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Dear FCC,

My name is Vanesa Botero-Lowry and I live in New Orleans, LA.

Net neutrality, the principle that Internet service providers (ISPs) treat all data that travels over their networks equally, is important to me because without it users may have fewer options and a less diverse Internet.

A pay-to-play Internet worries me because new, innovative services that can't afford expensive fees for better service will be less likely to succeed.

I grew up on the internet. I was a child when it first became available for private home use. A free, open internet was crucial to my development as a person. It gave me a chance to reach out to others across the country to find shared interests and to learn about the world around me. The internet shaped who I am, and I, and my peers, shaped the internet. We built the modern web with our stories. I don't want to see those stories limited by a pay-to-play system that privileges some users over others. The world today is almost unrecognizable from the world of my childhood because of all of the technological inventions of the last few decades. Give the next generation a chance to use the resources available on an open internet to grow and they will pay us back with innovation of their own.

Sincerely,

Vanesa Botero-Lowry