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Re: Proceeding # 14-28 Protecting & Promoting the Open Internet

Dear Commission Agent:

The undersigned strongly support NET NEUTRALITY and Open Internet.

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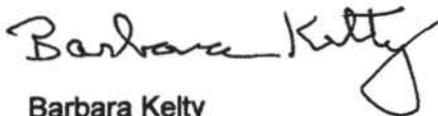
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Wheeler and members of the FCC,

I am writing to voice my opposition to any changes to policy that would impede equal internet access for the public. Internet should be treated as any other public utility. The free flow of information is as essential to our democracy, or even more so, than electricity at the outlet or water from the tap.

I urge you to do the right thing for our democracy.

Sincerely,



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10 May 2014

(Net Neutrality)

Federal Communications
Commission

445 12th St.

Washington, DC 20554

Dear Commissioners,

Please do not give the internet to
Corporations. We rural people already
have slow-enough service. We need
your support in improving access
to all search engines and to all
business and social sites.

YES, for 'Net Neutrality'!

Sincerely,

Frances Boness

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To whom it may concern:

I am 13 years old and the internet has been a huge part of my life since I could walk. I spend my time browsing Reddit, YouTube, forums, playing RPG's and various other video games. I understand the decision you have to make will be difficult, but I assure you there is only one correct way of dealing with the Net Neutrality issue.

By failing to reclassify Title II of the Communications Act, what is left of the free, open internet we know today will be destroyed. Small businesses who can't afford to pay Internet Service Providers for better connection to their websites will be destroyed. You will leave thousands of small business owners unemployed, and the billionaires at ISPs like Verizon rolling in money.

Although I am only in Seventh Grade, I still feel just as passionate about this issue as the next guy. I am growing up in a free, open internet I have learned to love. I want my children to grow up in a world where the internet is just like it is now. A free and wonderful place filled with innovation and open, uncensored knowledge.

Please, keep the internet free and independent by acting now. Net Neutrality is a beautiful thing as it protects the freedom and integrity of the internet and it should be respected. I appreciate the time you have taken to read this and I hope you truly take this letter seriously.

Thank you,

Garrett Allen

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Thomas Wheeler
Chairman, Federal Communications Commission
455 12th Street SW
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir,

Please declare the internet a common carrier. I oppose the conversion of our open internet into a corporately tiered system.

When you propose that the "terms of service agreement" will be a way to protect us, it sounds like you are being paid by the internet service providers. That is, it is well known that hardly anyone reads those "terms of service agreements."

Sincerely,

Chuck Hendricks
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Commissioner Ajit Pai
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
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Dear Mr. Tom Wheeler:

Thank you for being the Chairman of the Federal Communication commission.

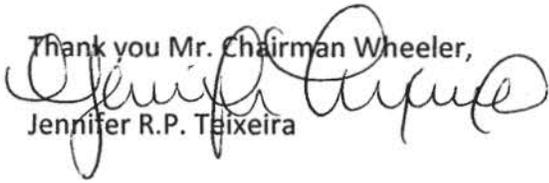
I live in the Internet Mr. Chairman, the decision you make on this Internet Neutrality rule will affect my livelihood.

Verizon Broadband Co. already started increasing its monthly price. My father has 1.0 mbps broadband service with Verizon. He calls Verizon every two to three months regarding the Internet speed. My father checks with the speed test co. which registered the speed as low as 3.2 download and 2.2 upload mbps. Verizon dismisses the low speed on too much programs in the system. In March this year my father paid \$34.99 for 1.0 mbps, and a month later, in April, Verizon raised its price to \$39.99, over 14% increase for the same 1.0 mbps substandard service.

We don't know how much our Verizon Broadband service will go up in six months or a year later.

I'm going to pray for you that you may have the strength to do the right thing.

Thank you Mr. Chairman Wheeler,


Jennifer R.P. Teixeira

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Commissioner Jessica Rosenworcel
Federal Communications Commission
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Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Commissioner Rosenworcel:

The Internet is one of the modern wonders of the world—a force for democracy and peace having an ever greater impact on the world as we have known it in the past. It was developed with tax-payer dollars from its early days as ARPAnet. It belongs to ALL the people of the United States—not to a few big Internet Service Providers like COMCAST and AT&T. They didn't create it. They didn't pay for it. They don't own it. We, the People of the United States, own it—at least the U.S. portion of it.

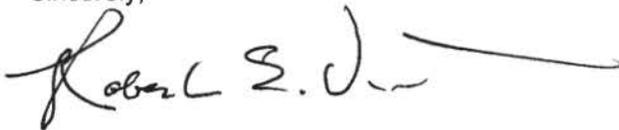
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You took an oath to defend the Constitution of the United States, and the First Amendment..

IT IS ESSENTIAL TO MAINTAIN NET NEUTRALITY IF WE ARE TO KEEP FREE SPEECH FREE.

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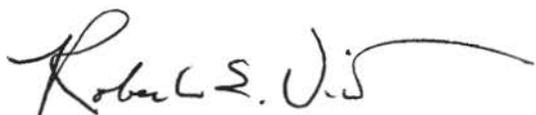
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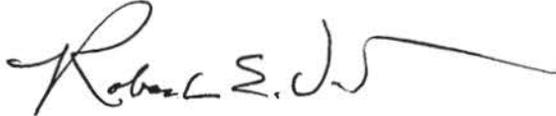
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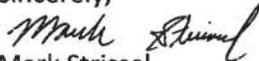
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Tom Wheeler, Chair
Federal Communications Commission
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Subject: Net Neutrality/Common Carrier

Dear Chairman Wheeler,

You undoubtedly receive thousands of emails, petitions, and mass mailings from organizations like Consumer's Union and Credo, but this is a single letter – on paper!! – from a very concerned citizen, saddened to see a handful of U.S. corporations undermine free markets and even free speech.

Internet service is now necessary for carrying out business and for living daily life. As a national resource it is similar to the Interstate Highway system. It would be untenable for private companies to dictate who could travel on the Interstates, at what speeds, and for what price, particularly if those same companies not only controlled access to the highways, but also owned trucking companies and manufacturing companies to whom they could offer preferential treatment and pricing, yet that is the situation the FCC tolerates with regard to Internet service providers (ISPs). There is plenty of regulation in the current condition; it's just corporations doing the regulating, not the federal government.

The proposed changes to net neutrality rules that you announced today, which would ban certain kinds of "fast lane" deals, are a step in the right direction, but they don't go far enough. ISPs are common carriers, no matter what Verizon, Comcast, Time Warner, and AT&T claim. Special exceptions and loopholes invite abuse. Please take a stand to protect consumers, global competitiveness, free markets, and even free speech by making common carrier status for ISPs explicit and permanent.

Thank you for your service.

Sincerely,



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May 13, 2014

Thomas Wheeler, FCC Chairman
445 12th St SW
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Dear Sir:

I ask you to declare the internet service providers as "common carriers" (like utilities), thereby preserving "net neutrality" as it has come to be called. This action is essential to our democracy, and also our economy, both of which have become so internet dependent over the last 25 years. Thank you for your attention

Sincerely Yours,
Rosemary Donoghue

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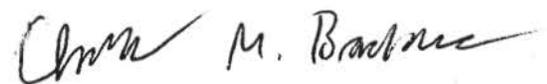
To Whom It May Concern:

I'm a senior in a government class, tasked with writing a letter to a government agency. I'm also an avid internet user, who has been keeping up with the growing issue of net neutrality. However, much of the issue is clouded in speculation and accusation. The FCC, as a whole, is one such group who appears in an extremely gray area regarding net neutrality. The FCC.gov website claims that it fights for a level-playing field. However, as seen in Comcast Corp. v. FCC (2010), the FCC holds no regulation over ISPs and their regulation on various internet usage. If the FCC, the agency created for the purpose of protecting consumers in terms of technology and communications media, has no jurisdiction over ISPs, what do they expect to do regarding net neutrality?

Another reason I view the FCC as a gray area is the company's mixed signals. On one hand, your chairman, Tom Wheeler, has recently come out in full support of net neutrality. And yet, behind closed doors, the FCC has recently proposed a new rule which would allow ISPs to charge individually for services, on top of the monthly internet fee. This is followed shortly by Netflix announcing a higher streaming cost, up to double the previous cost. Even though this example of Netflix acted just as an exaggeration of the dangers of loss of net neutrality, it has now become a reality. If this were to follow for YouTube or gaming clients, there would be a huge separation of thousands of internet users. And by cutting off all these clients from the internet, it would set back American in terms of civilization and technology, as well as create a huge deficit in terms of the capital that is exchanged between technology companies, and possible affect all the way into the national debt.

As the FCC, it would appear to be your job to protect consumers of media, whether through censorship or jurisdiction over radio, TV, and music. It would also appear to be your job to protect consumers of the internet from being exploited by these companies. My intent for this letter is to ask two questions: what is the FCC's real, definitive stance on net neutrality? And what does the FCC plan to do regarding the protection of internet consumers? Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,



Charles Baddour

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Federal Communications Commission

Tom Wheeler, Chairman

445 12th Street SW,
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Re: Internet Net-Neutrality

Dear Mr. Wheeler:

Please accept this letter in a positive manner and not just as another disgruntled complaining citizen.

Please look at the internet and at what it has done over the years for "we the people" to improve ourselves and connection with others around the world. The internet was not developed in a way so that "big business" can gouge and make more money; it was developed in a way so that "people" can stay connected, businesses can connect and governments can connect.

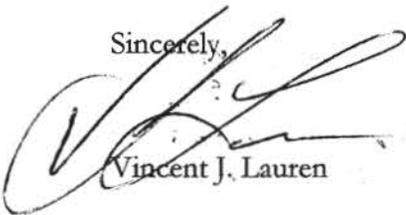
For some reason, here in the United States, big business has done everything they can to monopolize and control the "free" internet for their own good and big profits; at the sometimes devastating cost of "we the people". If we allow big business to continue to monopolize such a great "free" service and charge us for the use of that service, the internet as we know it today will no longer exist; and that would be a disaster.

Please take another look at Net Neutrality and give is some serious thought. It just boggles my mind to know that in Europe the internet is free to many and is regulated as a phone system with others. And, here, we are supposed to be the "tech" kings and we have the slowest speeds of other countries; while profits are continued to be sucked from us who can't afford to pay.

Please!

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In the example above, you the customer have the option of discontinuing your service. However, you have only one or two providers and they both offer the same deal. You need adequate lighting so you are, in effect, forced to pay the fee. Using this example, it follows that ISP's can slow down or speed up whatever services they choose and also impose fees on frequently used services such as Netflix and Spotify. Lastly, most of the American population has only one ISP, which means we are forced to accept any changes the ISP makes in our services.

Reclassifying ISP's as telecommunications service providers under Title II of the Communications Act would solve this particular problem. Doing so would designate ISP's as common carriers, making them more subject to FCC regulation and preventing them from discriminating against different types of data. Additionally, we must continue to be vigilant in protecting the Internet as a vital part of our society.

The freedom and innovation the Internet inspires is something that must not be taken for granted. As users of the Internet, it is up to us to protect the Internet from being harmed by ISP monopolies. I thank you for taking time to read this letter and for considering how important net neutrality is to the Internet and everyone who uses it.

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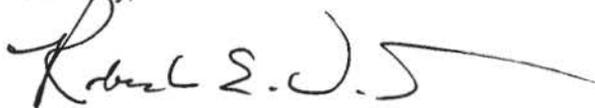
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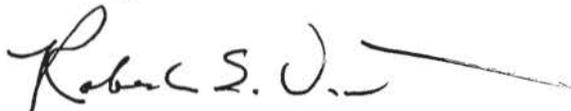
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Dear Tom Wheeler,

Now, before I begin this exposition which you will most likely not read and are even less likely to respond to (and if you do will most likely be with a pre-formulated, generic [insert name here] type of response), I just want to get a few things straight. I already know you're a smart man; you served as CEO of the Cellular Telecommunications & Internet Association, as a lobbyist for the cable/wireless industry, and have even been put in the cable television hall of fame. You were appointed by Obama to chairman of the FCC after all, so he must think you have something to offer, though what that is may be subject to question. With the stances Obama has publicly taken on the state of the internet and new regulatory laws, everyone was hoping you would act accordingly. Now I know what you're thinking; "All of this information is easily accessible information from a simple search on the internet. This is nothing new." And you're right. Such a simple search, which soon might not be quite so simple, if you have your way.

Now I on the other hand am no one particularly special. I'm just an average citizen with fairly average views in an especially average section of town. I've never had to run a company, and never had to be the chairman of anything more than a classroom discussion in an English class in high school. So perhaps that's part of why my question for you is going to be so incredibly simple. My question for you is **why**. A simple question with some simple answers, and I'm pretty sure that even I can discern those adequately well myself, but I'd like to give you a shot at it.

Why, for instance, do you seem so intent on killing our first amendment rights? Now being an average citizen, I do have a decent knowledge of the liberties afforded to me by the constitution of our great country, and freedom of expression is probably my favorite. The world would not be the same if people in our country weren't free to express their thoughts and individuality. Lately, the primary mode of communicating one's ideas has been through the internet, via blogs, social media, the news, and privately owned websites. Currently anyone who pays for the privilege of an internet connection has (mostly) unrestricted access to all of these sites equally, and the people running them have an easy and unrestricted way to communicate with others. This is a means of communication you have a significant vested interest in. Mr. Wheeler. What I'm obviously getting at is Net neutrality; what I'm really trying to get at is you.

Every government has tried to censor its people, from the Roman Empire, to the USSR, and even the United States. For all of its claims to uphold free speech and the will of the people,

our government is inherently, and understandably, self-serving. Since its beginnings the American government has attempted to pass legislation censoring groups or ideas, from the gag rules of the 1830s to the Sedition Act of the 1910s. Now, everyone knows that the government has been working alongside ISPs to track the public's information (denying it only makes the government look worse), and most people don't mind it all that much. For most people they have nothing truly worth hiding from a legal standpoint, and while it may annoy them and make them take temporary pause, most give it little thought. This new legislation however is moving us onto shaky ground. ISPs able to choose who gets to upload their content, or at least to what extent? Imposing more and more ambiguous monetary barriers to allow one's information to make it to the public's eye? Even if this legislation does not lead to an immediate censorship of certain groups or ideas, one can only imagine what doors this is going to unlock, doors that were never meant to be opened. I tend to shy away from conspiracy theories and "doomsayers", but the government and ISPs working together to *regulate* internet traffic? Even if its original intentions are simply to provide more compensation for exorbitant information traffic from companies such as Netflix or HBO (which is also an ISP oddly enough), this could lead to some very scary consequences. This needs to stop, and you need to be the one to do it.

Now, net neutrality is nothing new, and has been in the spotlight for quite some time now. Perhaps too long in fact. Recently it has taken quite a beating in congress, and soon it looks like, you'll be the one throwing the next punch. Since you've gained control of the Federal Communications Commission, you've told people time and time again about how you and the current FCC are full-fledged proponents of open and free access between content providers and receivers. And yet here we stand, on the brink of legislation *you passed* to allow ISPs to choose who receives their unfair share of the bandwidth. **Why?** Is it so that the Internet Service Providers can make even MORE money by charging people premium rates to have proper bandwidth allocation? Your history as a lobbyist isn't particularly encouraging on this point. In fact it is making me ill, to put it lightly.

Of course you've added wording to the legislation about how you will enforce staunch regulations upon when and where ISPs will be allowed to exercise these powers, but let me be frank; "commercially unreasonable" is one of the weakest stopgaps I have ever heard to prevent greedy monopolistic companies from abusing the power that their former lobbyist is handing

them, and well you know it. As I said, you're a smart man, you understand how these things work all too well, and I believe that is partly where the problem lies.

No one is buying it by the way, all your arguments that you're not destroying net neutrality and a free and open internet. No one. I've been out there, I've looked, and people are seeing through your thin veil of confusion and bureaucratic semantics with no effort at all. Perhaps you do think that what you're doing is good for the American people. Perhaps you really do believe this cause of yours will lead to some sort of acceptable conclusion. But your job now is to represent the people's interests and their concerns, and if you have looked lately, your approval ratings are completely nonexistent.

So **why**, when everyone from John Smith of California to Jack Johnson of Alabama can see exactly where this legislative ruling is going, when their outcries on public forums and your *own commissions website* are miles long, do you persist? People *clearly* don't want this, ISPs clearly don't *need* this. Forget the fact that these Service Providers are being *allowed* to regulate 'pipelines' built on American taxpayer dollars in the first place, forget the fact that this scandal will kill off many people's opportunities for small startup websites and online ventures as they and their investors are scared off by large bills for decent service, and forget the fact that We the People are going to hate you for leaving behind such an abhorrent legacy that the rest of us will have to suffer through. What is going on here is simply wrong, and it needs to stop with you.

Sincerely and with much concern,

Your Fellow American,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Matthew Hitchings". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

A#n Mr. O'Hara
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