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Ajit Pai, Chairman Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street SW Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Pai:

On behalf of our constituents who rely on a free and open Internet, we are writing to voice our concerns with the FCC's recent proposal to roll back critical net neutrality protections.

The Internet is an integral component of information services that the people of Wisconsin rely on. Small businesses, local governments, and families utilize the open Internet to conduct business, earn a degree, file their taxes, access benefits, and communicate. Any obstruction of an open Internet is in stark opposition to our values of fairness, opportunity, and community.

With Wisconsin ranked 49th in the nation for broadband speed, the Wisconsin State Legislature is actively working to improve Internet service and invest in broadband expansion to ensure that everyone has access to the Internet. The Internet is first and foremost an information service, and we support the current FCC rules that require Internet service providers to treat all web content equally. Eliminating net neutrality protections would open the door to an Internet that is abridged, slowed down, or limited so that private companies can capitalize on deliberately decelerated service. Without net neutrality, the Internet may no longer exist as we know it.

We respectfully ask you to consider the millions of people who rely on the Internet and take a stand in support of net neutrality. Please consider this letter as part of the FCC public comment period on Docket No. 17-108. We appreciate your consideration of our concerns and welcome your response.

Sincerely,

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