

The whole internet to learn the whole world

The internet needs to be left whole, with no tiers. Communications giants are trying to make extra money and cheat Americans out of web content because their outdated infrastructure. Laws should be made for the people, not the corporations, to protect our essential rights.

Time magazine's person of the year was me, and everyone who uses the internet. We can create and share content, information, whatever we like. Making a tiered internet would restrict access to some of these pages for those unwilling to pay it. The American government is slapping its people in the face with any legislation that opposes net neutrality. Our country was founded on freedom, so let that freedom extend to the internet.

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.