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The future of the internet as a continued medium for growth, innovation, and the free exchange of ideas hinges on whether the FCC decides to uphold net neutrality. Internet service providers should be classified as common carriers.

Net neutrality protects the diversity of the Internet, ensuring equality of platform for content creators large and small, rather than privileging the voices of those who would be able to pay large fees to Internet Service Providers.

I am profoundly troubled by the implication that ISPs could serve as gatekeepers to the Internet, censoring the voices of their competitors or blocking organizations, political groups, or social movements with whom they disagree.

Finally, I am personally concerned about the possible dismantling of net neutrality as a future librarian and educator. It is the mission of public libraries to provide access of information to all. Forcing libraries to pay more for certain types of Internet content will have detrimental effects on our ability to ensure high-quality information for our patrons, the American public.

Please, protect net neutrality.

Sincerely,

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