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I find the loss of net neutrality alarming and very undemocratic. The promise of the internet was that it could level the playing field, allowing companies and consumers to benefit from easily accessible information. It is extremely unfortunate that a few powerful companies can influence government decisions over the will of the people. The government plays a very important role in the U.S. and that role is to serve the best interests of the people--- not to play monopoly with lobbyists. I honestly don't expect anyone to listen to my concerns, because I am lower-middle class and only have one vote. I do, however, have a wide audience as a university professor. With every ounce of influence I have, I will continue to profess the importance of freedom and equality for all citizens. This should be the task of government officials. However, the message we continue to get from Washington is that money talks, and 90% of Americans are second class citizens. Policymakers have a tough job and I wouldn't trivialize the issues you must balance. In the end, I hope you'll consider the effect this will have on the average citizen consumer (who will lose access to the sea of information readily available) and the small business (who will not have the resources to buy their way onto the fast lane). The fate of equal access lies in your hands. Please protect us.