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Dear FCC,

My name is Nate Taskin and I live in Williamstown, MA.

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 The Internet's should not, by definition, be bought, bartered over, and sold to the highest bidder.

A pay-to-play Internet worries me because It is completely antithetical to the Internet's entire purpose.

The beauty of the Internet is that it provides a voice to anyone, regardless of the socioeconomic disadvantages that typically inhibit millions of people in their day to day lives. Never before has the Earth been so intrinsically linked together with just a few mouse clicks. Favoring businesses and corporations with only the highest monopoly over the market is pure censorship. It wholly inhibits creative expression from smaller content producers who may not have the luxury of holding dominion over a massive company like Comcast or Time Warner Cable. Above all else, the Internet should be readily accessible, be it consumer or provider. Plain and simple, the Internet is NOT a Members Only club and was never intended to be.

Sincerely,

Nate Taskin