

Our electronic world wide town hall square

Our electronic world wide town hall square known as the Internet, is the gateway and highway and ether-skyway to the now ongoing economic revolution, beyond the ' information age '.

We the People paid for this with our tax dollars . It belongs to Us, not the corporations that service the communications industry . Note the operative adjective, SERVICE .

The Internet must remain democratically ' Open to All ' without interference from any ' electronic gatekeeper(s)' . I believe the potential for a ' best possible future ' for all is intertwined with the internet (as we now know it) becoming even more accessible to all . We should move towards universal free internet access via wireless connection within the next five (5) years in all towns and cities and all over the country .

As an concerned media activist, the Internet enables and increases interconnectivity with my community of peers and sources .

Research for projects, c0-ordination and networking , communication , sharing of files and electronic artwork(s), scheduling of events, all these are accomplished much easier than prior to the arrival of the internet !

(Remember the days of the ubiquitous FAX? Remember the days of late nights while cross-continental scheduling of phone calls ? Recall the stress and delay of expensive mail packages being rushed out on a late deadline versus the ease of electronic file sharing at the click of a mouse while talking on the phone with the client(s) to make decisions as appropriate ?)

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.