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Dear Chairman Pai:

I am lucky enough to run a website. Lucky, because with the website comes the bragging rights, the free publicity, and the skills. However, with the proposal of repealing net neutrality, I am unsure of the future. Will companies still be able to visit my online resume? Will I still be able to maintain my website? Was I wasting my time?

For the past few years, net neutrality has come under fire from businesses looking to make a profit. While the repeal of net neutrality does present a massive business opportunity, the implications of such change on the internet are tremendous and dangerous. Internet access must remain equal and fair, and thus, net neutrality should not be repealed.

Net neutrality exists to keep the internet fair, regulating ISPs to keep all data flowing equally. ISPs are not allowed to slow or block certain content, or to provide "fast lanes" to others. This ensures that larger websites, such as Google and Amazon, are not favored more than smaller websites, such as Chief Delphi. Never heard of Chief Delphi? Neither has most ISPs. But this website is instrumental to the success of many high school robotics teams around the country. Removing these laws can make the internet into a dystopia; it will promote monopolies and destroy online small businesses. In a world without net neutrality, large corporations, such as Netflix, can create a contract and pay the ISPs for an exclusivity; in return, the ISPs can block other streaming services, like Hulu or CBS. This makes it virtually impossible for the other companies to compete. The dangers of monopolies are evident, as companies can begin charging whatever prices without incentive to innovate. Small businesses drive competition and innovation, and the two-tiered system that net neutrality will create will make it impossible for small businesses to blossom.

For the customers, the new reality seems even more ominous. In Portugal, where the laws governing net neutrality are more lax, ISPs divided the internet into "packages". The packages include messaging, social, video, music, email and cloud, and meo. Unfortunately, these

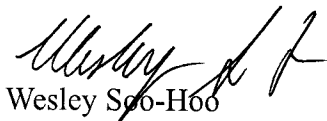
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packages only include a handful of apps, leaving a large majority of the internet uncovered by the ISP without the purchase of the overall internet package. While there is a large group of people who claim that they do not use the whole internet, and only wish to pay for the part they do use. Unfortunately, this has an inherent flaw; small, yet important websites, may not be included in any of the plans. This can include school portals, and study websites. The sites that students *need* to succeed may be blocked by their internet providers, and those that do make it onto the whitelists may need to be acquired for a higher price. This will create a larger gap and discriminate further against lower socioeconomic classes.

Some will argue that allowing the ISPs to throttle and prioritize will be an innovation, benefiting the end user. They claim that the ISPs can help prioritize on-demand files. By cutting down the speeds of less important files, the speeds of more important files can be accelerated. However, broadband providers cannot be trusted to pick and choose. Private corporations would be trusted with the power to speed up and slow down data, which can be used to block extremist propaganda, but can also be used to block political views that do not agree with the ISP company's. This is dangerous. Private companies cannot be trusted with this much power. The internet is a growing form of information and communication, especially around millennials, and we cannot assume benevolent intentions.

Net neutrality should not be repealed. The internet is an invaluable resource to the world, and should not be regulated by the providers. It is not just a utility; while people rely on it like water and electricity, online businesses rely on the internet more. Without rules keeping the internet equal and fair, cyberspace will become the next wild wild west, a dystopic battleground for the data. So please, as a citizen of Los Angeles, a citizen of California, and a citizen of the Internet, I beg you to stop the FCC from repealing net neutrality.

Sincerely,



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Mr. Chairman:

The Internet isn't a service or luxury, it's a utility.

The repeal of Title II gives Internet Service Providers the ability to throttle users' internet speed and restrict access to websites through the use of pay-walls and outright blockage. This anti-consumer behavior that the net neutrality rules protect against segregates internet users by income. So much of today's business and society is connected to the internet that no student, minimum wage worker, 9 to 5, or executive can participate in society without unlimited internet access. Shrinking someone's internet accessibility because they have less income benefits no one except ISPs and big companies that aren't worried about throttling. When the outcome of the common people is prioritized over the outcome for companies, the companies have to fight for business. If companies are comfortable, they can milk the consumer without worrying about losing customers. There is no freedom of choice either, nor will there be, when companies like Comcast and Verizon have such a huge reach over the supply. Consumers are already locked into contracts where they have to pay more for slower internet compared to the rest of the world. The inability to switch contracts is already anti-consumer, so milking the trapped customer is stealing at that point. The only reason that there is competition and progression in services is because of net neutrality laws.

The loss of net neutrality will also hurt entertainers and content creators, because not only do they have to pay to put what they create out on the internet, their audience is shrunk to the people that can actually afford to see it. Websites that experience a loss in audience will have to turn to advertisers to fund their internet bill, but advertisers will not want to fund advertisements on those websites because the return on investment will be lower. This will lead to websites dying unless they are funded by big companies or public or government money. This downward spiral will crush innovation by startups and consumers will be more and more bottlenecked when it comes to choosing platforms, productivity websites, social media, and entertainment. The "free market" will implode and monopolise with no regard for the consumer that it claims to benefit.

In conclusion, the outlook of the internet as a service instead of as a utility is innately flawed, and removing net neutrality laws will hurt society as a whole more than I think you understand.

Sincerely,  
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Dear Chairman Pai:

On behalf of the City of Long Beach, we submit this letter strongly urging that you delay a vote on the draft "Restoring Internet Freedom" Order (Draft Order) until resolution of the pending en banc review in *FTC v. AT&T Mobility*.<sup>1</sup> Rushing to a vote before the Ninth Circuit resolves this decision cavalierly risks the purported safeguards that you and other supporters of the Draft Order have repeatedly declared will protect consumers from anti-competitive practices.

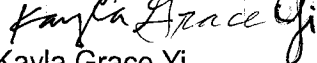
Normally, I don't get myself involved in politics, but Net Neutrality is extremely important to me, as without it, Internet life as we know it will cease to exist in the United States. Gamers, businessmen, social butterflies, and smaller companies would be negatively impacted from this. A free and open internet is essential to our democracy. Internet data should be equal. The companies that bring America its internet includes Verizon, Comcast, AT&T, and more.

Internet providers should not be allowed to charge different companies more or less for their data or to slow down or block any website. Neutrality has been a core democratizing principle of the Internet since the day it was born. Internet service should be like phone service: the phone company can't make the connection worse if they don't approve of the person you're calling. Net neutrality protects innovation. If big companies such as Netflix and Google could pay to get special treatment, faster speeds, small start-ups would be at a disadvantage.

If we could charge higher fees to the biggest bandwidth hogs, we could afford to build advanced fiber networks that permit all kinds of new Internet services. But what about freedom of speech? The websites people go to using the services of the ISPs are their own entities, they are not owned or operated by the ISPs, so the cable companies restricting access to these sites is a violation of the sites right to freedom of speech because it would prevent people who wish to go to these sites from going there. Without net neutrality, Comcast could give priority to media from TV networks it owns—such as NBC—and slow down the signals from its rivals.

There are people who can barely pay to use the internet and you want us to pay to for every single website. What kind of logic is this? How are people going to use the internet for school? Rich people are so money hungry this is just a way to make rich people, more wealthy. Net neutrality is just another way to take our money and worst of all, the freedom to navigate the net as you wish. The open internet is a revolutionary tool that offers countless benefits to everyone around the globe. Whether it be the freedom for anyone to speak one's mind, start a business, collaborate with others or rally for a cause, these things are only made possible by a free and open internet.

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Dear Chairman Pai,

One of the most important inventions in recent times has been the creation of the internet. Many may argue that the internet is not as important as the agricultural revolution which gave humanity the ability to reproduce exponentially. Some may argue that the medical revolution has done more to save human lives than the internet ever will. These statements are all accurate but they don't take into account the impact that the internet has had on human culture.

The internet has advanced human culture in many ways. One of the biggest forms has been through communication. The internet has allowed us to communicate with people across the world and see new perspectives. It has spread knowledge across the world. Knowledge is no longer held by the rich and powerful but those who search for it.

Knowledge is one of the most power tools that a human being can have. The lack of knowledge has been used by many tyrants to allow them to oppress the ignorant. Net neutrality prevents such oppression of the common folk from happening.

Companies only want to make more bank. They will take advantage of anything legal or anything that isn't explicitly illegal to squeeze every last cent from the consumer. The government's job is to protect the interest of the people. Net neutrality benefits the large majority of the Americans.

To conclude, Chairman don't get rid of net neutrality. This would mess with American Culture of learning and exploration. That will be the most anti-american thing you could do.

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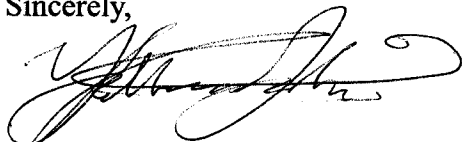
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Students are America's future. Their lives, both inside and outside of school, revolves around the Internet. Whether it be to read a book, to watch a movie, to listen to lectures, or to research a disease, the students need access to Internet. Net neutrality is what gives the students this access without discrimination. However, if the Federal Communications Commission is to repeal net neutrality the students will no longer have equal access to all the information online. This will cause the students to receive biased information that the Internet Service Providers (ISPs) did not censor.

Repealing net neutrality will cause and is currently causing a great uproar in our society where the Internet is the center of our lives. In 2010, Fcc adopted the Open Internet Order that refrained ISPs from discriminating and blocking things on the Internet. This restricted the ISPs from charging their customers for astronomical sums. However, if the net neutrality is to be repealed, this will no longer restrict the ISPs from holding back on their charges. Such actions will not affect the wealthy as they will be able to pay these extra charges, but can America's future handle these sums? No. There are close to millions of students in the U.S. that already have debts. If the ISPs are to charge the students with even more fees, will they be able to handle the already heavy weight?

I understand that FCC wants to make America great again. Therefore, I urge the FCC to reconsider repealing net neutrality. The students, America's future, will not be able to handle the sums charged by the ISPs after net neutrality is repealed. Make America great again by supporting America's future, the students by reconsidering your decision in repealing net neutrality. Thank you.

Sincerely,



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