

A neutral internet is a free market.

The neutrality of the internet since its inception has been the lasting hallmark that has allowed it to flourish and command such broad market appeal. Now that media corporations fully understand the power and profit to be made from internet business and communication, they want to control it and subvert it by altering its egalitarian structure. The vitality and commerce that is abundant now on the internet will whither away if Net Neutrality is compromised by allowing servers to charge different rates for access to different sites.

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.