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To the FCC Commissioners<BR>

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Gentlemen and Ladies:<BR>

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The Internet is in mortal danger, and you will make the decision on<BR>

whether it lives or dies as we know it today.<BR>

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From the time it was invented, the internet has been a medium of public<BR>

exchange of information. Often this information has been useful in<BR>

daily living, sometimes it has been controversial, occasionally it has<BR>

been offensive to someone. But I have had the freedom to post it<BR>

without fear of being excluded from the internet.<BR>

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I no longer have that right if I wish to have high-speed access. There<BR>

is no effective high-speed access except Time Warner. Time Warner adds<BR>

this clause to its acceptable use policy states:<BR>

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TIME WARNER COMMUNICATIONS SHALL HAVE THE SOLE AND UNREVIEWABLE RIGHT TO<BR>

DETERMINE WHETHER CONTENT VIOLATES THESE STANDARDS.<BR>

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The "standards" are such that absolutely anything I post could be<BR>

considered to violate them.<BR>

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Even if I do not violate these standards, if I purchase "unlimited<BR>

access" as soon as I try to use it, I am either speed-capped or<BR>

terminated. The acceptable use policy states:<BR>

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IF TIME WARNER DETERMINES THAT THE SUBSCRIBER HAS FAILED TO COMPLY WITH<BR>

THE SERVICE'S STANDARDS OF CONDUCT OR LIMITS ON BANDWIDTH UTILIZATION,<BR>

TIME WARNER MAY SUSPEND SUBSCRIBER'S ACCOUNT.<BR>

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It appears that Time Warner wants only customers who do not upload any<BR>

comments and who use the service merely to purchase additional<BR>

services. As I have been using the internet for quite a long time to<BR>

communicate, not spend money with Time Warner, Time Warner doesn't want<BR>

me.<BR>

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It appears that you will approve the AOL Time Warner merger in some<BR>

manner. If you do not act to require the merged company to return to<BR>

the basic principles of freedom of speech, there will be no hope for<BR>

people like me who want to communicate, not purchase more Bugs Bunny<BR>

cartoons. The new company will totally control high-speed access.<BR>

People like me will not be allowed on the internet through the new<BR>

company.<BR>

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It seems that you will establish some protection for the large<BR>

corporations. Will you protect me too?<BR>

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The internet is a creation of America, and shows the world the power of<BR>

freedom. It will be a sad commentary if the country which created<BR>

freedom kills the most powerful voice for freedom now existing in the<BR>

world. It will be a reflection on our country if all citizens of the<BR>

world have freedom of speech on the internet, except American citizens.<BR>

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As the internet was designed for the citizens, not the corporations, I<BR>

sincerely hope you consider me when you make your decision. If you do<BR>

not, I believe that the result will be the death of the internet as a  
powerful force for freedom in general, and freedom of speech in  
particular.

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