who can afford it. And large telecom companies, such as Verizon have shown repeatedly that they do not have the best interests of consumers or internet content providers at heart.

As I stated above the internet is a public trust. It should be considered a public utility. Towards that end, and as a first step, I urge you adjust the Restoring Internet Freedom rule:

- to ban the creation of "fast lanes" by ISPs,
- to classify broadband as a Title II common carrier, and
- to expand the scope of these provisions to cover wireless/mobile broadband.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment.

I remain,  
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cc: Senator Feinstein  
Senator Boxer  
Representative Pelosi

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