

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 internet represents access to a vital component of human growth and evolution: knowledge. As an institution tasked with regulating and caring for the health and solidarity of information channels for the good of the American people, it is crucial that the FCC protects the internet as an open resource for the exchange of information. Corporate bodies such as Verizon and Comcast, each driven by what ultimately amounts to an insatiable desire for control, are vying to manifest a reality where the American people are stripped of increasingly essential liberties in this digital age. Some of the liberties at stake include the ability to be objectively informed, and the ability for a man or woman to make informed choices for the betterment of his or her quality of life. It is increasingly self-evident that no corporation, with regard to the question of net neutrality, is ultimately interested in bettering the quality of life for the people; for us. Reflected in the hungry eyes !

of business, we people who rely on the internet for our information and, in some cases, our entire interaction with the world at large, are merely another demographic to be exploited in the pursuit of ever greater profits. How much power must be taken away from the people before big business will be satisfied? Of course, as mentioned, the answer is that the appetite of business cannot be satisfied. There is no end. These corporations care about our perceptions only insofar as we can perceive their advertisements and about our choices only insofar as we are extending and adding options to the contracts we are bound to. Because a free and empowered individual has the ability to give patronage to whomever they wish or to choose not to participate at all, such individuals will always be the target of corporate predation. With the BP oil spill disaster as just one more testament to the horrors of corporate appetite, the importance of limiting the reach of business is now more ob!

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ernment, which has appointed you, the FCC, not Verizon or Comcast, to maintain the health and integrity of our communication. The internet is now the quintessential mode of communication combining the character of television, print, and radio and as such itâ€™™s regulation must not be relinquished in any form to big business. 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. Thank you for preserving the freedom and flow of our information and communication.