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1. The internet has become a de facto utility. A significant proportion of the population depends on it now to meet their everyday needs, from education and employment to health and safety and the exercise of their democratic rights. It is arguably already a super-utility acting as a surrogate for postal service, telephone service, fax, radio, television, emergency broadcast channel, town hall, and public gathering place rolled into one. This dependence will only increase over time.
2. Net neutrality is a necessity. It is not an option, and certainly not a luxury. Please ensure there are NO LOOPHOLES, and that mobile data is covered as well.
3. Damaging net neutrality will only benefit the narrow commercial interests represented by ISPs and cable/telecom providers at the expense of everyone else - consumers, content providers, startups, and tech companies. This is a zero sum game.
4. Your decision to uphold net neutrality will be a historic one. Do the right thing and preserve your place in history, Mr. Wheeler, rather than be typecast as a former lobbyist for one side who predictably and regrettably threw his support to them.