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Dear Commissioners:

I am writing to express my support for the concept of network neutrality.

In today's modern world, the internet is the equivalent of the Forums of Ancient Rome or the town squares of 19th century America. Citizens assemble to express their views and collaborate on topics as varied as political policy to scientific research. I am submitting this comment to my government using the internet.

Telecom carriers and those who oppose network neutrality wish to use their position in the market to control the activity that passes through the infrastructure that they control. These interests want to put a toll gate in the middle of the town square.

This notion is contrary to the ideals that led to the founding of our republic. The free and unencumbered exchange of ideas in the public square is essential to the continued health of our democracy. Freedom of speech is little more than an academic concept if powerful interests have the ability to decide who is welcome on the town square.

I urge you to act in the public interest and preserve the neutrality of our communications networks.

Sincerely yours,

Brian Duffy