

The Internet should be treated like any common carrier in that those who provide the "pipes" should not have any say over what goes over those pipes. In my opinion, an Internet service provider (ISP) is just like the phone company. They provide the connections, but they have no say over who I can talk with, and what I can talk about. This model is properly applied to internet providers as well, otherwise we end up with excessive, and unconstitutional, censorship of free communications.

I am a member of the IEEE and vice-chairman and director of an IEEE affiliate organization. As a consultant, I must have unfettered communication with my clients (Fortune 50 companies world wide) and access to web sites that deal with security systems, open source software, and data analysis of network activities. ANY restrictions on my internet access materially affects my company and work in a negative manner.

The FCC must have the power to protect universal 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 and common carrier service" and keep the Internet open and free of corporate gatekeepers.