

As a young adult and a working college student, I rely on a free and very open internet on a daily basis. As a communications major at the University of Texas I use the Internet for various projects, assignments, personal inquiries and just to stay knowledgeable on world events. I use the Internet as a means to connect to sources and outlets that would otherwise be unavailable to me. The beauty of this freedom is that I can get information from any source that I choose, not a source that anyone else chooses; I am not restricted by ANY company or ANY other individual's thoughts. Furthermore as an active web designer, the Internet is my ultimate platform. For communication, schooling, testing and inventing, the Internet provides me with a vast and unrivaled community through which I can better my expertise and abilities.

The benefits of an open Internet are uncountable. Our world has been able to grow and prosper in a multitude of ways all thanks too the Internet. For example scientists across the globe can share information faster and more reliably resulting in bigger - world altering - advanced more frequently. Or think for a minute about the multitude of jobs that the Internet has provided (mine included). An open and free internet is absolutely essential in maintaining a prosperous global community. If we throw the veil over the reach of the Internet now, it'll only be the first step towards national, if not global, Internet Dictatorship.

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, as well as the millions of Americans that follow my beliefs, and keep the Internet in the hands of the people who use it every day. Please reclassify broadband and future internet accesses as "telecommunications services" and keep the Internet open and free of corporate gatekeepers.