

Elderly, on limited incomes, use the Internet

Net Neutrality is essential to free speech, equal opportunity and economic innovation in America. Since the FCC removed this basic protection in 2005, the top executives of phone and cable companies have stated their intention to become the Internet's gatekeepers and to discriminate against Web sites that don't pay their added tolls.

This fundamental change would end the open Internet as we know it. It would damage my ability to connect with others, share information and participate in our 21st century democracy and economy. The FCC must ensure that broadband providers do not block, interfere with or discriminate against any lawful Internet traffic based on its ownership, source or destination.

The Internet has proved to be an inexpensive means for keeping up with the world, of discerning the facets of arguments/debates, or just reading the morning newspaper for those of us who are retired and existing on limited incomes. It is also a good way to keep in touch with children, grandchildren and great grandchildren who are far from our homes. Don't give away one of the better things our age has going for it.