

For the information, irritation, or mortification of Chairman Julius Genachowski, these are two comments I posted on the Daily Kos article "FCC Sources: Chair Leaning toward Breaking Obama's Net Neutrality Promise"

<http://www.dailykos.com/story/2010/5/2/862969/-FCC-Sources:-Chair-Leaning-toward-Breaking-Obamas-Net-Neutrality-Promise>

On paper, he looked good

A classmate of Obama's in law school, and someone who had some principles.

<http://en.wikipedia.org/...>

Well, he wouldn't be the first person whose principles turn out to be soluble in large amounts of money, or power, or whatever else some very well funded lobbyists can dangle in front of him.

FWIW -- my grumpy e-mail

Mr. President:

Why does your administration always have to be dragged, kicking and screaming, to do the right thing, even things you promised youâ€™d do during the campaign?

<http://voices.washingtonpost.com/...>

The latest example is that the FCC chairman whom YOU appointed, Julius Genachowski, is shying away from changing the designation of the internet as a "communication" service, rather than an "information" service. As I understand, there is little question that the FCC could make and enforce rules to preserve "net neutrality" if the change were made.

So make it. Itâ€™s drop-dead obvious that plenty of communication happens over the internet.

Iâ€™ll use it to send you this irate letter. An information source is something like an encyclopedia.

The internet happens also to serve as a source of information, but the fact that information can move both ways makes it primarily a communications medium.

If Mr. Genachowski lets net neutrality slip away, heâ€™s earned several years of a seven-figure salary from AT&T whether he accepts it or not. The harm in corruption isnâ€™t taking the bribe, itâ€™s what you do in exchange for it.