

it's the economy, stupid

Net Neutrality is essential to free speech, equal opportunity and economic innovation in the global market we live in.

America needs small business growth and innovation and the economic, social and environmental benefits it provides. One of the most important benefits of the net to our economy is the opportunity it provides small business to grow and prosper. 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. We had a tea party years ago against the king's rule and don't need to have another toll maker or tax taker.

The FCC must ensure not only that broadband providers do not block, interfere with or discriminate against any lawful Internet traffic based on its ownership, source or destination, but also, the FCC must move to increase the number of broadband suppliers and options for consumers. Restriction of supply of cable, fiber-optics, broadcast and wireless in our publicly owned frequency results in additional costs our country can't afford, reduces our competitive and democratic strengths and becomes a corporate welfare program that suppliers don't need.

The FCC is not an arm of the communication suppliers. It is a part of this American democracy.