

My name is Kacy Wiggins, and I am a musician, recording engineer and manager at a small record label. I have been making electronic music both for recordings and for live performance since the mid 1990s in New York City.

Over the last ten years I have composed and published over 40 pieces of music. I have released 3 full length CDs and appeared on several compilations under the pseudonym qpe. Until the last few years I performed live at clubs and parties frequently but currently spend time taking care of 2 year old daughter.

I currently access the internet via my home cable service. I have used DSL in the past but found service did not work as well. In this city, Cable is the most reliable choice and one does not really have an option to pick a provider. In addition, living in an apartment precludes the use of satellite for internet access.

The internet was still in its infancy when I first started working seriously as a musician. In that decade I have been able to do more and more of the work that would require a label with a great deal of resources. Promotion and distribution are something under my own control so much so that future releases will happen without the aid of a traditional label.

I own the rights to all of my music in the form of traditional copyrights and publishing. I believe that filesharing is an inevitable consequence of the technology. I grew up listening to music taped on cassette from friends or the radio as well as albums I bought myself. In this age, my job as a musician and performer is to not only make music but find a way to make it worth buying. ISPs should not have the right to infringe on one's privacy in order to prevent filesharing. Nor should ISPs be forced to stretch its resources chasing after the ever evolving technologies for sharing files.

Concerning the FCC's policies to make broadband more available, I feel that Internet access is essential in keeping up internationally. Increasingly, access to material best served via broadband plays a role in education so everyone should have access not only at school or a public library but at home as well.

These principles should also apply to wireless internet access. Net neutrality should apply to any way individuals have access to the internet whether it is wireless or wired.

Net neutrality is essential in preventing corporations from curtailing the freedom of individuals to express themselves. As cable providers swallow up other media companies it would be in their interest to prevent artist who release and distribute music on their own, for example, from having the ability to compete with their own artists.

Thanks for allowing the public to comment on this very important issue.