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Dear Governor Brown:

I am concerned about internet access. Internet, like roads, water and electricity is a utility with huge societal advantages to uniform access, extensive infrastructure requirements and eventually very low marginal costs. Safety at the Mendocino fire was compromised last month in a textbook example of the folly of regulating a utility like furniture. These conditions created a near monopoly. Then the repeal of neutrality rules encouraged the few providers to create artificial scarcity through throttling to drive up prices. At the same time governments have been restricted from setting up their own systems by SB 1191. While encouraging localities to build systems makes long term sense the immediate need is for strong net neutrality laws like those signed in Washington and Oregon and the one now in the California Assembly.

Please assure me that you will back strong net neutrality and repeal of SB 1191.

I am very proud to be a California resident and a large part of that derives from our sensible government.