

Dear FCC,

My name is Paige and I live in Chico, CA.

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 ISPs could have too much power to determine my Internet experience by providing better access to some services but not others.

A pay-to-play Internet worries me because ISPs could act as the gatekeepers to their subscribers.

The internet has been of huge importance in my life. When I was 8, my parents moved me from the place where I was born and had tons of friends and there were lots of events in town to a remote mountain town where you had to drive 90 miles if you wanted to buy a pair of pants. But the internet was there. I don't think I would be the person I am today without the internet. It brought me information in a place where the library was closed five days a week. It brought me friends when I was the youngest person on my tiny street. It made me a healthier person, kept me off drugs, and educated me about sexual health so I wouldn't become a teen mom. Now that I live somewhere busier, I use the internet to help me run my business. Print ads haven't brought me any business, but I know the internet does, because my customers say that's where they heard about it. I use it to share my creativity and artwork. And of course I still use it to learn and connect with people. Please do not jeopardize the internet. Please do not abolish net neutrality. It would be a huge mistake.

Sincerely,

Paige