

The Internet is my source for verifiable information. I use it for everything from determining if a specific item is a worthwhile purchase to whether or not I'll be supporting a specific bill in Congress. It's a public platform for free speech, allowing me to send letters to online newspapers as well as to my elected officials. Right now it is an equal-opportunity system. Anybody who can access a computer, even if it's at the public library, can search for information, purchase items not available locally, and so forth. An open internet drives economic growth and innovation. Small business startups - those folks who create some 80% of the jobs in America - can level the playing field they need to get moving. 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 - or find information - or start a business - online. These companies should! not have the power to determine my fate on the Internet.

The FCC MUST have the power 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. Please reclassify broadband as a "telecommunications service" and keep the Internet open and free of corporate gatekeepers.