

THE NET IS MY LIVING!!

After I recovered from a serious illness, I found that my ability to earn a living at my old trade was seriously compromised. Casting about for a way to survive, I happened upon a legal-research service which offered me a free trial; I tried it, and found out that I have a real talent for doing legal research and writing.

I now have a prosperous small firm which does legal research and writing for local lawyers. I NEVER WOULD HAVE HAD THIS OPPORTUNITY if I had been squeezed out of the market by large corporations who could have charged me any amount they wished, since at the time I was offered the free trial I was destitute and barely able to afford the minimal dial-up connection I was using.

In addition: I strongly believe that the major media outlets are hopelessly corrupted by their corporate owners, with the result that truly free dialog is being lost in this country. The only counter to this dreadful current is the Internet and the vigorous free speech which is occurring in hyperspace. Giving the large corporations the power to charge preferentially for internet access will kill this freedom as surely as they have killed meaningful news programs on the major television networks.

Preserving net neutrality is ESSENTIAL TO OUR DEMOCRACY AND ECONOMY. PLEASE PRESERVE NET FREEDOM!

Sincerely, Alan McLemore