

net neutrality is imperative!

The internet is my primary mode of communication and media -- with my family, my friends, my government and the world. Using the world wide web, I write and read blogs, I get my news and entertainment, I research and buy goods and services, I contact my senators and representatives through political action websites, and much more.

Net Neutrality is essential to free speech and equal opportunity in America, not to mention economic innovation -- being able to make up at least a basic website is absolutely necessary for any startup business to be able to have a chance in today's marketplace.

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.

I truly believe that this fundamental change would end the open Internet as we know it. It would greatly curtail 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.