

Please preserve and protect access to crucial telecommunications services used by the overwhelming majority of Americans for such critical functions as business, work, health care, education, communication, research, news, media and entertainment. It is strongly favorable to the PUBLIC GOOD to ensure non-discriminatory access to the internet and the telecommunications it provides. For better and for worse, it is via the internet that America functions in nearly all things in this era and to turn a blind eye to that is to willfully ignore the best interests of the American people.

1. As a small business owner I rely on the internet to promote, sell and support goods and services.
2. As a part-time employee at an educational facility I rely on the internet to post curriculum and lesson plans, communicate with students, evaluate student work and track student progress as well as attend staff meetings and online trainings.
3. As an American with a disability, I depend on the internet for on-line medical consults, updated health information, access to my medical records and researching health data bases such as the NIH and others.
4. As a wife, mother, daughter, daughter-in-law, sister, aunt and friend, I rely on the internet to check on my elderly relatives, keep up with my children in other states and coordinate my parents' care with my sister in another state.
5. As a student of graphic design courses, I depend on the internet to access training modules, share work with my instructors, research pertinent subjects and receive instructor feedback.
6. As a homeowner I rely on the internet to check the temperature status and security of my home on a daily basis.

On a daily basis I rely on

- email
- cloud storage
- search engines
- video conferencing
- data base access
- secure sites for sales transactions
- media connections
- and more

To take any of this away from me, or to allow a private company to arbitrarily limit, restrict or block my access to an internet that is clearly my lifeline to the world, would be not only incredibly irresponsible, but short sighted, thoughtless, cruel and destructive as well. From years of running a small business, working, learning, communicating and receiving health care via the internet I know there are millions of Americans just like me. Please do not betray the people for whom you work and do not betray America's future; preserve and protect an open, non-discriminatory internet for all!