

Net Neutrality essential to toxics info sharing

I'm really worried about the loss of Net Neutrality. It's crucial to free speech, equal opportunity, and democracy in America. I don't want phone and cable companies to be able to discriminate against web sites that don't pay added tolls.

I'm on the board of directors of an environmental/public health organization that disseminates information to the public about the dangers of toxic chemicals in the home and alternatives to toxic products and processes. We use the internet to spread our word, and our website receives lots of traffic. I'm worried that without Net Neutrality in place, people in need of the information we provide will be routed to websites run by the chemical industry who want to keep people from getting the information we provide about their products. I don't want our website to be difficult to find when someone searches for "hazards of chlorine bleach," for example. I'm afraid that without Net Neutrality, such search would direct the searcher to the website of some industry group and that ours would be buried.