

The Foundations of Democracy

The internet is nothing but the 21st Century's version of the printing press, and it is of no less significance to the health and survival of this democracy. It must be treated as an open medium and as a constitutional right of a free people.

The internet was designed and developed at the US taxpayer's expense. It is our investment. It is an asset of the public domain, and should not and must not be turned over to a "self regulating" private enterprise.

ISPs already receive adequate revenue for their service by charging user fees at both ends of the pipeline. I see no compelling reason to also charge for, and thereby restrict, transmission privileges.

Allowing corporate gatekeepers to manipulate usage of this medium, however well justified those requests may sound today, is a step that will open this medium up to censorship by a wide variety of means -- many even unpredictable at this time. Do not open this Pandora's box!

AS A GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE, WE DEMAND THAT THE FCC, WITHOUT ARGUMENT, COMPLY WITH ITS CONGRESSIONAL MANDATE AND FULLY PROTECT THIS COMMUNICATION MEDIUM FOR USE BY, AND FOR THE BENEFIT OF, THE CITIZEN.