

Dear Washington,

Please protect Net Neutrality. Please enact strong rules to keep the Internet free from blocking, censorship and discrimination. Don't give in to pressure from AT&T, Comcast, Verizon and their lobbyists.

- * An open Internet gives me freedom of expression - freedom to write and share my views and the freedom to find alternative viewpoints;

- * I want other, smarter people to come up with the next Google, the next YouTube, the next Web application that I can't even imagine;

- * I want to read about people and cultures that are different from me;

- * Mainstream media make me scream expletives, and I use the Internet to find alternative sources of news and information;

- * I want to e-mail my girlfriend a link to a picture that reminds me of our last vacation;

- * Net Neutrality means I don't need anyone's permission to create my own videos, and media execs aren't determining what's funny - we are;

- * I come up with potential million-dollar ideas all the time, and some day, I just might start my own business;

- * An open Internet feeds the activist in me, allowing me to engage with my community and organize for social change online;

- * It's winter and I'd rather shop online, only I still want to support a local business;

- * I needed advice on how to prime and paint a room, and found a video online that taught me how to do it; and,

- * I don't want to be censored.

Thanks guys,

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