

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. I rely on the internet for my education, to be able to access the millions of educational resources to help me with writing papers and studying for exams. It allows me to gain a much broader perspective on my subjects of study by not being limited to the small number of resources found in traditional libraries. It also allows me to effortlessly communicate with other students and professors around the globe and be able to collaborate with them on essential research. I also rely on the internet for my future business plans. I plan to open an online retail store to help fund my education and in ! turn help the economy. As a student with a very limited budget, opening a traditional retail store would be nearly impossible without saddling myself with debt. When I open this online store, internet companies should not have the right to limit my ability to do business for myself. Currently, internet companies could close my store or limit my ability to do business as they choose without a reason.

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. Internet companies should not have the right to control the information I access on the internet or the manner in which I choose to access it. As citizens of the United States we should all have the right to the information contained within the internet as we would when using Archives or Public Libraries. The government doesn't have the right to censor my free speech, so why should corporations? We have the right to the information contained within the internet, it belongs to the people and not to Corporate America.