**Proceeding 17-108: Restoring Internet Freedom**

I am writing to respectfully request that the Federal Trade Commission NOT revoke the net neutrality doctrine that has governed the internet since its inception.

Net neutrality protects us from online censorship and our ability to access and send information on the Internet. It prevents internet service providers, such as cable and telephone companies from preferring certain content, applications, or services over others.

Net neutrality ensures that we the people have the freedom to communicate without interference or censorship by internet service providers. Limiting or barring the ability of some Americans to receive and send information is a freedom of speech issue.

[Net neutrality](https://twitter.com/hashtag/NetNeutrality?src=hash) means individual freedom, not corporate control, on the Internet. So basically, revoking net neutrality would take the internet from the American people and give it to corporations.

Most Americans regardless of political affiliation are in favor of saving net neutrality. Our opinions should be read and seriously considered in making such a far-reaching decision about our freedoms. Furthermore, major tech companies such as AirBnb, Reddit, Shutterstock, Inc, Tumblr, Etsy, Twitter and more have stated: “This would put small and medium-sized businesses at a disadvantage and prevent innovative new ones from even getting off the ground."

Net [neutrality](https://twitter.com/hashtag/NetNeutrality?src=hash&ref_src=twsrc%5Etfw&ref_url=http%3A%2F%2Fverifiedpolitics.com%2Ffcc-chairman-called-alyssa-milano-defending-net-neutrality-response-just-went-viral%2F) is essential to our democracy. The Internet is a critical part of everyday life for everyone. Access to jobs, education, health, and how we get this critical information should not depend on socioeconomic class. Unfair treatment of some classes is a civil rights issue.

In summary, it would be poor policy to revoke the net neutrality doctrine. Doing so would hurt the people and small to medium businesses for the benefit of large corporations. It would limit freedom of speech and civil rights.

Please do the right thing and leave the net neutrality doctrine in place in its present form.

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