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Dear Consumer Inquiries and Complaints Division,

My name is Edmond Chan. I am currently a junior going to Westlake high school. I am writing to complete an assignment for my AP Government class. We had to choose a State or Federal member or a special interest group to write to. I decided to choose you the FCC because I wanted to learn about the FCC and Net Neutrality.

Recently there is a huge movement to not repeal Net Neutrality. I understand that if Net Neutrality is repealed it allows Internet providers to control the speeds the site you go to. For instance Comcast one of the biggest Internet provider in the US owns Hulu which is an American subscription streaming service. You are using Netflix which is another American subscription streaming service. Comcast if they want they can limit the connection speed on Netflix which mean they can slow it down or ban it. This gives huge Internet companies power to control how they regulate speed of the internet and which websites they can ban. Net Neutrality which was passed 2015 ban and didn't allow Internet providers to mess with Internet speeds. I believe that the Internet provides many citizens of the United States the freedom of speech. If Net Neutrality is repealed Internet providers can ban social media and other messaging websites. In the US 7/10 adult uses some sort of social media a day. If Net Neutrality is repealed this can affect and limit our way to express speech on the Internet. Furthermore many huge companies like Facebook, Twitter, Reddit and Google wants to keep Net Neutrality. I have many questions why would Chairman Pai want to repeal Net Neutrality. I hope for a response from the FCC. Thank You

Sincerely,

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Dear Members of the Federal Communications Commission:

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Imagine a world without internet. How would your life change? Would you be the same person? Imagine having to pay a price to get that back. Imagine having the internet access you've long become accustomed to stripped from your control and the only way to gain that back was through "internet packages". The Internet is the greatest invention of the modern world and has changed the way humans live their life. The Internet was originally created to protect the United States government against an attack from the Soviet Union on the U.S' telephone systems. Little did Robert Taylor, Ray Tomlinson, Bob Metcalfe or Dennis Hayes, contributors to the creation of the Internet, know that the Internet would become what it is today - the entire world's main form of communication. Net neutrality is the Internet that is used today. The concept of net neutrality is to provide a platform for all consumers to preserve the right to communicate freely online. Net neutrality enables people to open websites, networks, or any applications without marginalized restriction; essentially supporting the principle that all Internet flowing across the web should be treated equally. With Net neutrality, consumers experience the great benefits of no restrictions, no throttling, no censorship, and most importantly a sense of capitalism. So why change this? Why break something that already works well? The Internet should be left as is, with net neutrality still taking action.

You, the FCC adopted strong Net Neutrality rules based on Title II of the Communications Act, gave internet users the strongest protections possible. However, since then opponents have done everything they can to destroy Net Neutrality. If we were to lose net neutrality, it would become a closed-down network where cable and phone companies call the shots and decide which websites, content or applications succeed. Personally, as a future college student this would impact me tremendously, leaving me financial struck in order to provide myself with internet access through company "packages". Without Net Neutrality, ISPs would be able to devise new schemes to charge users more for access and services, making it harder for us to communicate online — and easier for companies to censor our speech.

Time is simply running out. FCC chairman Ajit Pai claimed that "Net neutrality was a mistake!", he is now doing everything in his power to scrap consumers from the open ended realm of the internet. Pai's Proposal to the FCC, will be voted on December 14th. If we do not speak or vote against PAI's killing plan then we will be giving giant telecoms and communication corporations the control and destroy the open internet. PLEASE prevent this from happening for the our sake and the future of our youth and education's sake !

Kind regards,  
*Reggie B. Webster*

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Dear Federal Communications Commission:

As you have recently announced, the Federal Communications Commission will soon decide to override existing rules on net neutrality established under Title II of the Communications Act, which protects the public from anti-consumer actions of broadband companies who provide internet access. Our world has become more digitized over the past few decades, and will only continue to advance in that direction. This new "computer based" existence enables peoples of all ages, ethnicities, orientations, to learn and express themselves, and for this reason, net neutrality should stay in effect.

For more than a decade, the Internet has been a significant source of creativity and innovation, and has connected millions of people worldwide. According to University spokeswoman Maralee Csellar, net neutrality allows "...free, open, and equal access to services on the internet and promotes knowledge attainment, free thinking, collaboration, innovation, and entrepreneurship". Small companies contribute greatly to the huge spectrum of diversity of the internet, and without net neutrality, small businesses would be overshadowed by larger companies and entrepreneurs would be discouraged from promoting their ideas on the Internet.

The internet also has played a significant role in the education system. Significant discoveries in research have been shared through the Internet. Students across the nation--and the world-- have been using the Internet as a source of information and to further expand their learning experience. Nima Zahadat, a professor of data science, information systems security and digital forensics, said the rollback of net neutrality will impact students because depending on the websites they use, such as Blackboard and Khan Academy, they will be forced to pay more for access to their internet, resulting in higher costs for the universities, schools, and families when providing internet access to students. As a current student who has faced financial struggles and has used such websites on numerous occasions, this poses as a severe issue. A gap will arise between students should net neutrality cease to continue; students with more money would be able to access a greater array of websites and information compared to other students on the lower side of the financial spectrum. All students should have equal opportunities to learn, and repealing net neutrality would only inhibit the education of future generations.

Furthermore, the Internet is fundamental to the 21st century economy, as it is essential to functioning in modern society similar to electricity and water. It is a public utility. Former President, Barack Obama has stated that "We cannot allow Internet service providers (ISPs) to restrict the best access or to pick winners and losers in the online marketplace for services and ideas". The Internet is made by and for its users and not for anything else. It is an interconnected network created by its users and without its users the Internet is completely useless. We are the ones that publish and post the websites and the information that others can draw upon. Therefore, we should be the ones to decide what we can and can not see from our screens.

It is argued that repealing net neutrality would provide a "richer" experience to Internet users and add fuel to the economy through business competition. However, according to the New York Times, "...repealing net neutrality legislation could hinder public safety and homeland security, [and] complicate the protection of American's privacy". Without net neutrality, these conflicts are highly likely to arise, and more harm will be done than good.

The ISPs do not have the authority to choose whether or not to slow down any service or to charge the user for exclusive internet access. It is simply unjust and wrong. Students and professionals universally use the Internet to connect with others, spread knowledge, and learn. Furthermore, the Internet is composed of and made for the public, and should not be under the control of an overarching power such as the government of ISPs. If given these powers, it is almost guaranteed that they would be abused, and net neutrality strives to prevent this from occurring. Net neutrality is the best way to assure mutual freedom that no one can take away.

Sincerely,

Kayla Vo

Student at the California Academy of Mathematics and Science

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Dear People at FCC,

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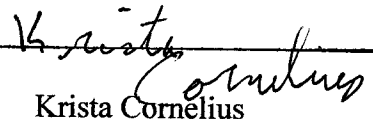
The internet might not always be the safest place, but for some it's what keeps them going. Who knows what they have to deal with in the day to day life, and when they go online it could be the only escape they have. They can be someone who has their life together, or they are just getting by with what they have and can't move forward because life keeps messing with the plans they have laid out for themselves. The internet could be how someone gets their life together. Schools use the internet to help students learn, and I don't think you would want to have to explain that you couldn't get all the information you need for a really important paper because the internet wouldn't let you look at a page because you have to pay money to get the info, that of which the student may not have, just to try to make some more money. And when you think about it, money is already something that has just a bit too much control over the lives of people, lets not make something that brings so much happiness and knowledge to millions and millions of people about making a buck.

Another thing is how would it affect the people in other countries? The US isn't the only place that uses the internet. And for many people doing stuff online is their job or is how they do their job. If you have to put restrictions, just how many people and companies would you be hurting?

I, and many others, would like you to rethink this new proposal. Because as I have said money already has too much control over what we do with our lives. In 1 Timothy 6:9-10 it says "People who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge men into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs." Even if you yourself aren't a religious person this is still good information to keep in mind. The Bible is something that has quite a bit of guide lines that maybe we as humans should look at more. I do hope you will rethink about making this change; not everything has to be about money and it doesn't always work out as planned.

Best wishes,

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Krista Cornelius

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Federal Communications Commission,  
I am writing regarding Internet service I receive from Garden Valley Telephone Company in Erskine, MN. In addition to other services, they provide wireless Internet service to customers in rural Northern Minnesota. They require every person that wants Internet to also purchase monthly landline telephone service even though a landline is not required to operate the Internet service. Because we are in a rural area, we have very limited (or no other) access to other service providers.

I am paying \$36.00 a month for a landline that I do not want or use because it is a requirement of theirs. I feel this is not fair and am questioning if it is even legal?

My email address is [bahagen21@gmail.com](mailto:bahagen21@gmail.com) and you can direct any additional questions you might have to that address.

Thank you for your attention in this matter and I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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