

Net Neutrality and our free enterprise system

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.

This is critical to our free enterprise system. If these companies get control they can select who I contact on the web and cause anyone who is trying to become an entrepreneur to be restricted from getting traffic and making a living.

This issue is very simple do we let large communication companies dictate what we can do on the internet, after all we don't allow them decide who we can talk to on our phones. It is the same thing and it should not be allowed at any price.

Opening the door to the communication companies will eventually lead to only having access to information and products from other large corporation that can pay the fees and are in bed with the communications companies.

These are freedoms and rights that can and should not be manipulated for profit.

I have not been able to work a regular job due to illness for over 5 years and I take care of my 86 year old mother. If my access is limited or my business web site is charged an access fee then I will not be able to make a living.

Currently sites like Yahoo and Hotmail are blocking emails from sites that affect my income. These are not bad sites there just sites that these vendors don't like. They don't even tell you there doing it or give you the option of choosing yourself. I understand there are bad sites and bad scams out there and these should be shut down. In fact my web site and others like me have a black list of some of these sites.

The thing the communication companies should be doing is tracking the bad sites and filing legal

action so at least that way these sites have a chance to defend themselves in our legal system and the general public would be made aware of them.

I'm sick and tired of government and now corporations dictating my life and what I can and cannot do. I thought we lived in a democratic society with right and privileges that are laid out in the declaration of independence, bill of rights and our constitution.

This country is already having a crisis with the middle class disappearing and the gap between rich and poor growing at an alarming rate. If we allow this to happen we will be adding another blow to that gap.

This is a no brainier, so let's fix it once and for all and close the door to corporate control. If you don't stop this you will be responsible for destroying the free enterprise system in America.