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The Honorable Ajit V. Pai
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Pai:

I write to you to respectfully express my concern with the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) recently released plan that repeals the FCC's net neutrality rules. As you know, these crucial rules prohibit Internet Service Providers (ISPs) from stopping or delaying the delivery of websites, and they also prohibit them from charging consumers more money for high-quality streaming. Access to the Internet is an increasingly important part of our daily lives, and I am troubled that this change would give ISPs broad powers to determine what websites and online services their customers can see and use.

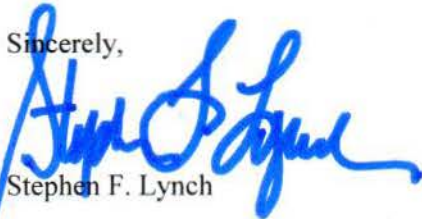
The Internet is one of the most critical tools in our 21st century economy as it opens the door to global innovation, revolutionizes the way we communicate with each other, how we receive information, and how we do business. Without net neutrality, ISPs would be able to interfere with consumer access to the Internet by manipulating data transfer speeds or censoring information outright.

Taking away net neutrality gives broadband companies control over which websites and services consumers can access. The government should not be handing power to major ISPs at the expense of public access to information. As such, I urge you to retain the FCC's existing net neutrality rules.

If you have questions regarding this letter, please contact Jaclyn Cahan on my staff at Jaclyn.Cahan@mail.house.gov or (202) 225-8273. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Thank you for your attention to this important request.

Sincerely,



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