

I rely on the Internet as a public platform for free speech, equal access to information, equal opportunity for political and economic self-determination, economic growth and innovation. As a responsible American citizen and active voter, I depend on access to information and knowledge that is not filtered, blocked or otherwise adulterated by corporate internet gatekeepers, as well as to the marketplace of political, social and economic ideas that sustain our vibrant democracy. Without vital comprehensive, rock-solid Net Neutrality protections and enforcement that actually reins them in, giant monopolies like Verizon and Comcast, which have already demonstrated their ability and desire to limit the free-flowing Web-based democratic process, can decide whether I will have a voice online and in any public discourse. These companies should not have the power to determine my access to information, my decisions about where I go for that information, my decisions about whom! to interact with on the Internet, or my pursuits of political and economic activities I believe will be beneficial to my family.

The FCC must have complete, unfettered authority to protect consumer access to the most important communications medium of our time. The FCC must stand with me and keep the Internet in the hands of the people who use it every day. I clearly and emphatically demand the FCC reclassify broadband as a "telecommunications service" and keep the Internet open and free of corporate gatekeepers. Please begin this reclassification process.

The FCC must act quickly and decisively, because the telecommunications giants, Verizon, Comcast and AT&T have already revealed their aggressive strategy for controlling the free flow of information, ideas and commerce so fundamental to the survival of this democracy. In just the last three years, these corporate entities have organized literally hundreds of lobbyists to swarm Capital Hill and the White House, in their anti-democratic and over-reaching efforts to stifle public discourse, dominate internet communications systems and control Americans' social interactions. As I and other patriotic Americans, sounding the alarm from town to town and city to city over these corporations' zero-sum efforts to shut down the open Internet, they appear willing to stop at nothing to make our country over in their image. They have even gone so far as to try to force the idea that a corporate-controlled Internet is a matter of national security. The time is now, the our is at hand, the !

need is urgent. We, the American people, stand united against this power grab. The FCC must stand with the people.