

## Please Protect Net Neutrality

"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."

What it comes down to is that every single person everywhere deserves the right to express their own opinion in their own words. The internet has been integral in allowing Americans to utilize their first amendment rights in what is an unprecedented way.

Money has always been one of the biggest factors in helping the world to turn around but never should those with money decide the freedoms of others. There is no doubt in all of our minds that the lobbyist for the phone company's do not care about America and the ability for her citizens to be able to express themselves.

Please, please do not allow them to strip us of our ability to freely express ourselves online. No one has the right to demand money simply because they seek exploitation.

God bless you and thank you so much for being willing to read this message.

-Matthew Pike