

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.

Like any public utility (electrical transmission lines, phone service) broadband should be regulated as a common carrier service. The Internet should be seen in the same light as something that benefits the public and the providers shouldn't be able to play favorites. One company shouldn't be allowed to have its films, music or other content download faster than its rivals.

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.