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Dear FCC,

My name is Tim Kowalsky and I live in Guilford, CT.

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 ISPs could have too much power to determine my Internet experience by providing better access to some services but not others.

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.

As a student studying Information Management and Technology at the School of Information Studies at Syracuse University, I am surrounded by incredibly innovative and entrepreneurial students who have used the Internet to establish and grow their ideas from concept to tangible product. As I learn more and more each day about the potential for small ideas to become profitable, high-impact companies through the limitless tools available on the Internet, the more I fear gatekeepers inhibiting the creative potential of students all over the country. By suppressing new competition, innovation, and expression, the destruction of Net Neutrality will put money into the pockets of ISPs at the painful cost of a stagnant economy, a dead tech industry, and the destruction of dreams from people all over the country who believe their idea will make the world just a little bit better. I plead that the FCC consider the implications that will come once Net Neutrality is gone for good. If you care about the innovators of the future even the slightest bit, you will not enable ISPs to become gatekeepers.

Sincerely,

Tim Kowalsky