



December 14, 2017

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION CHAIRMAN AJIT PAI
445 12th Street SW
Washington DC 20554

RE: FCC 17 -108 - Reversing 2015 Net Neutrality Order

Dear Chairman Pai,

Colorado Mountain College (CMC) provides post-secondary education in western Colorado, covering a nine-county service geographic area, roughly the size of Maryland. CMC students reside in resort and rural areas in remote mountain locations where affordable and rapid internet access is vital to their ability to pursue a variety of four-year, two-year and certificate degrees or credentials. Our graduates are an important source of employees for employers.

The digital divide remains extreme between rural and urban areas. Telecommunications infrastructure has not been built by providers, who point to a lack of investment return on construction costs. If a provider's business practices result in fewer or more expensive options for internet access, students, employees and the community may have no other choices.

To ensure reasonable access to the internet in areas where internet access is already extremely limited, we encourage you to maintain the critical user protections currently in place. In short, CMC urges you to maintain net-neutrality regulations for the provision of internet service.

Sincerely,

Dr. Carrie Besnette Hauser
President & CEO

cc: CMC Board of Trustees
Matt Gianneschi, CMC Chief Operating Officer