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A free and open internet is essential to the future of our commerce, our culture, and our communication. I believe that broadband internet should be classified as a Common Carrier/Telecommunications service.

I am an American citizen living abroad. I depend on a free and open internet to communicate with my friends and family. It is my primary source for news, information, and entertainment.

Without free and open access, I would have diminished opportunity to find work, I could have diminished access or be forced to pay a premium to contact my family and loved ones.

Without net neutrality, I could be forced to pay a premium to access the content I want, while content providers will be forced to pay a premium to have their work available to me.

That's a disastrous blow to the idea of the internet as an open and competitive market. It will stifle innovation, cement monopolies, and extort consumers.

It also has terrible free speech implications. Internet providers would easily be able to reduce or block access to political ideas or statements they find objectionable, and there would be no way to detect this and no legal recourse.

The internet is a public good. It should be classified as a public utility.