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Please consider this my request that the FCC encourage net neutrality. I write you as both an American citizen and as a clergy person.

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Like all citizens, I value the rights that my this country affords its inhabitants, not the least of which is access to a wealth of ideas and the opportunity to make decisions based on those ideas. In a gross misuse of a privatized internet, internet providers could choose what news individuals would be allowed access. If Company X decides to back Presidential Candidate Y, only his or her ads would be visible while the competition's ads, webpages, etc. could be blocked.

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As a clergy person, I feel compelled to share that creating an internet that is not neutral goes against the foundations of the religious creed that I hold dear. The Bible, forbids placing a stumbling block before a blind person (Lev 19:14). Jewish tradition has held that this commandment is an admonition against all forms of harming the underdog. For those businesses starting out, which could not compete with extant companies, this change of practice would upset the very nature of proper business dealings.

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The cessation of net neutrality would undermine the very sense of inventiveness, entrepreneurship, and creativity that has been the backbone of our country. It would remove the level playing field that gives the same promise as the American Dream. It would be deleterious to individuals and companies. Ending net neutrality would be unfair and go against the moral fiber of this country.