

Dear FCC, I'm from Michigan. I was laid-off in Jan of 2009. I have since started to do what I know best. I started a small handyman / repair business. I use the internet to find information and order tools I need for my business that are not available locally.

You see, in these times of economic trouble, I'm trying to do what I can to support the folks here that are in just as much trouble as I. Not to gouge my fellow Michiganders, or my fellow citizens of the US. The Internet provides a wealth of news and information that honestly is not available in any other form. Without it, life would be much more difficult. Without the support of many across the US in dire straights, life here in the US, I'm afraid, would be similar to the ol' USSR.

How are we supposed to keep up with the large corporations that have treated us ALL into "Cash Cows" for the past, and now for the future?

I've spoken out by sending emails and signing petitions at least a dozen times over the last 12 months in support of Net-Neutrality. Only to be disappointed with the lack of resolve the FCC has to work for the people of the US.

1. The original classification of the internet (as anything but a "telecommunications service"). What the heck were they thinking? How could the internet be anything but?
2. The closed door sessions recently held with "Industry Experts"? Sure, there are a lot of folks in the US that wouldn't understand the issues discussed. Believe me, there are an awful lot of folks that would and do understand, and are getting pretty tired of being kept in the corner, out of the discussions.
3. Here we go again. More Town Hall Meetings. More letters, polls, petitions...
For Pete's sake, how hard is it to just do it. Take the bull by the horns, do the right thing. You work for us, not them. If shareholders are US citizens, they vote, petition, write letters with the rest of us. Why should they be given special preference? Why are you enabling them to gouge and pilfer the US, under the guise of fairness and a 'free market' they work everyday at destroying only to benefit themselves.

I know you've heard a lot lately about "Innovation", "Creativity" from some very expensive suits! I'm under the impression that allowing the large telecom giants to run roughshod over this issue WILL SPUR Innovation and Creativity. In my eyes it will be time to start thinking seriously of an alternative to the internet.

I've about had it with talking to a brick wall (you).
So go ahead. Do what you gotta do. So will we.

Here is the 'form letter' part of this message via "savetheinternet.com". The issue at hand can't be spelled out any clearer than this. I decided not to delete it.

"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."