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I strongly believe that the FCC should uphold net neutrality. The Internet has become a necessity in every single one of our lives, and generates thousands of jobs and opportunities for Americans and people all over the world every single day. More than ever, the Internet has become a way to foster international communities and relationships across the globe. This is a huge factor in fostering the interconnected global community, and brings people together the world over.

Small companies and startups are formed on the Internet every single day due to its low barriers to entry and its global reach. Never before has an individual had such a wide reaching platform in human history.

However, all of this immense value the Internet provides is based on the fact that it is a level playing field. Without the guarantee that every single person has an equal voice, the Internet becomes crippled. Imagine a world where corporate interests have the opportunity to gate off websites based on how much people want to access them, and websites have to pay prohibitive license fees to be seen, much like cable TV packages and deals are handled today. Eventually, it becomes a zero sum game, because nobody will be able to visit lesser known websites, and there will be no opportunity for growth and competition. And just like that, the potential of the Internet is wasted.

Furthermore, if the USA does go down that dark path, our opportunity to compete in the global space is eliminated as well. The EU has recently come out in full support of net neutrality, and in a world where more and more business conducted online, all the movers and shakers will go to the places where they can build out their ideas most effectively. Right now, that place is here in the US, in Silicon Valley, in the tech sector, a huge part of our economy. Where will those startups and visionaries go if we cripple the opportunities we now offer? They certainly won't stick around here.

The FCC has the opportunity right now to make the right choice, to preserve the open Internet and keep America at the cutting edge, while preserving the level playing field that the Internet now represents. The Internet was created right here in this country, and represents the epitome of the American ideal. Please support net neutrality. Don't let the Internet die.

Thank you.