

The internet is my pipeline for fam. photo-sharing

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.

I use the internet as a communication tool to connect with my daughters. We send photos back and forth, among other things. I respond to about ten emails daily, and I bank on-line as well. I do not want to have gate-keepers slowing down my computer processes, and, if they are established, I will probably choose to use email less often.

Further, I teach, and my school children sometimes use the internet to find information. I do not want this open access to information they have now (realizing there are set controls at the district level already) taken away. There is no reason to allow some company to control the flow of information or to let some information travel faster because of money paid.