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It does not matter what religion they follow, their political affiliation (or preferred generation of Star Trek,) they all have the opportunity to speak their voice. I myself utilize the internet nearly every day not only to share my thoughts, but hear the thoughts and ideas of others. It has become an outlet for expression and creativity beyond my wildest expectations, and it is all due to the Title II rules.

I know you and the Telecom companies say neutrality restricts the internet, and I could counter with the various studies proving that online innovation has increased since the Title II rules were established, but I don't want to do that. I want to admit, instead, how upset I was with your May 18 decision, that as a trusted leader you went against the public's interests. The vast majority of Americans are for keeping the internet neutral, and you went against them.

But I have since thought that instead of being angry, perhaps I could take a more Christ-like approach. I know religion and politics are separate, but I feel applying the principles of Christ's teachings rather than the teachings themselves is an important distinction. His principles are about compassion, understanding, and self-restraint.

With those in mind, I have taken steps in viewing you as a person rather than an opponent. I have read about your life, the years of education, becoming an accomplished lawyer, and so many achievements as a politician. Your dedication and work has become an inspiration for me.

That said, I ask that you put the Title II rules back in place. Think of your ancestors and those who lived before the Constitution. Think of how overjoyed they would be, or *are*, that their future prosperity lives in a time when everyone has equal opportunity to express themselves, to have a voice of their own at a fair and equal price. Online neutrality preserves those rights for everyone, no matter their age, gender, or social class.

If you choose not to put the rules back, I, and the rest of America, will have no choice but to fight. We have won against things like SOPA, and we will never let internet neutrality be taken down.

The public needs honest leadership more than ever, Mr. Chairman. Please do what is right, and preserve their freedom of expression.

Thank you.

Have a very merry Christmas,  
Ryan

To Chairman Pai:

I wrote a letter to Senator Sanders awhile back, which addressed the issue of internet neutrality. The letter not only spoke on the subject, but spoke of your involvement in rolling back the Title II rules. Part of the letter was addressed to you, which I will reprint here in case he never gets the chance to relay it in a public meeting:

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The public needs honest leadership more than ever, Mr. Chairman. Please do what is right, and preserve their freedom of expression.

I plead you with the cause of the American public. Our rights lie in the hands of people chosen to govern fairly. As the head of the FCC, you have the obligation to preserve their liberties. Thank you for your service, and may God bless you,

Sincerely,  
Ryan