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Mr. Nicholas S. Lapham  
Informed Young Leaders Informing Their Communities  
Sail, Power & Steam Museum  
Rockland, ME 04841

Dear Friends,

Thank you for the opportunity to contribute to the Informed Young Leaders Series inaugural event on “net neutrality.” I commend Nick Lapham for organizing a forum for young people to come together to discuss significant political issues in a productive manner that not only informs their peers, but also members of surrounding communities. I commend all of the students participating for demonstrating leadership and enthusiasm as you examine a topic that affects all of us in the digital age.

I support common-sense regulations to prohibit Internet providers from discriminating against customers based on who they are or what they say. I also support regulations to clarify that Internet providers must not manage their systems in an anti-competitive way. Access to affordable, high-quality broadband is critical to the State of Maine's future and economy, and for that reason I will press for regulations that encourage robust broadband investment in areas like rural Maine.

I hope that this event will provide insight for participants about important issues related to net neutrality, as well as the continued development of broadband infrastructure. Best wishes for today's event.

Sincerely,



Susan M. Collins  
United States Senator