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FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler
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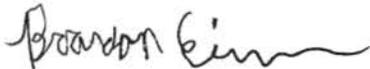
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Mr. Wheeler:

In my class, English 10, this semester we had to write an essay about a topic we are passionate about. I chose to do mine on network neutrality. I chose it because I use the internet often and understand what would happen without network neutrality. I care because the internet should be a level playing field. I chose to send my letter to you because you are the chairmen of the FCC. Please send your response to Elizabethtown Area High School in care of Mrs. Raudenbush. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,



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Network neutrality: Is It Positive For The Internet

“When you call pizza hut, you don't expect to get cut off because the phone services has cut a deal with Papa Johns, we could start to see those kinds of shenanigans on the internet” if net neutrality is not put into place (Chant 12). Internet service providers could act on many unnecessary steps to slow down the internet. The term network neutrality describes equal treatment to the handling of internet traffic. The debate for or against net neutrality has been brought up recently by the FCC and Internet Service Providers. The FCC and ISPs are in favor of getting rid of net neutrality. Big ISP believes no net neutrality is great for the Internet. The general public believe this is horrible for the internet. Although the FCC, ISP, and the government would like to ban net neutrality, it is necessary because internet service providers are the only one to benefit without net neutrality, the price to use the internet would rise, and non profit and new websites would receive less bandwidth causing them to load slower.

Those against net neutrality believe without it the internet will be much faster. “Isps to work with content providers to provide faster access to their content...” which means companies can pay their internet service providers to have their websites to load faster (Chant 12). Websites will load much faster due to this method. When websites load faster more people see ads which benefits companies. Increasing the speed to access the internet means more people will go and browse the internet. Services like Netflix and Amazon will be able to load faster on more people's

computer. "Pay ISPs for additional bandwidth to accommodate high-quality streaming video for its customers" so people can watch Netflix faster and listen to Pandora faster (Neagle 1). The internet would be a much faster place without net neutrality.

However, without net neutrality internet service providers are going to be the only ones who benefit. "The FCC's rules were meant to ensure that the internet remains a level playing field for content providers, preventing ISPs from, for example, showing one preferred website over a swift connection, while bringing up a competitor's site more slowly" (Chant 12). The internet service providers are able to get more money than before due to being able to charge companies money to load websites faster. This benefits ISPs by having the competitors or companies that disagree with them causing their websites to load much slower than anyone's else. "FCC chairmen Tom Wheeler's proposed net neutrality rules, which would allow ISPs to charge those business extra for the bandwidth to develop their products" which will lead companies to use extra resources and money to use the internet (Neagle 1). Startup companies will have to increase their budget for their websites so they can get their product out there but may not make a profit or will have to up their prices on their products. Existing companies will have to up their prices to accommodate for the money they now have to pay to their internet service providers. "The commission intends to propose rules that would enable phone and cable internet service providers to discriminate both technically and financially..." (Kang 1). Internet service providers would be the only ones able to benefit without net neutrality laws.

Internet service providers benefit without net neutrality and the price to use the internet in people's home, and companies would rise. "New policies that are established in the absence of open internet rules could drive up libraries' (and consumers') cost for comparable internet access"

(Chant 12). Families that have little money may not get the money to pay for the internet in their home. Non-profit organizations will have to find a way to pay for their internet and to keep their websites from loading slower than others. "Without strong net neutrality, big ISPs can demand potentially escalating fees for the interconnection required to deliver high quality service. The big ISPs can make these demands driving up cost and prices for everyone else because of their market position" (Kassabain 3). Internet service providers raise prices for people and companies causing the internet services providers to have more money than before. Companies would have to pay so they can get their webpages to load faster. With the price of the internet going up many people would struggle to pay to use it.

Not only will the price go up, but websites that do not pay will get slowed down by their internet service provider. "Netflix and apple will pay fast access to your tv, and the upstart company will look slow by comparison and as a result their business may have a hard time succeeding" (Kassabain 4). This means that a new website will not load as fast as big named companies such as Apple and Netflix. When websites load slower more people will leave instead of waiting for it to finish loading. When people leave the website before the page loads the company that owns the website will lose money because people do not get to see what the website is about. Verizon was asked if they are now limiting bandwidth to cloud providers, a representative said "Yes it is limited bandwidth to cloud providers" (Butler 1). This means that companies that use cloud services are being slowed down by Verizon which is a internet service provider. Verizon and other internet service providers are and can limit bandwidth to companies that disagree with them or will not pay them extra money. Small start-ups and and nonprofit

organization can also be affected by having their websites slowed down. Websites will be slowed down by their internet service provider without net neutrality.

Net neutrality is a necessity to the internet. Internet service providers are the only ones who benefit without net neutrality, because the price to use the internet will rise, and websites will get slowed down by internet service providers. People who can pay may get certain benefits but those who do not will get slowed down. Those who want net neutrality should write to the FCC and the Government. FCC commissioner Wheeler please reconsider your stance on net neutrality. "The result will be a two-tiered internet: a fast lane for those willing or able to pay for it, and a dirt road for the rest of us" (Kang 2). Those who do not pay or cannot afford to pay their internet will be slowed down by their internet service provider. Net neutrality is an important part of the internet and should remain a part of it.

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June 5, 2014

Federal Communications Commission
445 12th St. SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Federal Communications Commissioner Tom Wheeler,

I oppose the recent decision by the Federal Communications Commission to create a two tier system of internet access.

I believe in the Net Neutrality principle on the internet.

My concerns about the two tier system is abuse by corporations who would pay to have bad information about unsafe products suppressed while small watchdog groups could not get the word out about these unsafe products because they could not afford the higher fees.

I think a two tier system could hold back innovation from small companies who could not afford in the higher fees who might be pushed out of the competitive market.

Americans pay some of the highest fees in the world for internet service. Between the proposed two tier system of internet speeds and the mega-meagers in the telecommunications sector, there will be no competition in the cable and internet market and fees and rates will skyrocket.

A better solution would be to regulate the Internet like a phone company, or "common carrier," because of the internet's importance in the lives of everyday Americans.

Sincerely,



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James W. Truher

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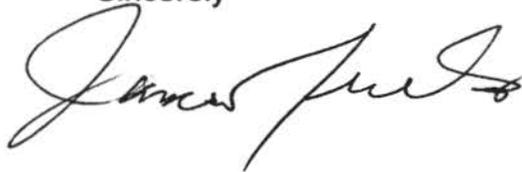
April 28, 2014

Thomas Wheeler
Chairman, Federal Communications Commission
455 12th Street SW
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Wheeler,

I oppose the conversion of our open internet into a corporately tiered system. I have worked in the telecommunications industry for over 50 years in both public and private businesses.

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The ISP industry has with the aid of the United States Congress and the Courts bought and paid for the access to write policies and laws that regulate what products citizens of this country may or may not receive and how customers will receive them. They have carved out sections of the country where each ISP has agreed to let the other reign. Since there is no competition the customer gets exploited. They take tax payers dollars use loopholes that they have written into the law and make stratospheric profits. They are not obliged to give the customer anything but more ways to be exploited by the ISP industry.

I opposed any legislation which would effect net neutrality.