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As a person who uses the internet as a lifeline, I am appalled and frightened by the prospect that people will be denied future access to this lifeline due to hugely increased user fees levied solely for the purpose of gouging more obscene profits from the pockets of average individuals.

Please don't allow the phone companies to muzzle freedom of speech, personal assembly, and the ability to reach beyond the prisons of our homes for those of us who are restricted in physical movement by our infirmities and who are also restricted in our finances by these factors as well.

Although I am not an American, I have many dear friends who are. The internet is our only means of contact, and I can say truly to you that because of this connecting factor lives have been saved. Are the lives of Americans of so little value to the lawmakers to allow for the profiteers to judge them expendable and render them so?

What is done in the US will set a global precedent and a cascade effect is sure to follow. I fear for my friends, not just in the US but in other countries as well.

sincerely yours

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