

Mr. Chairman, and Members of the FCC, In today's ever changing internet environment, we are all seeking our place

in the new internet world. The internet has become a fast-paced ever changing medium for so many aspects of our society, and through Social Networking Sites, has become a daily and sometimes hourly part of many American lives. This growth has occurred, in my opinion, due the openness and freedom the Internet provides. A great deal of this growth has occurred in completely unexpected areas, which demonstrates to me that the consumers are currently driving the Internet Marketplace .As you explore Net Neutrality, and the expansion of your authority, there are a few points I wish to highlight for your consideration that will have a great impact on the future of this marketplace.

First of all, the basic ideology of Net Neutrality seems appropriate on the surface. The idea that all internet traffic should be treated equally is a core principal that resounds with most of the technical and basic internet user community. However, in today's environment of huge distrust of a federal government that seems to be over-stepping constitution bounds, it is the concept of who will define equality and fairness that concerns us. Today, that decision lies with the consumer. Competition in the marketplace is the first tool for consumers to use, should they not agree with their Provider's policies. I have three viable access avenues personally, and should my current provider not meet my needs, I have the power to not do business with them any longer.

I agree that competition in rural areas has not reached the level it should be, but with the evolution of new wired and wireless technologies, this gap will close quickly in the next few years. Competition over the years as driven down prices, increased coverage and provided consumers with a multitude of options for their access needs. I believe that additional Government oversight, particularly as extensive as what is being considered, will stifle development, and hinder the growth of the Internet in the future.

To maintain the integrity and the potential for economic growth, it is vital that the consumer, not the FCC maintains the power to dictate what is equal and fair content.

Secondly, the current role of the FCC, as I understand it, is to enforce fairness and openness in the marketplace. To expand that role from the marketplace to Internet Content would be a gross overstep into Internet Regulation. This regulation will give current and future administrations unlimited ability to not only tax internet content, but to censor it.

I implore you to not lead America into this abyss of bottomless regulation, and allow the internet to develop into what the consumers desire, not what the government desires.