

Please do not create "tiers" in internet access. There is already a great enough disparity between people who can afford computers and those who cant. Don't make it worse by creating levels of ability to use the internet. Equal internet access for all promotes democracy and freedom.

* The Internet is important for bringing Americans together to foster mutual understanding, and greater peace.

*an open Internet promotes democracy by allowing for the free expression and dissemination of ideas.

*an open Internet is better for our political leaders because it gives them more outlets to express their points of view, and gives Americans the ability to access those views via many means (text, video, etc).

*An open internet fosters innovation because it allows many people the opportunity to try to create new applications and ideas: not only because they share ideas, but because they have access to materials. There are now so many instances of individuals who created the next big thing (Google, Yahoo, YouTube, Facebook) - limiting that will limit American innovation.

*An open Internet allows for more small and local businesses to thrive because it allows them to promote themselves online and gives me one central place where I can find them.

*an open internet keeps American media "honest" by allowing for many more media outlets, so we don't have what amounts to censorship by only seeing the "mainstream media" viewpoint.