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**Subject:** BLUF: I am an American citizen you swore to serve and you are trying to pass something that affects America in a negative way.

I am an American citizen you swore to serve and you are trying to pass something that affects the country in a negative way. This is about net neutrality and the rules you are trying to impose over us while using the same name. Net neutrality is very important, it protects us from spiked internet prices, prevents big monopolized cable companies from collecting money on both ends that increases prices on both ends in return, allows for the protection of the internet.

The internet is the first thing to connect everyone around the world (not like those in poverty in LDCs but still) and you want to ruin it for Americans and in turn cause problems overseas. The internet is an open invention that allows small entrepreneurs to flourish and gain a following such as Google (super successful now), RoosterTeeth, YouTube (google but was originally independent), etc. and allowing companies, Verizon and Comcast, to manipulate the current rules of the internet it could put strain on smaller companies. This prevents the jobs from continuing over time and will also push all new and aspiring internet entrepreneurs to start in other countries. This is bad for America because it diminished innovation here, prevents the aspiring people from creating businesses in some cases, and makes America look less appealing as we fall even further behind other countries and more importantly the EU.

It saddens me to think I though America was a great place and to look now and realize how corrosive our own government is to ourselves and the people. The internet was conceived and created by multiple nations and people for the purpose of connecting people. It took off and became a world wide phenomenon. To want such a beautiful thing restricted because a few companies can pay a lot of money is one of the most crushing things I have ever felt. It tells me America is not about the people, but is about the 1% and the way the American people can feed the bank accounts of the 1%.

America is now an oligarchy, a badge of shame. How do we know? Multiple studies ([http://www.huffingtonpost.com/jeffrey-winters/oligarchy-and-democracy-i\\_b\\_5206368.html?utm\\_hp\\_ref=business&ir=Business](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/jeffrey-winters/oligarchy-and-democracy-i_b_5206368.html?utm_hp_ref=business&ir=Business), <http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2014/apr/21/americas-oligarchy-not-democracy-or-republic-unive/>) has come to the conclusion of it. A country founded for the people by the people has become so corrupt and so lazy that those words mean nothing. We have no inspiration to inspire us to revolt, riot, protest because we have to work or get fired or because things happen so fast when it is against peoples best interests that we don't know before it is too late. we should fight for a democracy, if not by the people then at least by the people we trusted to help us for us. But what is help compared to millions of dollars, right?

You, the FCC, need to fight FOR THE PEOPLE, not corporations. They are not the people, they are groups who want to make it harder for us to use and experience the internet. You need to help me, us, America, and our image to the world. We are quickly becoming a laughing stock as the EU has overtaken us in finance and ability. If you don't think those reasons or causes are sufficient to make you help the people, the ones you should serve first, then you are in the wrong spot. If you don't want to help anyone but your billionaire friends and yourselves you are the problem the causes more problems and you are the scourge of America.

Please help America be successful and a beacon to the world of how to live and govern.

A very concerned and terrified citizen and a potentially voiceless person you prefer to ignore,  
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