

I rely on the Internet as a source of news and information, and as a major resource for research in both natural science and computer application development. In addition, I rely upon the Internet -- and especially its neutrality with respect to access --- as a platform for serving others, providing online scientific and bibliographic resources and web-based supplements to published, government funded scientific research. Third, I rely increasingly on the Internet for direct communication and collaboration with my scientific colleagues throughout the world as we continue to forge innovative research in these difficult times. Finally, it is the source of communication with friends and family, and with fellow hobbyists who share my interests in modeling historical aircraft and other vehicles to share online for use in virtual world simulations. Without vital Net Neutrality protections, all of these uses are potentially compromised, and companies like Verizon and Comcast!

, which have a commercial incentive to limit the free-flowing Web, can decide whether I will have an equal voice online, and how I may use the Internet. 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.