November 30th, 2017

To: The Federal Communications Commission

Re: Proceeding 17-108

Good afternoon,

In this astounding age of information, a large part of why America remains at the forefront of technological advancement is due to its competitive spirit, one which is undivided by status or class. The aforementioned proceeding intends to create that very divide, causing American innovation to suffer. It is for this reason that I stand against Proceeding 17-108.

The major technological advancements of our culture within the Information Age have all come from the free flow of information – a commodity which we must not allow to be quantified and priced. The full, open internet must continue to remain accessible to every American with a connection in order for us to push forward, and allowing interests to split up and pare down the internet into purchasable realms is a road we cannot afford to travel upon. Doing so limits the amount of access that some of the best and brightest minds of the future (whether at MIT or working in an financially challenged high school library) will have to the information they need to continue aiding America’s status as a technological paragon in the modern world.

The American innovators of the future will be stymied by an absence of net neutrality. It is therefore the duty of every free and forward-thinking American to protect it.

Best Regards,

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