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To Chairman of the Federal Communications Commission, Mr. Ajit Pai

RE: Save Net Neutrality

Dear Sir:

The internet is a public resource. It was created by public funds in the form of government military contracts and its broader potential was realized by innovators who saw its utility for people. The virtue of the internet is debatable, but public consumers have made it a gold mine of infinite *monetary* value. Whenever they access the internet, consumers unwittingly leave behind golden nuggets of personal data. A commodity for the new century.

In exchange, internet access and content providers offer up cheap bits of distraction, propaganda, social interaction and convenience. Early on, big business made huge investments to develop internet platforms. The investment has paid off, bigly. Today, customers regularly go on-line to transact business, and leave their data. Cellphone carriers quickly expanded their range to accommodate so called smart phones, which have evolved into cyber appendages complete with eyes and ears, connected to the internet 24/7.

Consumers carry a devise in one hand that manufactures personal data constantly. Golden nuggets of data fill the internet. AT&T and Verizon hold the key to the vault. The rules of Net Neutrality provide a bit equity in the internet. The internet is a utility for all and its use should not be arbitrated by a few gate keepers.

Consumers old enough to remember the days before the internet/smartphone now depend on it, younger consumers require it for sustenance. If only we consumers would ease our addiction to the internet and exercise enough control to remind the gate keepers and data miners that we hold the currency and our data won't be given away so easily.

In the meantime, I urge you to save Net Neutrality. Please balance the interests of power elites with those of regular people and consumers.

Thank you,

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Cc: Senators Steve Daines and Jon Tester; Congressman Greg Gianforte