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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commissioner  
Office of the Secretary  
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Docket Number 17-108

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Dear Secretary Dortch:

Strong net neutrality protections serve the public interest by serving the interest of Internet consumers, and the protections should be preserved. There is no need for the Federal Communications Commission to change the existing rules.

Proceeding 17-108 would empower internet service providers to:

- block websites,
- choose to make selected websites load more slowly,
- divide the Internet into "fast lanes" for companies willing to pay for such special treatment and "slow lanes" for others, and
- devise additional ways to charge the consumer for access to the sites and services that the consumer prefers.

This proposed consolidation of power in the hands of Internet service providers may be abused by service providers seeking to increase their profits at the expense of consumers.

Since strong net neutrality protections are already in place, I ask that you simply leave them intact and do not adopt the changes proposed to them as Docket Number 17-108 would do.

The preservation of strong net neutrality serves consumers instead of Internet service providers. Please continue the net neutrality provisions in their current form. Ten copies of my comments are enclosed for distribution to the Commissioners in accordance with instructions on the FCC website.

You may reach me at the address above or by phoning 512-868-6391.

Yours truly,

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