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Federal Communications Commission  
Comment regarding Protecting and Promoting the Open Internet

Dear Tom Wheeler and FCC Commissioners,

My name is Spencer Merk and I am a recent graduate of Salmon P. Chase College of Law in Northern Kentucky. I am writing this comment to express my concerns with the possibility of a closed Internet and its effect on our nations education. The Internet is the most vital thing for the future of this nation. Sadly, the United States of America is currently dropping in educational rankings. If the government allows cable companies to establish a closed Internet, it will essentially drop our nation's low educational rankings further. A closed Internet will allow cable companies to filter out certain content, degrade services, and even limit competition. The Internet gives children, and adults, a passion for learning and an easy method to learn. The last thing we need is for a company to have the possibility to limit this amazing system.

Limiting this ability to learn will provide harsh educational consequences in the future, as well as stunt the growth of our nation's economy. By forcing smaller companies to pay more for Internet, it will burden their success, and thereby slowing our nation's economic growth. Someone would not use a business that is slower, or less adequate than another larger company that has access to faster services. Net Neutrality is a vital key to the success of our nation's smaller technical businesses and should remain that way. Net Neutrality will allow businesses to start off on the same foot as other large corporations, and is fundamentally allowing them to survive and prosper. The last thing this great country needs is more power given to cable companies- allowing them to strong arm every citizen into purchasing something in order to succeed in this poor economy. By allowing cable companies to restrict information otherwise easily obtained through the Internet, the Government is essentially giving the cable companies the right to limit the spreading of ideas and business, and to limit a vital source of education for millions of people. I hope our government makes the right decision.

Sincerely,

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