

## Threat to Democracy

Freedom of speech is at stake when freedom of access to the internet is compromised. Both equal opportunity and economic innovation in America demand that. Since the FCC removed this basic protection in 2005, 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 must not stand.

Ending the open Internet as we know it would damage my ability to 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.

Capitolism has it's limits if this country wished to remain a free democracy.