

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 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.

I frequently do not share the same political views as companies such as Verizon, Comcast, or Time Warner. I get chills at the thought of them having the ability to regulate content I wish to view. Internet neutrality must be maintained. We simply must draw the line and quit handing our lives over to corporations whose only purpose is to make money. We trusted Toyota to make safe cars and got stuck accelerators. We trust numerous food processors to give us safe food and wind up with salmonella. We trusted BP to use safe drilling practices and got the Deepwater Horizon. We can not trust internet companies to keep the internet free and open.