

To: Federal Communications Commission

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Re: 17-108 "Restoring Internet Freedom"

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Comments: I write in strong support of Net Neutrality. It is an essential protection providing a level playing field for both consumers and producers. It allows speech rights to have some practical meaning, particularly for those already marginalized in other ways (like those who are disabled or who are of limited financial means). Without Net Neutrality, everything from civic engagement to business development to entertainment to community suffers so that a handful of corporations might increase the power of their stockholders and the measure of their profits. I urge you in the strongest possible terms to serve the public and national interest by maintaining Net Neutrality.

Also, I wish to call your attention to the difficulty of this filing process. On top of being an esoteric and bizarre system to navigate to reach a place where ordinary citizens might weigh in on regulations (or in this case, inappropriate deregulations) which have enormous impact on our lives, the inability to submit comments from mobile devices (even while in desktop view) excludes many and is ~~error - 500~~ ~~unacceptably restrictive~~ in this day and age. Altogether, it has the appearance that the FCC wishes not to hear the views of citizens, consumers, voters, and taxpayers. It is a preview of the exclusion and effective silencing that ending Net Neutrality would only further exacerbate. However inconvenient it may be for FCC staff to decipher these hand written words, it has been far more onerous to me to write them and to impose on a neighbor to drop the envelope in the mail. The process is marginalizing, humiliating, and ugly all around. Please correct that in addition to saving Net Neutrality.

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(Susan Van Pelt) Nov. 28, 2017
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