

Net neutrality is essential to the free flow of information in this country. I access the internet for business and personal uses.

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.

Ownership of newspapers has become concentrated in the hands of a few corporations. Corporate interests therefore can control what news is reported and how the reports may be slanted. The duty of a corporation is to make profits for its shareholders. That duty may often cause corporate interests to conflict with the interests of citizens of this country. As a result of corporate control, citizens are often deprived of objective news coverage, and the opinions of the editors are likely to reflect the interests of the owners of the newspapers.

If net neutrality is lost, and corporations are given control of the internet, content will be lost and opinions contrary to the interests of those controlling the internet will be removed from the internet. In China the government controls and censors the internet in the interest of maintaining power. Most Americans view that as reprehensible. In practice, there will be little difference government censorship and corporate censorship of the internet.

It is vital to the survival of democracy in this country to have a free internet.