

Please keep these companies from controlling us.

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.

I am a web designer and developer with a long history in technology and the Internet. I am also working in the specialty of 508 Compliance, to allow disabled users to work and experience the connections available through modern software.

Without equal use of the internet, companies like Verizon could censor the ability of users to reach the websites that interest them. They could block sites belonging to poorer companies with products they wish to compete with, or keep publicly available resources from being easy to get to by allowing lesser paying sites less connection speed and limit how many users can visit them per day.

These wireless frequencies are not of limited use, and yet the air belongs to all of us. Technologies have changed throughout time. We don't know how these frequencies could be used in the future, and we are limiting it's possible uses by giving them away to 2 companies.

Why shouldn't any person with a dream or a small company be able to use these available frequencies? Two companies is not remotely enough, and less competition can encourage price fixing.

In addition, it would put many small hosting companies out of business because they would only be able to work with 2 companies in order to connect to the wireless web.

How outrageous is that?

Last but not least, those individual users with wireless service already pay for their bandwidth in one direction, and the people with the websites already pay for hosting space, and the economy allowing users to speak affordably is based on this model.

Both the sender and receiver are already being charged. WHY should they be charged again? I thought double charging was illegal.