

The internet allows me to make a living

I work for a very small company in Mountain View California called Landry and Bogan ([www.landb.com](http://www.landb.com)). We are theatre consultants and we work with architects designing performing arts centers.

I recently needed to move to Illinois so that my wife could attend the University of Illinois, a place where there are no job prospects in my field. Thankfully I was able to stay with L&B working from home via the internet. The only reason I can do this is because I can connect to L&B's computers via the internet using an inexpensive service called [GoToMyPC.com](http://GoToMyPC.com). If the services I use were to dramatically increase in cost I would not be able to do my job and still make a profit.

I also use the internet to advertise my side work as a Lighting Designer and Photographer (see [www.jhld.com](http://www.jhld.com)) and again the internet is a huge life saver.

I am living proof that Net Neutrality is essential to economic innovation in America. If more people had the opportunity to work from home we'd have to import less oil, have less traffic congestion, etc. It seems too (based on newspaper articles, etc) that home offices are growing in number, which I think would be a good thing for my community and America as a whole.

My profit margins are low, so low that the top executives at the larger communications companies would not give me the time of day. The thing that angers me, is that they want more of my piece of pie.

The other issue I have not related to work is that if these large companies, who have shown themselves to be quite partisan, were to control the gateways to the internet they could easily influence or cut off access to messages they don't agree with, the way TV and print media companies do. This is a scary proposition whether you are liberal or conservative. The internet is the place I go for news and information and I would be very unhappy if corporations, like the government of China, were to start censoring the internet for their benefit.

Please reinstate net neutrality and ensure that it is a mainstay of the internet far into the future.

Respectfully,  
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