

Internet monopoly strangles small businesses!

Charging twice for access to Internet content providers will destroy tomorrow's Internet success stories before they start. Some consumer Internet Service Providers want to delay or block traffic to web sites unless those sites pay them an extra fee on top of the significant fees they already pay to their own bandwidth providers.

This is akin to my phone company connecting my call to Pizza Hut right away but delaying my neighbor's call to Domino's even though all of us have already paid for phone service.

The CEO of AT&T has already outlined this plan in public comments. If this comes to pass the Internet will cease to be an open market. New Internet services (like Google, Amazon, eBay or Facebook were just a few years ago) will be unable to pay the fees that the ISPs demand. The jobs and benefits to consumers that these companies would have provided will be lost.