

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.

We are paying premium rates to have DSL service, so we should have access to whatever the web has to offer, without restrictions. I am 85 and my husband is 93. We have chosen not to have TV and rely heavily on the Internet to keep abreast of these changing times. We do not appreciate the fact that Verizon and Comcast wish to censor our accessibility. This is not China. We believe there should be some remnants of freedom remaining in the United States that are not corporate-controlled, so that we can use our minds to make informed decisions.

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.