

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.

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.

I have relied on e-mail, the internet, for communication with my son ever since families had computers, first when he was an attache at two countries, then when he was ambassador at a third. One electronics business is already making money transmitting our messages, and that is proper. But for the electronics companies to have power to intercede and control what is said and what isn't said is as ridiculous as to let them open my United States Postal Service mail, censor or remove parts of the letter, and insert advertising matter then send it on to me.

The FCC has a moral responsibility, not merely a legalistic one, to preserve Americans' rights as already established in this essential mode of communication, the internet.