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Dear FCC,

My name is Travis Harrell and I live in Washington, DC.

Net neutrality, the principle that Internet service providers (ISPs) treat all data that travels over their networks equally, is important to me because without it users may have fewer options and a less diverse Internet.

A pay-to-play Internet worries me because new, innovative services that can't afford expensive fees for better service will be less likely to succeed.

The Internet allows a user to have near limitless access to information; this information empowers people to make decisions or develop opinions which are founded on data and analysis rather than emotion, tradition, or propaganda. It's this access to information and the ability to communicate rapidly with others which has driven the significant progress we have seen globally over the last two decades as the Internet has grown. Allowing ISPs to control the access/speed of the Internet will hinder this progress, allowing large businesses and wealthy private citizens to effectively censor information that a user can access easily. Keeping the Internet neutral benefits to the most people and civilization as a whole.

Sincerely,

Travis Harrell