

My name is Pat Palmer, and I am a computing professional who worked on software at AT&T for many years for long-haul communications systems. I am also a concerned citizen worried that internet access providers may want to censor the kinds of traffic on their networks. I feel they have every right to limit HOW MUCH traffic I generate, but not WHAT KIND of traffic I generate (as long as it is legal).

I am an amateur musician who is following the current trend of DRM with interest.

I access the internet from home, from work, and on the train while commuting (via a broadband data plan).

Concerning the unauthorized filesharing of music, I don't think the FCC should deal with this. I think that companies should sue consumers when it can be proved that it is happening. I guess this means that internet access providers may, with "probable cause" via legal means, provide information about a consumer's activities online if subpoena'd to do so.

Broadband needs to become more available. In my opinion, Comcast, Verizon and other providers are charging very high rates and making huge profits, but many people of modest means cannot afford their plans.

I feel that these principles should also apply to wireless internet access.

The internet is all about resiliency and robustness. Before it was available, both government and business interests and educational institutions were able to tightly control public opinion. Now "everyman" ought to be allowed to contribute to the public domain of understandin--yes, no matter how obnoxious. The only exception should be anyone who advocates (using the internet) for behavior that is criminal or hate-crime related.

I do not feel that large corporations such as Verizon and Comcast will be able to provide net neutrality (transparent usage) without regulation. There are too many temptations for them to censor traffic to benefit their own business interests (i.e., to stifle access to their competitors).

Thank you.



