

Democracy demands an open internet

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 do not want my speech, or my access to information, or my children's or students' access to information, hampered by corporations governed not by ideas of fairness but by the engine of profit. The Internet is a PUBLIC property, and needs to be protected for everyone.