

My small web company would fall to ashes!

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.

Many small and medium sized web-based businesses would die if Net Neutrality is abolished. The economy of the U.S. is driven by small and medium businesses, that are going to lots of people around the United States and the world, because of their websites. The Internet is an essential source of education, communication and trading of our population. We trade ideas, good, money, information over the Internet, all uninterrupted and at an equal speed. The removal of Net Neutrality would damage this delicate balance that keeps our economy afloat.

Net Neutrality is keeping the highways of the Internet from being blocked by private police and causing traffic jams for roads that are free and giving a great ride to those that can afford the pay toll. The economy would be ruined, because the loss of Net Neutrality would lead to unemployment, poverty and decrease in education levels nationwide and the world.

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.

Please keep Net Neutrality. Don't mess with the Internet. The Internet is something that we all share and contribute to. We deserve equal access to it. Now in the Web 2.0 era, we the users are giving more and more to the Internet, and equal access guarantees the continued growth of Internet usage for spreading knowledge and money for the economy.

Please listen to our pledge.