

[09-191](#) In the Matter of Preserving the Open Internet Broadband Industry Practices 10/23/2009

FCC Public Comment

Re: Proceeding 09-191 In the Matter of Preserving the Open Internet Broadband Industry Practices.

I am writing today in response to the FCC opening of the public comment section regarding the Matter of Preserving the Open Internet Broadband Industry. The internet from its formation has been a laboratory for innovation and knowledge transfer. It has transformed the way in which the world interacts. I strongly urge you to keep the internet open to encourage experimentation and innovation.

Despite the fact that the industry claims that there is no need for such rules. I strongly disagree. 1. The airwaves, including those that broadband companies operate on belong to the American people. That was the FCC philosophy when it began and I strongly recommend that you return to that philosophy and keep it in mind when reviewing this rule and forming new rules. 2. Most importantly, the fiduciary responsibility of business is to their shareholders and is always geared toward making a profit. Broadband companies understand that information is power and they will find a way to make a profit from further control. Allowing of media companies more ownership of media outlets was an unmitigated disaster and has wrought a suppression of diverse viewpoints and resulted in homogenized radio and the info-tainmentization of news (which is abysmally devoid of data and empirical evidence), the death of investigative journalism and instead has become a forum for "news personalities" to push their point of view. (You should really restore the fair and balanced rule.)

The Internet is the only vehicle for viewers to easily fact check and get in-depth information about topics of interest as well as being a laboratory for innovation. Please keep the internet free and open and on a separate topic, please stop selling off bandwidth.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.  
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