

I have had two personal websites on the internet. Both have been on Google. One was for Free Music Education; the other for Portland Postcards, which is still up and running.

I also rely HEAVILY on the free use of the internet for information and research of several chronic illnesses I have. Since physicians no longer have time to give patients the full information on medications, exercise routines, and nutrition, etc, we need, the internet is our saving place. I'm also on several forums, and have been on others. Such as the one when my sister got breast cancer; and when my mother first got heart failure. I'm planning to find one for myself, since I just got a diagnosis of osteoporosis. I'm on one for people with osteoarthritis.

The forum I'm on for people with mood disorders is tremendous support, and helps me when my local supports are away. It also helps me avoid wearing out my local support system, since disorders of this kind need a lot of maintenance.

I also rely on the internet for my news.

My ISP is a local company which gives top service, at a reasonable price, have wonderful computer experts there, who answer the telephone personally. If the government stifles our use of the internet, these fine people will lose their business and jobs, and be unemployed.

I also buy a lot of merchandise from the internet, much from small sellers. I don't want to find myself stalled or basically banned from finding the terrific merchandise I can get from these people -- like specialized guitar and piano music, and fine embroidery patterns, vintage recordings, clothing, shoes...so much -- because three huge corporations dominate the market and control who gets the speed.

The government must protect our airwaves from the same corporate gatekeepers that have stifled innovation and competition in Internet markets.

To restore America's leadership in high speed Internet services, the FCC must ensure that the upcoming auction sets aside at least 30 MHz of spectrum for open and non-discriminatory Internet access. This will guarantee that new entrants have the opportunity to enter the market in competition with incumbent providers.

It would be a big mistake to hand over these airwaves to the very same phone and cable companies that dominate the wireline market. We need more competition and innovation, not more of the same. This new wireless spectrum must be open and neutral so that America can build a better Internet for everyone.

