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Dear FCC,

If net neutrality is not protected, we will quickly find ourselves in a world where small but high impact startups coming from myself and colleagues here at MIT, as well as all over the world, will be unable to innovate for the betterment of society.

If overhead is increased due to the need to pay service providers to have content served at competitive speeds, we are unlikely to make it as companies in the early stages, and will therefore simply not exist.

Somewhat ironically, the FCC is in a position where it must stop absolute Free-Market interest to preserve an active and burgeoning startup culture that is creating the world of tomorrow. We are in a period of renaissance, but granting these internet lords control of the distribution of crop will send us back into the dark ages.

I'm sure it easy, surrounded by the interest of large corporations, to be unaware of the outside world. It is the young and innovative that are creating tomorrow, and you should do everything possible to support such entrepreneurship! Because of this I encourage you to come out to MIT, and talk to faculty and students here. Find out what sort of impact your decisions will truly have on our startups, and be mindful of choices that may cripple the ability of the US to continue to lead the world's innovation.

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