

I rely on the Internet as a public platform for free speech, equal opportunity, economic growth and innovation. Without vital Net Neutrality protections, companies like Verizon and Comcast, which have a commercial incentive to limit the free-flowing Web, can decide whether I will have a voice online. These companies should not have the power to determine my fate on the Internet.

I SUFFER FROM A CHRONIC ILLNESS--LYME DISEASE. ACCESS TO THE INTERNET, TO HEALTH ADVOCACY WEBSITES AND MEDICAL INFORMATION WEBSITES--AS OFTEN AS NOT ERECTED BY INDEPENDENT AND ALTERNATIVE HEALTHCARE PRACTITIONERS AND CHRONIC ILLNESS ACTIVISTS--HAS BEEN A GODSEND AND LIFESAVER FOR MYSELF AND OTHER AMERICAN CITIZENS AFFLICTED WITH DIFFICULT TO TREAT CONDITIONS. AN OPEN INTERNET HAS PROTECTED AND ENSURED MY--AND OTHERS--FIRST AMENDMENT RIGHTS TO FREE SPEECH, FREEDOM TO PEACEFULLY ORGANIZE AND ADVOCATE FOR THE ISSUES IMPORTANT TO US--AND FREEDOM OF INFORMATION EXCHANGE VITAL TO OUR RECOVERY. THESE FREEDOMS SHOULD NOT BE UP FOR SALE TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER!!