You are not restoring the internet back to some golden age. There was a short time where there were no net neutrality rules, but the FCC had begun its NPRM to classify the internet under Title 2. ISPs thus had an incentive to behave in that time period. There has not been a time where practices like throttling, blocking, and fast-lanes have all been permitted without the FCC posturing toward enforcement against such bad behavior. While it is true instances of, for example, throttling, may have been infrequent in the past, that is precisely because of the FCC’s willingness to enforce. The agency should not abdicate its responsibility over this public good—to another agency or otherwise.

In conclusion, I strongly support net neutrality backed by the Title 2 oversight of Internet Service Providers. Net neutrality is the essence of how the Internet was founded—not for big corporations, but for the people, enabling the widespread sharing of knowledge, art, and culture. The free and open Internet has been the great equalizer—promoting the spread of information, ideas, and culture at light speed—allowing people to bypass both educational and economic barriers. Without these protections, we will find these benefits sharply hindered. We will find our freedoms limited in favor of unfeeling entities who all share the singular goal of maximizing profits for their shareholders. Corporatization was not what the founding fathers had in mind when they drafted the Constitution of the United States of America.