To: FCC

From: David G. Carpenter, Orwell, VT

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Re: Net Neutrality

Net neutrality is critical to preserve and foster innovation, entrepreneurship, jobs and free information. Many rural areas, such as mine, rely heavily on the internet to sell homemade and small business wares - meaning valuable income to people who are hardworking, middle class and poorer. Stifling small business so that already hugely successful companies can make more money and force any competition out of the market is shortsighted and harmful to our country. The ISP providers you hope to further enrich with repealing net neutrality have done very well abiding by current law without this added "leg up" on competition, while at the same time allowing small businesses (the true driver of the American job market) the equal opportunity to succeed. Please save net neutrality for all Americans - save our unmolested access to a free press, our access to equal representation on the internet for whatever home business we have, our access to new internet innovations and most importantly, our existing small businesses that rely on a neutral internet to survive.