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Chairman Wheeler,

In this age, money is used as an instrument of corruption. A large, multi-national corporation can out-advertise a local, family-owned shop. Anonymous donors can sway the course of elections hundreds or even thousands of miles from their home. Special interest groups and lobbying firms write legislation rather than the legislators elected by the people.

In the midst of all of this stands one great bastion of free speech: the internet. All voices are equal, regardless of financial status, and all have a fair chance to be heard. If, as history has shown time and again, money can be and is used to corrupt the essential mechanisms of our democracy, then it is the duty of the Federal Communications Commission as a guardian of the public trust to take all reasonable measures to prevent a tiered system. Anything less would put at risk the fundamental American principles of free enterprise and freedom of speech.

Sincerely,
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