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There is already too much consolidation in the information business, allowing the concentration of power into fewer and fewer hands. Abandoning net neutrality gives still more power to entities that are in effect monopolies in their "service" areas.

Because there is and can be no real competition among providers, and because the Internet is such a large component of the nation's communication infrastructure, the business should be regulated the same as any other essential utility to ensure against abuse of the power they've already been granted.

Net neutrality is the cornerstone of the free flow of information essential to the maintenance of truly free markets in a truly free republic.

Its end would mean the capitulation of still more power from the citizenry to the already special privilege of corporations and another step away from what it used to mean to be an American.