

## Save the internet's freedom

We have seen what happens when media giants control television, radio and print media. Clear Channel decided it did not approve of a statement by a member of the Dixie Chicks and BAM! Their records were removed from how many radio stations? ISP's cannot be permitted to impose their corporate interests on such a vital flow of information as the internet by restricting access or charging extra to websites and blogs it prefers. Right now our corporate citizens such as Google and Microsoft have cooperated in stifling internet access in China and other countries.

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.