

Chairman Genachowski, Commissioner Clyburn and whom this may concern at the FCC,

I thought I'd share the following story with you from SaveTheInternet.com on why we need to protect Network Neutrality to keep the Internet open to the public and free of discrimination. I thank the Chairman for his proposal to reclassify broadband under Title II as a telecommunications service to protect the agency's authority to defend the Open Internet and maintain Net Neutrality, and carry out The National Broadband Plan for universal access.

Activists Beware: Online Organizing over if we can't keep Net Neutrality!

Wikipedia states that: Internet activism (also known as online organizing, electronic advocacy, cyberactivism, E-campaigning, and E-activism) is the use of electronic communication technologies such as e-mail, the World Wide Web, and podcasts for various forms of activism to enable faster communications by citizen movements and the delivery of local information to a large audience. Internet technologies are used for cause-related fund-raising, community building, lobbying, and organizing.

These tools allow activists to mobilize not just their local community, but also their cities, counties, states, regions, countries and the rest of the world! With the advent of internet/cellphone compatibility, we can now use social sites like Twitter and Facebook to let other protesters know where the police are at rallies and marches. Until recently, activists had to rely on short-wave radios...whose channels were often breached by the police, creating unsafe and ineffective protest. Eight days after Haiti was recently hit by a devastating earthquake, 305 million dollars had been raised for the relief effort. More than 60% of that money was raised through online donations. And I haven't even started to get into how important the internet is to general cause awareness itself!

We need to keep the net neutral so we continue to help our communities and world....

Guys, please call FCC Chair Julius Genachowski at his direct line 202-418-1011. Let him know how important it is for him to side with the consumers on net neutrality. And spread the word! Thank you, thank you, a thousand times thank you!

"Net Neutrality is essential to free speech, equal opportunity and economic innovation on the Web. Since 2005, phone and cable companies have tried to establish themselves as the Internet's gatekeepers and to discriminate against Web sites and services that they don't like.

This fundamental change would end the open Internet as we know it. It would damage my ability to connect with others, share information and participate in our democracy and economy. Congress and the FCC must ensure that broadband providers do not block, interfere with or discriminate against my Internet choices. The future of the free-flowing Web depends upon it."