

Give Me Bandwidth, Not Bullying

Since the very beginning of the Internet, one of the cardinal principals of its very existence has been Net Neutrality.

This means that Internet Service Providers (ISPs) don't pick and choose which parts of the World Wide Web you get to see, and they don't get to dictate how you use the bandwidth for which you are paying.

Comcast is violating this founding principal of the Internet in the most blatant and egregious way by filtering how and with whom we may share information online. If nothing is done, other broadband ISPs could follow.

This is unacceptable.

The level playing field of the Internet is one of the very things that makes it what it is -- a democratic, free, and open medium for the exchange of information.

The types of bandwidth bottlenecks already instituted by Comcast, and possibly others in the near future, are antithetical to everything which makes the Internet a great and worthwhile source of information, interaction and sharing.

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.