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December 14, 2017

The Hon. Ajit Pai, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
45 12th St. SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Pai:

I write to express my strong opposition to the action taken today by Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to repeal Title II protection for Net Neutrality. I urge the FCC to rescind this vote at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Commission. Over one million people have called congressional offices to demand their right to a free and open internet. My office has received on average 250 communications per day since Thanksgiving from constituents in support of current Net Neutrality rules. These are calls from concerned constituents that do not want their internet services to change at all.

Additionally, I express my continued outrage at the FCC's failure to respond to New York State Attorney General Eric Schneiderman's serious concerns about the FCC's potential reliance upon 400,000 comments – all originating from a single Russian web address. In a public letter, Attorney General Schneiderman stated, "In an era where foreign governments have indisputably tried to use the internet and social media to influence our elections, federal and state governments should be working together to ensure that malevolent actors cannot subvert out administrative agencies' decision-making processes." The Attorney General is correct and the American people agree with him and me that the action taken today by the FCC abridges the First Amendment rights of internet users and is unlikely to withstand judicial challenge.

Thank you for your consideration. Please contact me at (202) 225-3816 if you have any questions or need additional information.

Very truly yours,



Sheila Jackson Lee
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