

Net Neutrality is Essential for America

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.

And if there is any one thing the FCC can do to hurt US citizens in the global economy, ending net neutrality would be it. The US is already behind many other nations in connecting to high-speed Internet: small countries like South Korea are even ahead of us in this area. This jeopardizes the US falling behind in industries and business models which will develop around high-speed internet in the future.