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To whom it may concern,

I am writing this letter to protest the removal of net neutrality in the United States.

According to Evan Greer, a campaign director of Fight for the Future, the proposal announced by Ajit Pai earlier this year created a “free speech fight for our generation.”<sup>1</sup> With net neutrality under threat, it can prohibit our rights to be heard and to hear others. Millions of voices, trying to share their opinions, will be shut down and silenced because they will not have a public, global platform to do so. Net neutrality also helps businesses of any kind, big or small, as it creates more of an equal playing field for companies and consumers. If that opportunity is taken away, many small businesses would be forced to shut down because they would not be able to afford the expenses to pay for faster connections. As said by Cecilia Kang, the author of “F.C.C. Announces Plan to Repeal Net Neutrality”, “The agency has already received 20 million public comments, many of them in opposition of changing the rules...,”<sup>2</sup> so why try to get rid of net neutrality if a majority of the public wants it?

Net neutrality, in today’s generation, is an easy way to allow free speech, communication, and opinions to be shared. With the possibility of net neutrality being taken away, it threatens our rights as humans.

Sincerely,

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<sup>1</sup> Rushe, Dominic. “US Telecoms Regulator Unveils Sweeping Plans to Dismantle Net Neutrality.” *The Guardian*, Guardian News and Media, 21 Nov. 2017, [www.theguardian.com/technology/2017/nov/21/net-neutrality-rules-to-be-ditched-as-expected-fcc-decision-sparks-protests](http://www.theguardian.com/technology/2017/nov/21/net-neutrality-rules-to-be-ditched-as-expected-fcc-decision-sparks-protests).

<sup>2</sup> Kang, Cecilia. “F.C.C. Announces Plan to Repeal Net Neutrality.” *The New York Times*, The New York Times, 21 Nov. 2017, [www.nytimes.com/2017/11/21/technology/fcc-net-neutrality.html](http://www.nytimes.com/2017/11/21/technology/fcc-net-neutrality.html).