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Let's face it. The Internet is a vital part of daily life in the United States, in many ways more important than telephone service. As our society continues increasingly to depend on the Internet for an array of services and essentials in a democracy (think education and access to news and information), the Internet should be classified as a Title II service, treating all manner of information equally across all networks.

The proposed Internet rules are against the best interest of a vast majority of Americans. Not only would the dismissal of Net Neutrality limit access to diverse view points, cultures, and information, it would also effectively squelch business innovation and job creation. Like many, I do rely on the web for entertainment and other forms of personal communication. Like many, I also rely on an open and equal net for my economic livelihood as the a communication staff person for a small non-profit educating the public about organic food production and consumption.

Without net neutrality, there will less choice, less diversity of voices and opinions represented in what is now our primary channel for communicating - the Internet.

I urge you, as trustees of the public good, to seize this unique opportunity to shape the future of our society. You have the mandate and the authority to protect that which is best for the largest number of Americans. I strongly compel you to take this position with the confidence of a public servant who has the support of informed, empowered, and organized citizens, should you act in the public's best interest.

Sincerely,  
Nicole Belanger